

Park Board To Ask Voters For An Additional 2 Mills

Voters may be asked to okay an additional two mill tax for city park and recreation purposes when balloting time rolls around in November.

The Park and Recreation Board Wednesday recommended the levies be authorized for the ballot by the city council, which must give final consent.

Meanwhile, the board authorized Director Bob Bonney to work with City Attorney Henry Perkins in getting the necessary papers drawn up.

If council approval ensues and if voters also say yes, then park and recreation tax rates would go from a present two mills each to three each. In the fiscal year just ended, two mills produced about \$27,000 in revenue for each department. If the city's total assessed valuation should increase somewhat, as is expected for 1958-59, revenues would also rise slightly.

Director Bonney pointed out today that park and recreation tax rates of two mills each are the same now as when the two departments were born in 1947.

He declared that more funds are desperately needed "to adequately maintain and repair all our facilities which we are not able to do now."

Bonney said "We just have to let things go now without fixing them up." Random examples cited by the director included painting, roofing, road and parking lot maintenance and improvement, and landscaping.

"We need more personnel and equipment to do our job right," Bonney said, adding that more recreation leadership personnel is also badly needed.

"We spend about \$2.70 per capita on parks and recreation here, while the minimum national standard is \$6."

In other action yesterday, the

Park and Recreation Board. Agreed with Bonney and Moore Park custodian Al Knowles that the bears be removed because of the hazardous condition of their pens. They may be restored when adequate housing can be afforded.

Hearings to the swimming pool have been recorded in May and June, bringing in revenue of \$5,410 — despite the unusually heavy rains of late. In May and June of 1954 — when the pool opened — only 15,166 attended paying \$4.289.99.

Hearings that the Basin Boaters will improve a boat dock at the Moore Park lake front, using a rail, barrels and other requisites the park department has on hand.

Hearings that the Railroad Committee has acquired lumber for building steps and platforms at the locomotive in Veterans Park. The group is composed mostly of retired railroaders.

Was notified that a pipe line has been completed to drain oil seepage at Richmond Park. A nearby residential garage may have to be removed because of the line.

Authorized a hot asphalt coat for the paved portion of the ice rink at Moore, so as to restore life to the existing blacktop and provide a water tight seal. The street department will be asked to do the work.

Locomotive Starts Trek

ATLANTA (AP)—A steam locomotive that used to travel at 60 miles an hour starts a two-mile trip today that is expected to take three days.

Army engineers plan to shift the locomotive from an Atlanta and West Point Railroad right-of-way to the Southeastern Fairgrounds by Sunday. The engine, Old 290, was given to the city by the railroad for a permanent exhibit at the fair.

The engine and tender weigh more than 174 tons and are about 83 feet long.

The 32-year-old career of Old 290 includes pulling the Crescent Limited from New Orleans to New York. On its final trip it will proceed along track sections placed on Atlanta streets. The sections will be removed and put ahead of the locomotive as it progresses.

PICARD PLANS NEW DIVES

CASTELLAMARE DI STABIA, Italy (UPI)—Prof. Auguste Piccard, famous explorer of ocean depths, will make a series of dives off the coast of California late this year. His son, Jacques, said today his father had reached an agreement with officials of the Scripps Foundation of San Diego, Calif., to give him aid for his new plunges.

Vodka Fiend Burns Checks

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A detective says Lawrence Nutter, 23, stole a case of negotiable American Express checks worth \$500,000 and threw them away — because they weren't vodka.

Detective Vincent Heeney told this story yesterday at a hearing: Nutter took three cases from the Railway Express Agency June 26 because he thought they contained vodka.

The first case he opened was filled with vodka, which he and a friend, William McCall, 28, sampled. Later McCall opened a second case.

"Don't take that stuff out of here. I don't want it," McCall told Nutter after rifling through the checks. Nutter obediently burned them in a city incinerator.

Magistrate J. Amos Harris held Nutter on \$500 bail for trial.

These Bears Can Be Yours

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Want a black bear? Two black bears? They can be had for the asking, provided the taker has a strong cage and knows how to handle bears.

The bears are the property of Mrs. Catherine Jacobs of nearby Swanton, widow of carnival owner W. B. Jacobs, who died last Friday.

Ed Steusloff of the Toledo Humane Society said if no new home is found for the bears by Sunday, they will be shot.

The Toledo Zoo has all the black bears it wants and Steusloff said the cages at the Humane Society are not strong enough to hold the bears, a male and female weighing 500 and 300 pounds.

TIGER LEAVES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A 300-pound royal Bengal tiger leaves by plane today to meet a new mate at the Baltimore Zoo. The tiger, on loan from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, will join Duchess, whose precious mate died recently of a heart attack.

Madame Chiang Issues Blast

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek said Thursday night it is a tragedy that some "powerful minds" in the world believe Communist domination is preferable to nuclear war.

The basic issue is that of right and wrong, not mere survival as slaves stripped of human dignity, she said at a special convocation of the University of Michigan at which she received an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Hick'ry-Dick'ry; Cat Ends Case

IUKA, Miss. (UPI)—For about a month, Mrs. Sue Vinson was continually having to chase the cat from atop the radio.

And the radio had been emitting a strange squeaking sort of static.

Finally Mrs. Vinson removed the back panel from the radio, with the cat an interested on-looker.

A mouse ran out, the cat pounced and the case was closed.

FIRST TIME

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UPI)—Mike Gibbons, 38, shot a hole-in-one Thursday while playing his first round of golf.

Canada Seeks Ike Assassin

OTTAWA (UPI)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police today tried to unravel the claim of a taxi driver that he had dropped two men believed to be armed near a golf course where President Eisenhower was playing.

About 30 extra cops were called in to beat the heavily-wooded Hunt and Golf Club Thursday after cabbie Nicholas Skowronski, 27, said the men had alighted at either end of the course. No trace of the men was found.

RCMP Inspector H. S. Cooper, in charge of security during the President's three-day visit, remained non-committal on Skowronski's story.

Skowronski, in a stuttering voice, told Cooper that one of the men was carrying "a leather case about four feet long," which "could have contained a rifle."

The other had "a leather holster in his belt," he said.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly, who briefed newsmen four hours after the incident, said Cooper gave "not too much credence" to the story.

Bellowing Cattle Ball Up Traffic

SADDLE RIVER, N. J. (AP)—The law got a call that 18 short-horn steers had departed the Pruiksmas farm and were cluttering up the four lanes of Route 17, an old motorists' trail into New York City.

The bellowing cattle were balling up traffic.

State police at Ramsey called for help from nearby police.

The cowboy cops cut the steers out of the herd of cars and corralled them by the side of the road.

Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan in 1609.

Former Star Asks Damages

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former movie star Mae Clarke demands a million dollars damages from the company which produced a television horror show featuring the film "Frankenstein."

She had a leading role in the film, which was made 20 years ago. She said the television program included a portrayal of her as a has-been—broken down, poverty-stricken and slovenly.

Miss Clarke, 48, asked the damages for invasion of privacy. Defendants are Paramount Television Products, Inc., and Otola Nesmith, who, the actress said, impersonated her on the telecast.

FISHY CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI)—The coastal fishing town of Morehead, N.C., is being represented in this year's Miss North Carolina pageant by Miss Bonita Fish.

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Church Aide Visits Here

The Klamath Falls congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses is being visited this week by V. L. Pearson, circuit supervisor of Brooklyn, New York, it was announced. George Hriczisce, presiding minister of the local group, in discussing Mr. Pearson's visit pointed out its twofold purpose is of training and teaching.

"Since Jehovah's Witnesses constitute a preaching society," Hriczisce said, "the first phase of the week's activity is to provide careful training for the local witnesses. Our concern is to equip every one of the preaching fellowships of Jehovah's Witnesses in the practical use of the Bible as a help in fortifying the spiritual morale of people in our community. The public is invited to meet with us at the local Kingdom Hall, 833 North Ninth Street, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for this instruction."

Hriczisce also announced that the second or teaching phase of the program will be emphasized through the week as the local ministers personally contact the citizens of Klamath Falls in an effort to stimulate greater attention to today's pressing need for religious education.

Mr. Pearson will climax the entire week by addressing the public at 3 Sunday afternoon on the subject, "Meeting the Needs of Life Seekers," Hriczisce said.



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