

Corning Seeks Funds to Hire 20 Teachers

Emergency Action Will Help District's Elementary Schools

By JAMES G. DEANE

The District school system is asking the Commissioners for emergency funds to hire 20 additional elementary teachers.

School Supt. Hobart M. Corning announced the number—expected to cost around \$78,000—to Board of Education members yesterday. He said he planned to see Schuyler Lowe, District general administration director, today on the request and to seek a conference with Commissioner Samuel Spencer early next week.

A special Commissioners' meeting caused cancellation of a meeting between Dr. Corning and Mr. Lowe this morning, but an aide said Dr. Corning hoped to set another date today or Monday.

Tobiner Critical

Walter N. Tobiner, school board member, strongly criticized the handling of the teacher shortage. He said he felt Dr. Corning's emergency recommendation should have been made the week after school opened, rather than yesterday. Asserting that the situation "has the community on its ear and has turned the school system into shreds," he said it could have been averted by better planning last summer.

"Are we going to be faced with a situation as chaotic as this every year because we lack the means or the staff or the willingness to plan ahead?" he asked. The school board decided two weeks ago to make the emergency request in order to help meet a current shortage, which has caused doubling up of grades and made many classes oversize in a number of schools.

Dr. Corning said elementary classes on a city-wide basis average only slightly above the present 36-pupil standard. But in 15 schools the average is 39 or above, and 41 other schools have averages between 36 and 39.

The superintendent said teacher shuffling—which already has brought many parent complaints—still is going on in an effort to balance all the schools as much as possible. But only hiring additional teachers will relieve some of the most serious situations, he said.

Dr. Corning disclosed that he has abandoned an effort to find places where junior and senior high teachers might be spared in order to make some extra salaries available to grade schools. Secondary schools have some excess teachers on paper, but the superintendent said reorganizing them in order to cut this down "would cause a new series of protests," and he has decided it cannot be done.

Plans Cut Next Year

Next year, however, he plans on cutting back the secondary force to make up for the 20 extra elementary salaries he is now seeking from the Commissioners, he added.

Several board members questioned whether the 20 extra teachers would be enough. Dr. Margaret J. Butcher, asking for more detailed information about oversize classes, said the board ought to ask what is really needed.

Mrs. Manson E. Pettit, new Southeast member, said she had received complaints from two schools about losing more teachers this week because of new shuffling. She asked whether the board could not try to get 50 teachers instead of 20. Dr. Corning's decision was allowed to stand, however.

Several members also criticized the failure of the school system to pay some 25 teachers on time this month. The Star disclosed last week that these teachers were missing the regular pay day, partly because of administrative mixups.

Most of the unpaid teachers are in the elementary schools. Dr. Corning and Mr. Nelson both blamed the necessity of making out complicated formal Board of Education orders for every teacher assignment for causing pay delays. The elementary schools alone processed 1,087 such orders since last July, he said.

SKYLINE DRIVE'S FOLIAGE NOW IN FULL FALL GLORY

Skyline Drive motorists might have trouble seeing even the trees, much less the leaves, today while the rain beats down, but the Weather Bureau said the drive should be beautiful for week-end drivers tomorrow.

The forecast in that area for tomorrow and Sunday is partly cloudy, cool, with good visibility and a high of about 60 degrees.

Shenandoah National Park rangers said the Skyline foliage has reached its most glorious peak. The colors will be out in full fall glory through next Thursday, they estimated.

And since the color changes move from the higher to the lower peaks, motorists on the drive will have colorful autumn scenery some place or other the rest of the month, the rangers said.

2,709 Polio Shots Released By U.S. for D. C. Children



RARE WISENTS LAND AT ZOO—It was hard to tell which was more fortunate today, the Zoo or this pair of wisents which arrived there. The Zoo has been looking for the rare animals a long time, and as a result they are getting super treatment.—Star Staff Photo.

Teenagers Held In \$1,500 Theft

Grand-Uncle's Cash Taken From Dresser

Three teenagers with duck-tail haircuts faced Juvenile Court today accused of stealing \$1,500 from the granduncle of one of them.

A social worker told Judge Edith H. Cockrill that one of the boys stole the cash from his granduncle's dresser drawer in small sums from August 10 through August 29.

He then doled it out to his two friends, she declared. All three admitted spending money on knives, pinball games, horseback riding and other amusements.

About \$850 was recovered, the social worker told the court, and the young nephew has gone to work as a painter's helper at \$41 per week. This, she added, is being turned over to the mother to repay the granduncle. So far, he has returned \$204.

The social worker told the court the boy "has been rebellious for the past four or five years" because of being sent to military school against his will.

Terming him "primarily responsible," Judge Cockrill placed him on probation pending repayment.

The second boy also was put on probation and ordered to figure out just how much the first youth had given him. The sum, Judge Cockrill declared, must be returned.

The case of the third youth was continued until next Friday to give social workers time to figure out the extent he was involved.

3 Youths Seized After Burglary

Laurel (Md.) police early today used their two patrol cars as a road block and trapped three Baltimore teen-agers fleeing from a gas station they had burglarized near Elliott City.

Police said the youths earlier had stolen a car near the Bethlehem Steel Co. plant at Sparrows Point, and had been taken by surprise by a gas station operator as they were leaving his station with some \$2 in change. The operator fired a shotgun at them, wounding a 17-year-old juvenile in the arm and hand and peppering the right side of the car with pellets, police added.

Police Chief Jack L. Larri-more, Pfc. Paul Stepp and Pvt. Melvin Teffeau, alerted by radio, halted the youths' flight on Route 198. The teenagers were turned over to Howard County police.

389 Getting Degrees At GWU Tomorrow

A total of 389 George Washington University students will receive degrees at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Fall Convocation ceremonies to be held in Lerner Auditorium, Twenty-first and H streets N.W.

Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, president, will deliver the charge. Invocation and benediction will be offered by the Rev. Edward Oliver Clark, pastor of Chevy Chase Baptist Church.

Lorton Church Plans Rochambeau Service

The Washington-Rochambeau service, commemorating the general orders for thanksgiving after the victory by the Americans at Yorktown, will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday in Fohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Va.

The service will be sponsored by the Rochambeau Interstate Commission. The Rev. C. E. Burton is rector of Fohick

Pair of Rare Wisents Now at Washington Zoo

The Zoo received one of its rarest shipments today, a young pair of wisents, almost extinct European bison never before seen here. Wisents have been in the United States only once before, years ago in New York.

"I've been trying to get a wisent for 15 or 20 years," said Zoo Director William M. Mann today. "We're taking care of these as carefully as you'd take care of a human."

His new acquisitions, sure to stir zoological circles—and possibly generate some bitterness toward the dealer who got them for him instead of for one of the other animal parks clamoring for wisents—are about 3 years old and not yet full grown.

Now in Antelope Pens

They are on display in the antelope house pens. Wisents are nearly as rare as animals can get and still exist. No figures are available on their current population, but six years ago the world total of purebloods was only 119. Dr. Mann's are purebloods, too, not the species

produced by breeding wisents to American bison, as some desperate zoos have done.

"The only way they've been kept alive is in zoos," the animal park director said. He hopes that some day the pair here will contribute to continuing their breed.

Hitler Imported Herd

Wisents are smaller and more streamlined than American bison, although the European type has longer legs and is higher at the shoulder.

Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia owned one of the last wild herds. When the Bolsheviks took over, the wisents became scarcer in the interests of fattening up the population.

The two World Wars killed a number of the animals. Hitler imported about 25 of them to Berlin. Later the herd reverted to Polish protection.

Under the guise of "reparations," the Russians confiscated some of the Poles' wisents. Whether they went for food is not known.

Soldier's Holdup Attempt Foiled Near Alexandria

A 55-year-old gasoline station attendant foiled an attempted robbery in Fairfax County early today by grabbing the barrel of a sawed-off shot gun, wrestling it from the robber and holding him for police.

Hero of the early-morning drama, Easton Taylor, of Route 1, Alexandria, said he wasn't frightened at all, but did get a "mild shock up" scuffling with the husky young gunman for possession of the weapon.

Fairfax County police identified the gunman as Sgt. 1-c Edward H. Ashburn, Jr., 27, of Fort Bragg, N. C. He was charged with armed robbery and held under \$10,000 bond for a hearing November 7. Police said Ashburn also confessed to an \$81 robbery at a Maryland tourist court last night.

Alone at the Time

Mr. Taylor, an easy-going, lanky man who works when he "feels like it," said he was alone at the Twin Barrel Service Station, 3405 Richmond highway, when Ashburn drove up just after 6 a.m.

"I was standing in the door," said Mr. Taylor. "He said he wanted some aspirin. I turned and went to get the aspirin. When I started to come out of the station he was in the door with a sawed-off shotgun in his hand. He jammed it up in my face and told me it was a hold-up."

CONVENTIONS TODAY

The National Conference of Editorial Writers expects 300 to attend the second session of a four-day conference at the Statler Hotel. (Story on Page A-33.)

International Christian Businessmen's Committee is in its third of a five-day convention at the Sheraton Park Hotel. (Story on Page A-18.)

Navy Wives' Club of America winds up a six-day meeting at the Willard Hotel, where approximately 100 are gathered.

National Trucking Road-e-o continues its session at the Willard Hotel, where about 200 will sit in on the five-day gathering. Physicians and Surgeons of the Pennsylvania Railroad open a two-day meeting at the Statler Hotel with approximately 400 scheduled to attend.

Meeting Set To Determine Allotment

Release of enough Salk polio vaccine to take care of 2,709 shots for District children was announced today by the Public Health Service.

The amount is the District's share of 1,113,930 cubic centimeters of vaccine recently manufactured by the Ely Lilly and Pitman-Moore Companies.

Dr. Daniel Seckinger, director of the District Health Department, said allotment of the vaccine will be determined next week at a meeting of the District's State Advisory Council.

45,000 CCs Reviewed

Thus far, the District has received approximately 45,000 ccs of the serum. Of this amount, about 35,000 ccs was distributed through physicians and drug stores. The balance was dispensed at Health Department clinics.

Lilly produced 1,056,933 ccs and Pitman-Moore, 56,997 of the total to be dispensed on a Nation-wide basis.

States and territories were allocated 617,355 ccs of the new supply for use in public and commercial channels under the voluntary control program. This is the first allocation under the broadened priority system.

One CC Per Injection

An injection against the crippling disease, a Public Health spokesman said, consists of one cubic centimeter.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will receive 496,575 ccs from today release. It will get 439,578 ccs from Lilly and the entire amount manufactured by Pitman-Moore.

In addition, 67,197 ccs of vaccine, released last month, but not allotted, will be turned over to the foundation.

5-9 Year Group

NFIP said the vaccine would be used on children in the 5-to-9-year group. It will be dispensed through private physicians and public health clinics.

Parents taking their children to doctors are charged an office-visit fee for the injection. Those using clinical facilities get the shots free.

Including today's supply, NFIP has received 13,510,440 ccs, since April 12, when it began vaccinations for first and second-grade children which has now been completed.

State and territorial distribution of the vaccine began on July 31, under the voluntary control program. Since that time they have received six allocations totaling 10,853,346 ccs.

40 Stores Start Toy Collections

Forty drugstores throughout the Metropolitan Washington area have started to collect toys for the Children's Hospital on a year-round basis.

Will Gross, president of the 40 Drug Mart Stores, declared today that the chain is collecting the toys because of a continuing demand for them by the hospital.

He said many children, often from needy homes, become attached to particular toys and that the hospital usually lets the child take his favorite toy home with him. "It is the purpose of this collection to supplement this supply so as to make available a sufficient number of toys," Mr. Gross added.

Every 15 days beginning tomorrow, the stores will ship their collections to the hospital.

PTA Fall Festival

The Rolling Terrace Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will hold a fall festival from noon to 6 p.m. tomorrow at the school, Hood and Bayfield streets, Silver Spring, Md.



FACED GUN WITHOUT FEAR—Easton Taylor (right) of Route 1, Alexandria, holds the shotgun which he wrested from a robber at a Fairfax County gasoline station early today. Detective Marvin Herrell of the Fairfax police listens to Mr. Taylor's report on the drama.—Star Staff Photo.

WORLD WAR II EYESORE TO GO—Temporary Building V, opposite the Willard Hotel (right) at Pennsylvania avenue and Fourteenth street N.W., is scheduled for demolition in December. The General Services Administration announced today. The small tempo (foreground) on the east side of Fourteenth street has been vacated by the Veterans Service Center, but the District Commissioners have announced no decision on its removal.



RELIC OF WORLD WAR I FOLLOWS—Also to be demolished by the end of this year under GSA orders is Tempo 2 (arrow), seen in this air view west of the new Interior Building at Nineteenth and D streets N.W. Tempo 2 is one of the shabbiest of the temporary buildings and dates from World War I. State Department personnel is moving out. (Story on Page A-1.)—Star Staff Photos.

D. C. Area Team Helping Chiang To Muster Out Formosa Veterans

A group of Washington area officials, spearheaded by Harold V. Stirling, former Veterans Administration deputy administrator, is setting up a veterans' program for the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa.

Tens of thousands of servicemen should be mustered out of the armed forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, it is estimated. This is necessary, officials believe, to raise the combat effectiveness to an appropriate level. An estimated 40 per cent of those who should be released from active duty are disabled in varying degrees.

Mr. Stirling arrived in Taipei on Formosa at the end of August and under the program will remain on the island for two years. He is project director of the operation.

The Republic of China negotiated an \$800,000 two-year contract with George Fry & Associates of Chicago and New York, a management consulting firm, to do the job. Mr. Stirling is now working with this firm.

Financed by United States.

The International Co-operation Administration, because of the keen interest of the United States in keeping Chiang's forces fit, is paying the cost of the contract. It is designed to solve the problem of combat ineffectiveness in the armed forces of Chiang. The plan is to work the veterans into Formosa's economy as civilians, after they are discharged and trained for useful work.

The problem is to set up an effective program which Formosa can carry out on a permanent basis with its own funds.

In Mr. Stirling's group from this country are:

His wife, Mrs. Irene G. Stirling; Robert A. Kevan of Alexandria, Va., formerly special assistant to the chief medical director, Department of Medicine and Surgery, VA.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth E. Webber, retired former auditor general of the United States Air Force, who will be responsible for gearing the economic aspects of the program to the economy of Formosa.

Program Advisor
George Holland, former special assistant to the administrator for veterans affairs. He will become program advisor on the staff of the Mutual Security Mission in Formosa to handle the veterans rehabilitation program for ICA. He and his wife will leave for Formosa before the end of the month.

Dr. Harold A. Press, New York City, former assistant director of medical services, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, who worked for the VA years ago.
George A. Fry, chairman of the firm that has the contract and Dr. Roy A. Doty, industrial psychologist and vice president of the firm, went with Mr. Stirling to Formosa.

37 Years in Government
Mr. Stirling has had extensive experience in handling veterans' affairs. He retired from the VA in May of last year, after 37



HAROLD V. STIRLING

years with the Government. He held the agency's second-ranking post since July 1, 1952, and formerly headed the \$40 billion insurance program for veterans here.

He also had an important part in vocational rehabilitation and directing the school, farm and on-the-job training program, under which nearly 3 million veterans trained.

Mr. Stirling, who lived here at 7000 Valley place, Chevy Chase, Md., also played a prominent role in congressional investigations and court actions involving so-called fly-by-night schools, set up to get money under the GI Bill of Rights. He was used as an expert witness and aided the Justice Department in working up cases it prosecuted. He also assisted in writing remedial legislation.

On Formosa, Mr. Stirling will develop immediate and long-term programs. He will aid in providing the Chinese veterans with essential medical care, vocational training and similar services. Planning and study will take up about six months and then the program will be installed.

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