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KOTZEBUE GOES 'DRY'

Nome Must Vote Again on Sewer and Water Project, Say Attorneys

A PHONE CALL from Mr. John Havelock of Ely, Guess, Rudd & Havelock in Anchorage, representing the firm of Ira Haupt & Co., New York, has dashed all hopes of a speedy completion of the sewer and water bond sales. His firm has apparently received word from their bond counsel that there is a question as to the legality of the election in which the sewer and water bonds were approved. With this question raised, they have reneged

on their offer to purchase the bonds at the 4½ per cent interest rate.

This leaves the city with no purchaser for the bonds, and apparently no way to sell the bonds until the proposition is again put before the voters. This time the voters would ballot on the sewer and water separately. The interest ceiling would be raised from 4½ per cent to 6 per cent in the same proposition. This type of balloting will satisfy the bonding companies, and upon completion of the election, the city will then be in position to offer the bonds once more. It is presumed that the going interest rate by that time will be not less than 5 per cent, however.

City Attorney Tom Balone reported to the Council that the city ordinance, covering the bond election, called for a proposition of combined sewer and water. Counsels for two bonding companies have advised Balone that this is not acceptable to the bonding companies as it affects the marketing of the bonds by their firms. Balone also advised the Council that the new election code here permits absentee voting. Absentee voting will extend the election notice requirements and this means that 20 days' notice must now be given before election day. He reminded the Council of the position they find themselves in at this time. A previous extension of 30 days was granted by the HHFA to give the city time to unsnarl some of its loose ends. This 30 day extension will run out on December 10th.

Nome-Teller Road Bids Get Green Light

Mr. Bert Hyde, District Highway Engineer for the State of Alaska, reports that the Sinuk-Tisuk portion of the Nome-Teller Road will be advertised again commencing Nov. 18. Bids are scheduled to be opened on Dec. 19.

According to the Highway Department, some revisions have been made in an attempt to bring the construction cost more nearly in line with the State's cost estimates. Sept. 25th saw the previous low bid of \$3,332,309 junked by the State as being excessive. M-K Company was the low bidder at that time on the 29.877 miles remaining.

ber 10th. "This means," stated Balone, "that we have until December 10th to either sit tight or go ahead with, and complete, a new election . . . plus prove to the HHFA that we have the bonds sold. In effect, that we have raised our \$475,000 share of the project, and are in all respects ready to accept the grant."

"If the election notice is published on this coming Friday," advised Balone, "then we can hold an election on about the 6th of December and get in under the wire."

The Council members agreed that during the 20 day waiting period, various bonding companies can be contacted anew, and it is possible that they can have an agreement consummated based on the outcome of the balloting. By careful planning and timing, it will then be possible to have the election, negotiate the sale of the bonds, conclude the sale transaction, and submit the proper material to the HHFA by the deadline—December 10th. An additional extension of two weeks will be sought in order that the city may have further leeway, however.

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Nome School Open House Tomorrow Night

The Nome Public Schools cordially invite all parents and patrons to an openhouse Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. In observance of American Education Week, Nov. 10-16, the schools will host all adults of the community.

Student guides will meet visitors at the south and west doors to escort visitors to any certain room, or to take groups on tours of the buildings. Displays and exhibits of student work will be in the several rooms or departments, as well as audio-visual aid equipment, apparatus for physical education, science, band, shop and other courses.

All teachers and staff members will be in their rooms from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to meet with parents and guests. At 8:30 faculty and staff members will gather in the Multipurpose Room for refreshments, and be available to talk "school" with persons interested.

Refreshments will be served in the Multipurpose Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It is hoped that all buildings and rooms will be visited. Some Nome citizens have not yet seen the new shower rooms, the new science department, or the new high school math and commercial rooms. A fourth grade "outside" classroom, shop, and homemaking rooms are also separate from the main building, and are of interest to many.

The Weather — Variable cloudiness today, tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight 5, high tomorrow 23.

Big Bang in Secret Texas Atomic Works

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — An explosion at a top secret government base shook San Antonio today, breaking windows more than 10 miles away. There were no immediate reports of injuries, although a spokesman at the Medina Base Facility of the Atomic Energy Commission said workers were in the area when the explosion occurred.

The acting chief of operations at the base, A. L. Miller, said:

"We have had an explosion but we do not know the extent of it yet. The explosion was basically TNT, but we still know none of the details."

The blast knocked out plate glass windows in a downtown bus station and several other buildings, and startled housewives in the northern part of the city. The base is located at the southwestern edge of San Antonio.

A big cloud of smoke kicked up by the blast could be seen more than six miles away.

Several pieces of granite, al-

ready loosened for a building project at the Bexar County Courthouse, were knocked off and fell several feet.

The explosion rattled windows in the Auditorium where 5,000 delegates are attending the Texas Southern Baptist Convention.

The Texas Department of Public Safety office in San Antonio went on emergency alert and the county sheriff's office sent all available cars to the base.

The base does work on atomic projects for the Atomic Energy Commission and its work is considered highly secret.

The AEC said in Washington that the work of the plant involves testing, assembly, repair, modification and disposal of nuclear weapon components.

It added that these include electronic and mechanical assemblies as well as chemical high explosives and radioactive materials.

An AEC spokesman said the plant employs about 600 workers.

Drys Overthrow Wets . . .

JUNEAU (AP) — The Village of Kotzebue, in a local option election Tuesday, voted 199-183 against the sale of alcoholic beverages within the community, Chairman Bill Ray of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board said today.

On a separate ballot, Kotzebue voters, by a 205-132 count, determined that if alcoholic beverages were to be permitted, that

they be permitted only by a non-profit corporation.

Liquor sales in the arctic village have been confined to a non-profit organization only for the past 18 months. During that time, the corporation has turned over some \$32,000 in profits to the village.

The money was used for police protection, for a land fill on Front Street, garbage handling, street light maintenance and playground equipment.

Ray said the sale of liquor by the non-profit corporation would continue in Kotzebue until its license expires Dec. 31.

The city can schedule another local option election any time 35 per cent of the voters in Tuesday's election indicate a desire for another election, but the ABC could not, even if liquor sales were approved again, issue a new license for liquor sales within five miles of Kotzebue until next Nov. 12.

"It seems almost inconceivable to me that these people would want to go back to the old bootleg days, where profits go into private pockets rather than into civic betterment and youth activities," Ray said.

The ABC said a State Police trooper told the ABC Dec. 7, 1961, in Kotzebue that liquor shipments totaling 3,300 pounds were consigned to two or three shippers in Kotzebue during the five-month period ending Nov. 24, 1961.

Resale of that liquor, Ray said,

No Russians Allowed Here

JUNEAU (AP) — Areas in Alaska closed to travel by Soviet citizens, excepting those assigned to the United Nations or traveling under exchange programs, include the Aleutian Islands, islands of the Bering Sea, Kodiak Island, and the cities of Haines, Seward and Skagway.

Border zones in Alaska closed to travel by Soviet citizens include a band 15 miles wide which runs from Nishagak Peninsula north along the Bering Sea and east along the Arctic Ocean to the border of Canada.

DID YOU KNOW???

Bob Renshaw throws all his tips into the "Ore for the Road" can. This fund will help pay for promotion of the Nome-Fairbanks Road, and is a Chamber of Commerce project.

By the heft of the can, old "Mustache" is more popular than you think.

would have produced an estimated profit of nearly \$16,000.

ELECT COUNCILMEN

Two councilmen elected for the one year term in this same election were Jack Jones and Bonnie Staheli. Winners of the two year terms were Levi Mills, Rev. Earl Perisho, Don Ferguson and June McConnell. Tony Joule is the lone holdover.

Following are the unofficial election returns:

1 year term — 2 elected: Jack Jones 254, Bonnie Staheli 154, Rodney Lincoln 116, Burton Havilland 58, Babe Dowell 2, George Miller 31, Phillip Leonard 11, Charlie Wilson (Write-in) 1.

2 year term — 4 elected: Levi Mills 241, Rev. Earl Perish 185, Don Ferguson 176, June McConnell 153, Sam Lauser 126, Harold Lie 112, Art Fields 90, Leon Shellabarger 34, Trygve Jorgensen 53, Clifford Short 41, Gene Joiner (Write-in) 1.

Lions Test Marksmanship

"The Lions Club turkey shoot, held Sunday and Monday at the Quanna Club, was very successful," stated Lion Les Keller, shoot chairman.

On Sunday three turkeys were won, two by Phillip Dexter with a score of seven out of ten. The only other winner was Lion President Jack (Deadeye) Carpenter with a perfect score of ten for ten.

Lion Steve Willson was the only winner on Monday, taking home two turkeys, with an identical score of eight out of ten. In all, five shoots were held over the two days.

The Lions would like to remind the public that there will be two more shoots before Thanksgiving. — Nov. 17 and Nov. 24.

Shoot Chairman Keller stated that there will be a target for the ladies, and any men who can't see well. The target has an X in the center. The person putting a BB closest to the center of the X will win a ham.

Sunday's shoot will start at 11 a.m. You just might win a turkey or a ham.

"The Harpoon"

Big business can sure be stuffy about details. . . . They just don't understand "Nome style."