

Air Independence Private School Troubles

More Shared-Time Cited As Answer to Cost Rise

By Connie Brown
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INDEPENDENCE — Expansion of the shared-time program with the public schools was one suggestion made during a meeting of St. John's parishioners at the school here Tuesday night. The meeting, called to discuss the future of private education in Independence, was attended by some 200.

Dr. John L. Mochal, president of St. John's school board, said, "To say that education is in trouble is putting it mildly. Education is in trouble in private as well as the public schools."

Many private schools on all levels have closed across the nation, he said. The problem now is to see who can be helped to keep their doors open, he continued.

Msgr. Vincent Hovermann was the next speaker. He said, "This is the first time that parishioners have been called upon to help determine the future of education in St. John's schools." St. John's operates both elementary and high school facilities.

Two Purposes
According to Msgr. Hovermann, the meeting had a two-fold purpose. The first purpose was to plan for quality education; the second was to look into the future five or 10 years if possible.

He cited the spiraling costs of maintaining the two schools. The budget for the current year is \$54,777 for elementary and \$40,042 for high school. He noted that the high school budget was up \$3,000 from last year because of salary increases.

Father Hovermann stressed that no allowance was made for possible emergencies or equipment needs in mid-year. He said that parishioners should be prepared for future increases.

Shared Time
Sister Monica, principal of St. John's high school, said that the new shared-time program for 59 students who take home economics, shop, consumer business, French and several other subjects at the public high school has been very successful. Nineteen students from public high school have been taking psychology and Latin courses at St. John's.

School administrators at St. John's expressed hope that in the near future complete departments would take their classes at the public high school. For instance if all chemistry students could take those classes at the public high school St. John's would not have to provide expensive laboratory equipment.

St. John's serves 360 elementary students and 135 high school students. Following the meeting, Msgr. Hovermann explained to this reporter that Dubuque archdiocese is proposing mergers of Catholic school districts. He noted that there are 86 parishes

West Delaware Votes To Lease Portable Units

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MANCHESTER — In an attempt to relieve the shortage in school facilities here, the West Delaware Community school board has decided to lease four portable classrooms on a three-year basis. Each is 34 by 36 feet and will serve as a high school classroom.

The cost will be announced when contracts have been completed, school officials say.

Secretary F. Leslie Gibbs said the units will be located as close as possible to the south side of the high school building. The advice of the state fire marshal is being sought with regard to positioning the units.

Prior to the decision on the portable classrooms, Elmer Nelson presented an offer to build and lease to the school a 50 by 60-foot steel frame building which could be used as four classrooms at an estimated cost of about \$8 per square foot. The board took no action on the proposal.

The school board authorized Gibbs to negotiate a contract for tuck pointing and water proofing at the junior high school buildings in Manchester and on the north part of the elementary school building at Dundee.

Following a report by Gibbs on a new state liability law the school board increased coverage of liability insurance from its present liability of \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 for an additional premium cost of \$205 per year.

A proposal by the student council to put music by Musak in the study hall was approved. The student council is to make arrangements for the service on a trial basis with the understanding that the project would be a student council project and not supported by regular school funds.

Other alternatives suggested by parishioners included state and federal aid for private schools; changes in the school bus law; video tape movies for some classes.

ject and not supported by regular school funds. The possibility of limiting the driver training classes to summer only will be studied. The change would eliminate some of the pressure on classroom space.

Two Young Men Killed in Crash

DENVER, Iowa (AP) — Two young men were killed early Wednesday in an auto accident in Bremer county.

Randy Holm of Denver and Duane Teisinger of near Waverly, both 19, were killed in the crash on highway 63 just north of Denver.

Authorities were unable to determine which of the youths was driving the car when it went out of control on wet pavement and struck an embankment of a farm driveway.

Set Industrial Arts Workshop Thursday

CALMAR — Industrial arts instructors of the public and private schools in education Area One are invited to participate in a workshop for industrial arts instructors to be held at the Northeast Area One vocational-technical school, Calmar, on Thursday.

Ronald Anderson, director of vocational-technical education, Area One, will serve as host for the workshop.

The program for the workshop will include a tour of the facilities. Industrial arts instructors will have an opportunity to visit and observe the following classes in session: auto body mechanics, automotive mechanics, building materials management, carpentry and building trades, welding, and farm implement mechanics.

Miller Answers Venezuelan Grip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Jack Miller (R-Iowa) said Tuesday there is trouble with communist influence in the Latin American country of Venezuela, but, he said, it seems to be under control.

Miller's statement came in reply to Deputy Cedsar Rondon Lovera, a Venezuelan congressman. Rondon Lovera Monday criticized statements made by Miller last week that there was communist infiltration in Latin America.

In a news conference Jan. 22 following a trip to six South American countries, Miller said Cuban aggression appears largely confined to Venezuela which is "troubled" by it but seems to have it under control. The Iowa Republican also said at that time that communist influence in the schools is particularly strong, and is gaining strength because of the high degree of autonomy of the schools and freedom from governmental regulations or controls.

Testimony Ends in Draft Refusal Case

DES MOINES (UPI)—Testimony has been heard and the lawyers told to file briefs in the case of a college teacher being tried on charges of refusing to be drafted.

Ardith Davis, 26, of Lone Tree, a teacher at Muscatine junior college who contends he is a conscientious objector, had waived a jury trial. He is being tried in federal court here on charges of willful failure to report for and submit to induction.

Federal Judge Roy Stephenson Tuesday gave the attorneys in his case a week to file their briefs.



AN IOWA STATE student leaves a card asking a ride in the box on the ride board in the ISU Memorial Union. The board is used extensively by students to offer or get rides away from the campus. The board is believed to be where Sheila Jean Collins, 18, of Evanston, Ill., got an offer of a ride home last Friday. She was found strangled in a ditch only 20 miles east of the campus. Police found her ride request card still in the box for the Chicago area. Each numbered zone on the map has corresponding box below.

Confers with FBI in Coed Death Probe

AMES (AP) — The Story county medical examiner says a "sex deviate of some kind" may have strangled Iowa State coed Sheila Jean Collins, 18, whose nearly nude body was found in a ditch near here.

County Atty. Charles Vanderbur, meanwhile, said he planned to confer Wednesday with FBI agents about their entry into the case.

Not Raped
Dr. William R. Bliss, county medical examiner, said Miss Collins had not been raped. But he added:

"The fact that her body was almost totally unclothed leads one to surmise we are dealing with someone who had a sex deviation.

"It's a very strange case. There's nothing to indicate sexual molestation or rape. No evidence of molestation in any way.

"Usually in cases of this kind there is some evidence of torture or brutality, but we have found none."

The pretty coed was last seen alive about 8 p.m. Friday when she left Elm hall, her dormitory, to catch a ride to her Evanston, Ill., home for the weekend.

She had arranged for the ride by posting her destination on the "Going My Way" bulletin board in the university's Memorial Union.

Received Call
Officers said some of Miss Collins' girl friends told them she received a call at her dormitory from a man asking if she could be ready to leave within 15 minutes. She asked for 30 minutes. One of her friends quoted Miss Collins as saying of the person who offered her the ride, "He told me his name but I don't remember it."

Miss Collins' body was found, unclothed except for a sweat shirt, in a ditch alongside a country road about 15 miles east of here Sunday. A nylon rope was strung around her neck and her clothing was draped over a wire fence.

Vanderbur said officials have no suspects in the case and "we have no big break that I can or cannot tell you about." But he said 15 police officers are working full time in developing "five or ten leads."

Medal of Honor
WASHINGTON (UPI) — An Iowa native is to be awarded a medal of honor Thursday by President Johnson. He is Major Merlyn Dethlefsen, 33, a native of Greenville in northwest Iowa. The major was cited for gallantry during a flight over North Vietnam last March.

Political Parties Overlook Monthly Financial Reports

By Harrison Weber
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DES MOINES (IDPA) — How often should state political parties file financial statements with the secretary of state?

The pattern in recent years has been for Republicans to file quarterly and Democrats once every two years following the general election.

Iowa law is very clear that within 30 days after the general election the chairman of state and district central committees shall file statements showing receipts and expenditures. These reports are to be filed with the secretary of state's office in Des Moines.

In addition, chairmen of county central committees are supposed to file similar reports, listing receipts and expenditures, with the county auditor.

While this law has been followed, another law has not. This second law requires the filing of additional statements. It, in effect, states that the two state chairmen should file monthly reports with the secretary of state's office listing receipts and expenditures.

Republicans
Richard Redman, executive secretary of the Republican state central committee, says Republicans will comply with the law and file monthly reports.

"We've been filing quarterly reports and then a recap at the year's end," Redman said.

Republicans, at their state headquarters, admit they knew nothing of the monthly filing requirement until it was called to their attention by a reporter. After reviewing the law Redman said it is perfectly clear that the state central committees must file monthly reports.

Demo View
Democratic State Chairman Clark Rasmussen calls the law "ridiculous" and said he does not intend to file monthly reports unless ordered to do so by either the secretary of state or attorney general.

Rasmussen said it would be "very burdensome" to file

reports listing receipts and expenditures on a monthly basis.

The Democratic state chairman noted that the Democrats had filed a statement in November of 1966 after the last general election. In this report Democrats listed total receipts of \$153,390 and expenditures of \$149,514 for the first 11 months of 1966.

Rasmussen said the democratic state headquarters has just had an audit of its accounts by a CPA.

Jack Warren, new Republican state chairman, filed a report Tuesday with the secretary of state's office showing that Republicans had receipts of \$114,985 in calendar 1967 and expenditures of \$114,709, leaving a balance of \$276.

The maximum penalty, upon conviction, for failure to file reports with the secretary of state's office is a jail sentence of up to one year in a county jail, a \$500 fine, or both the jail sentence and fine.

Marcia Lehman Is Pork Queen

IOWA CITY — The Johnson County Swine Producers banquet Tuesday night attracted its largest crowd ever. About 465 persons were on hand for this year's event.

Miss Marcia Lehman, 19, a sophomore at the University of Iowa, was named county pork queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lehman of route 5, Iowa City. She will represent the county in the district contest.

Two new directors were named. They are Daryl Neiderhiser of route one, Iowa City, to represent the northwest area of the county, and Lyle Yoder of rural Kalona, to represent the southwest area.

Re-elected were Richard Oberman, route 4, Iowa City, southeast area, and John Wall, route 2, Iowa City, northeast area director.

George Segal and Nicol Williamson star in "Of Mice And Men", ABC'S MOVIE NIGHT SPECIAL in COLOR at 8—Wed. on KCRG-TV9.

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