

NO RECORD OF BUDGET VOTE

TARBOX

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The firm, McGladrey, Hansen, Dunn and Co., listed all "questioned items" \$1,606 in cash and \$1,260 as "in-kind receipts." Neither figure could be supported by documents, the auditors said.

Of the questioned cash items, \$936 was for travel, including \$335.50 said by the auditors to have been spent by Tarbox, and \$168.75 attributed to Tarbox's assistant, David Bappe.

The audit also claimed there were expenditures of \$650 in "amounts not authorized in the budget."

"The designation of an item as questionable does not necessarily mean that it will be disallowed by the Office of Economic Opportunity," the audit report said. It said the OEO makes the final determination.

After hearing the audit report, the board adopted a series of steps aimed at correcting faults in accounting practices. For one thing, the board of directors will get monthly reports on the status of the agency's funds.

In addition, special personnel and finance committees have been set up and will seek professional help in setting standards and qualifications for personnel and in establishing accounting procedures.

The board has until Feb. 7 to assure the OEO that procedures have been adopted aimed at preventing a repetition of the shortage.

William Federhofer, an OEO representative from Kansas City, Mo., said: "It is the feeling of the OEO that the funds (taken by Mrs. Thompson) should be restored by the (YOUR) corporation. In what manner hasn't been explored yet."

Tarbox has said Mrs. Thompson was in control of all accounts from September, 1966, until mid-December, 1967, when she resigned.

Auditors said the bank account had not been reconciled since August, 1966. Board members said Tuesday they want this done monthly from now on.

Frequently the amounts on checks did not match amounts shown on stubs, the auditors said. There were "instances of erroneous entries."

Other specific findings cited in the audit are:

There were "instances where petty cash vouchers were not properly supported with a receipt or invoice and the necessary signatures were missing."

The journal for listing cash and in-kind receipts (donated space or services counted as part of the community's contribution to match federal cash) "had not been maintained, currently and accurately."

The auditors also condemned

the practice of signing blank checks, which is what apparently enabled Mrs. Thompson to divert funds to her own use. The blank checks — some 80 to 85 — had been signed by Tarbox and the YOUR board president, Mark McCormick, of Fort Dodge, over a period of several months.

"This practice should be discontinued and persons signing checks should compare the payee and amount to supporting documentation," said the auditors.

One disclosure was that there is no record of the YOUR board ever having approved the budget. Such a record should be in the minutes, the auditors said.

Summarizing unauthorized cash payments to Mrs. Thompson, the audit said she charged \$1,713.88 to the personnel and salary account, \$3,719.73 to travel, and \$205.61 to consumable supplies.

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The recommendation was made by Rev. Dr. James W. Lenhart, minister, Plymouth Congregational Church, heading the council committee working on the \$4 million project.

"The crucial issue is what we as churches and church members do to create the kind of community without which the project cannot be a success," Dr. Lenhart told the annual meeting of the council at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

3% Loan

"Members of our churches will visit the project as an extension of our own church building," he continued. "They will be prompted to initiate and offer help as only good Christian people know how to do."

One half of the facility, or 150 units, will be financed by a 3 per cent government loan. These units will rent for from \$84 to \$133 a month.

The other 150 units, to be built on conventional market interest rate of 6 per cent backed by an insurance companies pool, will have a government rent supplement that will make the rents range from \$26 to \$95 a month. The rentals include all utilities, except telephone.

Immediate Bid

Dr. Lenhart told the meeting that when the Oakridge land is put up for sale by the City Council, a bid will immediately be placed for the tract and that the chances of its acceptance are "100 per cent."

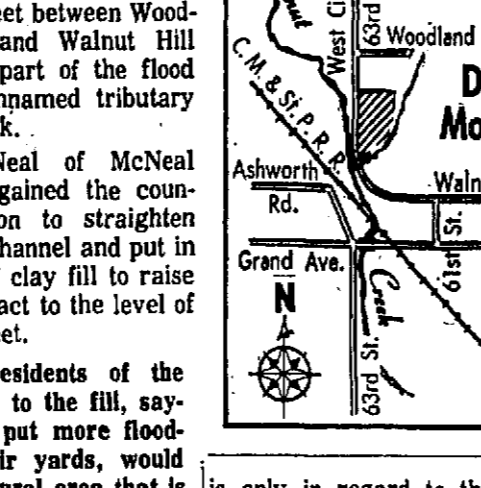
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Dr. Lenhart will be designated president of the corporation; Paul Grodt, West Des Moines realtor, vice-president; former Mayor Reinhold Carlson, treasurer, and the Rev. John Donovan, executive minister, Des Moines Area Council of Churches, secretary.

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Vanderbur said 15 officers were working on the case, including several from the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He said he had asked for help from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Vanderbur said that a report of several different cars being seen at the intersection where Miss Collins waited was being checked out.

Boy Friend

Ira Frank of Skokie, Ill., boy friend of Miss Collins, has been questioned by officers, but is "not necessarily a suspect," Vanderbur said.

"For that matter, I am not casting suspicion on anyone right now," Vanderbur said.

At Nevada, Sheriff J. I. Shalley said Tuesday he definitely thinks it was a sex crime. "What else?" Shalley asked.

The sheriff was one of the first officers to arrive at the spot where the body was found lying face down in a ditch along a country road 5 miles east of Nevada.

The body was found Sunday by a hunter and his son.

Knot Near Ear

Shalley said the knot of the rope tied around Miss Collins' neck was below her left ear and "her hair was tangled up in it."

Blood was seen beneath the girl's nose, the sheriff said, and her face was a purplish red hue. There were some enlarged footprints — "you know the kind that are made in snow" — near the fence where the girl's belongings were dumped.

The girl's purse was found with her belongings and it still had money in it, officers said.

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Former Marines To New Zealand

At least two Iowans who were with the 2nd Marine Division during World War II are taking a 7,000-mile friendship pilgrimage to New Zealand to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Marines' wartime arrival there.

Larry Stradtman of 4701 S.W. Fifteenth st., and Claire C. Brasch of St. Ansgar are among 200 former Marines who will make the trip.

Stradtman, his wife and their two children will leave Des Moines Thursday and depart from Los Angeles, Calif., Friday.

About 920 persons have become members of the Des Moines Y.M.C.A. during the annual membership campaign, A. J. Koby, enrollment drive chairman, reported Tuesday.

Koby said this represents 46 per cent of the goal of signing up 2,000 new members or re-enrolling expiring memberships. The enrollment drive ends Feb. 9.

Koby gave the report at the first luncheon for campaign volunteers. Another luncheon will be held Friday.

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Vanderbur said 15 officers were working on the case, including several from the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He said he had asked for help from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Vanderbur said that a report of several different cars being seen at the intersection where Miss Collins waited was being checked out.

Boy Friend

Ira Frank of Skokie, Ill., boy friend of Miss Collins, has been questioned by officers, but is "not necessarily a suspect," Vanderbur said.

"For that matter, I am not casting suspicion on anyone right now," Vanderbur said.

At Nevada, Sheriff J. I. Shalley said Tuesday he definitely thinks it was a sex crime. "What else?" Shalley asked.

The sheriff was one of the first officers to arrive at the spot where the body was found lying face down in a ditch along a country road 5 miles east of Nevada.

The body was found Sunday by a hunter and his son.

Knot Near Ear

Shalley said the knot of the rope tied around Miss Collins' neck was below her left ear and "her hair was tangled up in it."

Blood was seen beneath the girl's nose, the sheriff said, and her face was a purplish red hue. There were some enlarged footprints — "you know the kind that are made in snow" — near the fence where the girl's belongings were dumped.

The girl's purse was found with her belongings and it still had money in it, officers said.

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Safe Driving Pays

Members of the Southtown Kiwanis Club gave \$5 bills to safe drivers Tuesday afternoon at three locations on S.W. Ninth street. At S.W. Ninth street and Bell avenue Richard V. Nelson of 3401 S.W. Thirty-fifth street, a member of the Southtown Club, signals a woman driver to the curb and presents her with \$5. The Kiwanians gave out more than \$200 which was donated by National Travelers Life Co. Awards went to motorists who stopped to allow pedestrians to cross. Other Kiwanis Clubs in Des Moines plan to make safe driving awards at other locations.

Hopes for West-Side Park Jolted by Fill-in Approval

Hopes of a group of west-side residents for a new city park received a setback Tuesday when the Iowa Natural Resources Council approved a Des Moines realty firm's application to fill in a wooded area for future residential or commercial development.

The site is located east of Sixty-third street between Woodland avenue and Walnut Hill drive, and is part of the flood plain of an unnamed tributary of Walnut Creek.

T. R. McNeal of McNeal Realty, Inc., gained the council's permission to straighten the tributary channel and put in about 4 feet of clay fill to raise the 2 1/2-acre tract to the level of Sixty-third street.

A dozen residents of the area objected to the fill, saying it would put more flood-water in their yards, would destroy a natural area that is a haven for wildlife, and might bring unwanted commercial activity into a residential area.

Robert W. Ferguson, manager of the Robinson and Parnham nursery at 6015 Grand ave., said the council should deny McNeal's request as "a matter of principle." He added: