

# Free bus ride at Ledges announced

By OTTO KNAUTH

Free bus service has been inaugurated for picnickers and tourists wishing to visit the lower canyon area in Ledges State Park, the Iowa Conservation Commission announced Friday.

The experimental service, the first in any state park, runs hourly between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays at the park, south of Boone.

**Car Access Cut Off**

Automobile access to the lower Ledges was cut off after a flash flood in May, 1974. Since that time, the only way for visitors to reach the scenic canyon area along Pease Creek was by foot or bicycle.

The new bus service will enable picnickers to ride to and from the lower picnic grounds, explained Park Officer Ed Lawrence.

The bus makes five stops in its trip through the canyon, and it turns around at the "high water tree" where the canyon road joins the river road, Lawrence said. The round-trip takes about an hour.

**Entrances Open**

Lawrence said all three entrances to the park are open. The east entrance, which carries traffic from Iowa Highway 17; the south entrance at the commission's wildlife exhibit and experiment station, and the north entrance near Camp Hantosa, which serves Iowa Highway 164.

"It makes for a much nicer picnic experience without the bumper-to-bumper car traffic we used to have," he said.

**Service Till Labor Day**

A 54-passenger school bus that has been marked with Ledges State Park identification is being used in the free bus operation, he said.

The service probably will run to Labor Day, Lawrence said. It will be continued longer if traffic warrants, he said.

Lawrence emphasized that the park is not closed. He said the commission has received many calls in recent days from people with the mistaken belief that the park has been permanently closed.

He said people apparently get this impression from a gate across the road at the park's east entrance, near a new 600-car parking lot where persons who want to visit the lower Ledges can leave their cars.

**Judge retires**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Ford announced Friday he has acknowledged the retirement of Abraham L. Marovitz as U.S. District judge for the northern district of Illinois effective Aug. 10.



# A fine day for sailing

Gusty southerly winds keep Gary Muck on an uneven keel at Gray's Lake here Friday. The winds made the hot, sunny day bearable. The high here was 96 degrees. Muck, 21, of Des Moines, has had the catamaran for about two months.

**REGISTER PHOTO BY DAVID FINCH**

# Doderer: Money for plane

**PAY**

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granting any pay raises. He said he intends to give raises to deserving employes within two weeks.

In a letter to Selden, Turner said the mandatory pay increases approved by the Legislature would affect everyone employed on or before June 30, but some recently employed staffers are not "presently deserving" of a salary increase, he said.

**Zero Net Effect**

Turner asked the comptroller to compute the exact amount every staff member's salary would have to be reduced so that implementation of the pay increase law would have no net effect.

The law provides increases of 10 per cent for state employes making less than \$7,000, 9 per cent for those making less than \$14,000, and 7 per cent for persons making more than \$14,000.

Salaries for Turner's staff attorneys range from \$10,500 to \$18,900, but some clerical employes are paid less and would have been eligible for the large cost-of-living increases.

Turner, in the letter written last week, asked that his employes be returned to their former salaries in the event Gov. Robert Ray did not approve the salary bill.

**"Understandably Reluctant"**

Solicitor General Richard Haesemeyer, who said he was aware of Turner's plans, said the attorney general did not want pay raises to go into effect "willy-nilly."

Haesemeyer, who currently makes \$28,900, would have received \$30,923 under the new law, according to the comptroller's office. Another top assistant, George Murray, makes \$27,950 but would have received \$29,853, the comptroller's office said.

Haesemeyer said Turner was "understandably reluctant" to allow his assistants to make more than his salary. Haesemeyer also said he has no desire to make \$2,000 more than his boss.

Of Murray, other top assistants and himself, Haesemeyer said: "We're not particularly aggrieved."

**Would Free Funds**

Haesemeyer said the attorney general's office "wanted to get its share" of the special funds appropriated for cost-of-living increases, and the effect of Turner's action would be to free funds from the office's regular appropriation or other uses, he said.

State Senator Minnette Doderer (Dem., Iowa City) said the Legislature intended for all state employes to receive pay increases, and she charged that Turner is "trying to collect more money for his airplane."

Turner has sued Governor Ray to get Comptroller Seldon to release unspent funds for purchase of a new airplane.

Selden, who said he is "still on a first-name basis" with Turner despite the suit, said he complied with the attorney general's salary-reduction request because he was assured the action was legal.

In a letter replying to Turner's request, Selden said he would carry out the request although "we do not concur with your intentions or method."

# 60-YEAR-DRUG TERM TO IOWAN

A 42-year-old Des Moines man was sentenced Friday to 60 years in the State Penitentiary in Fort Madison after pleading guilty Tuesday to two counts of delivering heroin.

Raymond McGee, of 1543 Fourth St., was sentenced by Polk County District Judge Anthony Critelli to serve two consecutive 30-year sentences.

The judge noted that McGee had a previous drug conviction. At the time of his arrest May 8, McGee was free on a \$25,000 appeal bond while awaiting a ruling from the Iowa Supreme Court of an earlier conviction.

McGee had been sentenced Oct. 9 to 25 years in prison as a habitual criminal after being convicted of receiving and concealing stolen goods.

The Iowa Supreme Court recently denied McGee's appeal of that conviction.

**Man, woman hurt in collision**

A Des Moines man and woman were injured in a two-car accident at E. Thirtieth Street and Kinsey Avenue at 2:40 p.m. Friday.

Patrick Carroll, 67, and Marge Carroll, 60, of 1829 E. Walnut St., were listed in good condition Friday night at Des Moines General Hospital. Officials declined to comment on the extent of their injuries.

Witnesses told police that a car driven by Patrick Carroll collided with a car driven by Gary Dudley, 18, of 2116 E. Twenty-first St. Dudley was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

An attendant recalled that Mrs. Schofield complained about the tail lights of her car not working properly after the trailer hitch had been removed. The attendant said normally the wires from a car's tail light are connected to trailer lights when it is being towed.

Apparently the wires were not reconnected properly after the trailer was returned.

The service station attendant said that apparently the tail lights had been fixed by an employe at the station.

Later, an attendant said, Mrs. Schofield returned to the station about 9:10 p.m. Monday, July 7, to buy some cigarettes and mentioned that "she was going to be late for work."

**Her Last Job**

Mrs. Schofield's last place of employment was Dave Salem's "Fozzin 'n' Boozin", a tavern at 1803 Keosauqua Way. Salem said earlier that Mrs. Schofield asked for time off about 10:30 p.m. July 4 and that he hadn't seen her after that.

Police Chief Wendell E. Nichols, whose son, Doug, is one of the detectives working on the case, said "as yet, we haven't come up with a motive."

"It doesn't look like robbery since she still had her \$200 wristwatch," Chief Nichols said.

# FIND VICTIM WAS ALIVE 3 DAYS EARLIER

By NICK LAMBERTO

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Des Moines police have established that Diane Marie Schofield, 21, whose body was found in the trunk of a car here July 10, was alive three days earlier, Detective Clarence Jobe said Friday.

Jobe said police have interviewed witnesses who saw the woman alive Monday evening, July 7.

Jobe would not say where the strangulation victim was seen alive at that time, but The Register learned she was seen at a service station.

Last week, Dr. R. C. Wooters, Polk County medical examiner, estimated Mrs. Schofield had died six days before her body was found, or about Friday, July 4.

With the discovery of witnesses who saw her later, Dr. Wooters said he had modified the original estimate to place the time of death at "sometime after 9 p.m. Monday, July 7."

Dr. Wooters said the original estimate was made without taking the high temperatures of that period into consideration.

The body of Mrs. Schofield was found in the trunk of her car in a parking lot near the Des Moines Municipal Airport.

**"Kept Good Records"**

Dr. Wooters said she had been strangled with a strip of knotted cloth and died because circulation of blood in an artery in her neck was shut off. Her arms and feet were bound with strips of toweling.

Detective Jobe said police "are checking out some suspects" and going over a list of names in an address book found in the dead woman's residence at 2931 Cottage Grove. One officer said Mrs. Schofield "kept good records."

Mrs. Schofield also had lived recently at 1503 Twenty-fourth St. and at 3828 Cottage Grove Ave., friends said, and police have been checking out those addresses and other places she lived and worked.

Police have established that Mrs. Schofield rented a U-Haul trailer at the Apco service station, 2324 Forest Ave., about 8 p.m. July 1 and returned it the next day, after apparently using it to move her belongings to her new address on Cottage Grove.

**Tail Light Complaint**

About 10 a.m. Monday, July 7, Mrs. Schofield drove into the same station in her car, a 1966 Rambler, and bought \$2 worth of gasoline, witnesses told police.

# Ray vetoes plan to force taxes on Iowa park land

Gov. Robert Ray used his item veto power Friday night to strike from a bill a provision that would have forced the Iowa Conservation Commission to pay property taxes on its park land.

The action came as Ray signed six bills passed by the 1975 Iowa Legislature. He used his item-veto on a section of a bill appropriating \$36.5 million for capital improvements and several other programs.

Ray objected to the provision requiring the Conservation Commission to pay property taxes to local schools on land it purchases under the state's open spaces program and on about 400,000 acres it already owns.

**Ray's Question**

If schools were to be reimbursed for the property taxes they forego on state land, Ray asked why schools shouldn't also be reimbursed for federal, county- and city-owned land.

"If it is consistent for other government agencies to reimburse schools, then is it not consistent for schools to reimburse other government agencies for the property-tax-exempt land they own?" he asked.

**"Massive Effort"**

Ray also pointed out that the state is making a "massive effort" to shift the burden of school financing from property taxes to state taxes.

The governor reluctantly refused to item-veto a \$3.7 million capital appropriation to the Conservation Commission that contained a one-year property tax reimbursement to school districts. Ray cited recent Iowa Supreme Court decision limiting his use of the item-veto and said he would have to veto the entire appropriation if the reimbursement section were to be stricken.

He said it is important that the capital funds be made available.

The reimbursement is expected to cost the state up to \$15,000.

**Home Rule Amendment**

Ray also signed into law a bill amending the Home Rule Act, clearing the way for final settlement by the Des Moines City Council of the trash collection issue.

The bill continues the power of cities to attach tax liens on property for non-payment of fees for such services as sewers and trash collection — a power Des Moines officials have said is necessary for the city to finance its own trash collection system.

The council has been faced with the question of what to do about trash collection. City Manager Richard Wilkey has said the city could collect trash cheaper than either the Metropolitan Solid Waste Agency or private contractors.

**Veto Eliminated**

The bill signed by Ray also forbids cities from issuing industrial revenue bonds for retailers, eliminates the veto power of the mayor of Des Moines, and gives mayors empowered to hire police chiefs — the authority to fire the chiefs. That power has been at issue in Carlisle, where the city council wanted to fire the police chief and the mayor wanted to retain him.

The changes in the Home Rule Act take effect Aug. 15.

Bills signed by the governor Friday were:

- § 22 — To replace present Iowa securities laws with the Iowa Uniform Securities Act.
- § 23 — To appropriate \$26,589,858 for capital improvement projects and miscellaneous programs and to name a new state agricultural building after Henry A. Wallace.
- § 24 — To appropriate \$3 million to the municipal assistance fund to appropriate \$1 million to a county government assistance fund.
- § 25 — To authorize the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study the Iowa Department of Social Services, and to appropriate \$20,000 for the study.
- § 26 — To modify the law concerning cities' powers.
- § 27 — To define a juvenile delinquent as one who has committed a criminal offense and to create a category labeled "in need of assistance" if the juvenile wishes to have his parents relieved of his care and custody.
- § 28 — To correct erroneous and obsolete sections of the code.

# Bomb explodes at D.C. embassy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A bomb exploded Friday evening at the Costa Rican embassy as Ambassador Rodolfo Silva was passing on a small walkway on the embassy grounds but he was not hurt, police said.

Minor damage was done to an outside wall of the embassy in Northwest Washington.

An unidentified man with a Latin accent called The Associated Press bureau in Miami after the blast and said: "We are responsible for the explosion at the Costa Rican embassy at about 5 p.m. We have the purpose to kill those who favor Castroism. Signed The Scorpion."

# Panama mum on U.S. assets issue

DAVID, PANAMA (AP) — Panama has refused to discuss compensation for American assets in the Panama Canal Zone as part of current negotiations for a new canal treaty.

Panamanian treaty negotiators told the congress Friday. "The economic aspect is important, but jurisdiction much more so," one of the negotiators told a special meeting of the National Councils Assembly, Panama's congress, held in this northern city.

# D.M. couple hurt in crash

A Des Moines man and his wife were injured in a car accident on the Second Avenue entrance ramp to the MacVicar Freeway early today. Mark Porter, 19, of 709 Seventeenth St., and his wife were taken to Mercy Hospital. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known. Police said Porter apparently lost control of the car on the ramp and it plunged over a guard rail, coming to rest on the embankment above the freeway.

# GOP unit eyes candidates to head party for state

By JOHN HYDE

The Republican State Central Committee begins considering who will be the new chairman of the Iowa GOP Monday, with three declared candidates — and several others unannounced — seeking the job.

Only three men have signed the central list at state GOP headquarters, officially declaring themselves to be candidates for the job.

**The Three**

They are Des Moines businessman Tom Stoner, Des Moines attorney Steve Roberts, and State Representative Tom Taue of Dubuque.

In addition, former state legislator Ralph McCartney, a Charles City attorney, has publicly expressed interest in the job.

McCartney said he has not added his name to the list because he has not made a final decision on whether he would accept the job if it were offered but he said he is "interested in meeting with the committee to discuss it."

**McDonald Vacating Post**

The post they are seeking is being vacated by John McDonald, a 51-year-old Dallas Center attorney who was recently elected as Republican national committee member — over the chairmanship.

The heart of the issue is whether the chairman will have close ties to Gov. Robert Ray, or be somewhat independent of the governor, himself a former state chairman. It is widely believed that the governor favors

Stoner, his campaign manager, for the job.

**Divided on Issue**

The 12-member committee is divided on the issue. There is speculation that the split in fact is six to six.

Publicly, the Republicans are handling the matter gingerly. McDonald gently warned the committee members recently that control of the governorship is important to the party's health, and that good relations with the incumbent are important to that end.

But the committee members have made a display of independence. They kept out-going national committeeman Charles Wittenmeyer of Davenport from voting at the last committee session, decided that the selection process would be the job of the entire committee and not a sub-committee, and declared that they would seek suggestions from all Republican office-holders, not just the governor.

**Declines to Say**

McDonald said Friday some suggestions from Republican officials have been received. He declined to say whether Ray has named a choice.

But McDonald did say he believes "the committee as a whole would want to visit with

the governor" about the chairmanship.

That leads to the prospect that the central committee may not take a vote on the chairmanship at all Monday.

Some committee members are hoping to have the task completed by Monday. McDonald says only "I am sure they will be deliberate in their consideration."

**Other Question**

Another open question is the matter of who will be considered — and the meaning of the list being maintained by Republican state headquarters.

The official purpose of the committee session Monday is to interview declared candidates. Whether the committee will interview, or consider without interviewing, persons not on the list will be a matter for the committee to decide, McDonald said.

McDonald said about 10 persons, including the four announced candidates, have expressed an interest in the job. "I don't know what their status would be," McDonald said of persons not on the list.

**Stresses Applications**

McDonald added "I would certainly expect that if someone is seriously interested, that person would make an application or ask that they be considered."

The final decisions will be made by the 12 members of the central committee — one man and one woman from each congressional district. McDonald and his co-chairman, Margaret McDonald of Cherokee, cannot vote. Neither can the national committeeman and committee-woman Mary Louise Smith of Des Moines, who also is the national party chairman.

One of the declared candidates, Taue, also is a member of the state central committee. It is not known whether he will vote on the chairmanship selection.

McDonald anticipates that the interviewing and the deliberating will be done behind closed doors.

# Adult bookstore still in business

Bachelor's Library, an adult bookstore at 919 Walnut St., did not go out of business Friday as its owner earlier said it would and will continue to sell its inventory at reduced prices until 10 p.m. Monday.

Marty Michlin said the store will change ownership Tuesday. Michlin said Thursday that he is selling the business "because of legal pressures and harassment."

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