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City Is Given Not Wanted Yule Present

Liability Insurance Rate Is Hiked 34 Per Cent

MARTINEZ — The city was presented with a belated Christmas gift—a 34 per cent hike in its liability insurance rate, Finance Director Lawrence Kowalski announced yesterday.

The premium cost jumps from \$16,000 to \$21,000 next year. Cause of the hike was two claims for water damage against the city, said Kowalski.

One of the claims has been settled for \$20,000. This was at the Orleans Plaza development near the Veterans Administration Hospital. A second, still to be settled, is for \$10,000 filed by Dr. S. P. Bradshaw, 1225 Alhambra Ave. Both claims involve water main breaks.

The Martinez Insurance Agents Association acts as brokers for the city. The insurance is provided by the Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.

Kowalski said the new policy will cover just one year. The past policy was for a three-year period. He explained that the city's premium fluctuates considerably depending upon the loss ratio. Three years ago it dropped 40 per cent.

If the city has few claims this year it could have a similar cut next year, he explained.



A SWAN SONG—Since antiquity kings and editors have always referred to themselves as "we" in degrees and columns when actually they mean "I." Monarchs, following the doctrine of the divine right of kings, claimed they spoke for God as well as themselves. Few editors pretend to speak for Him, even though at times they may give this impression, particularly since the passage of the Brown Act. Actually the editorial "we" is used as a protective veil to hide behind since editors, unlike kings, have no armies with which they can defend themselves.

THE "WE" IS PASSED—Having had its use for the past 14 months, with this column I hereby bequeath the editorial "we" to Bob Neuman who follows me at this old battered typewriter. Effective today I join the ranks of so-called editors of the Martinez News-Gazette. Since I no longer have the protective "we" to hide behind I will be pointing my car east, towards New York, to ply my trade on the Atlantic side of the continent.

MARTINEZ MOURN — I'm not going to miss any "cute" anecdotes about the mayor or vice mayor here. These I'll save for when I write the "Life, Love & Adventures of Dick Galkowski." Suffice to say it has been an interesting and pleasant experience to live and work as a newspaperman in Martinez. The only real problem this town has is a giant economy size complex. But this appears to be passing without the help of a Dr. Freud. How this complex developed is beyond me. There are few spots on earth with a setting as beautiful. The people are extremely warm and friendly. Maybe it takes an outsider to appreciate these qualities. It is a good town in which to raise a family. But I'm still a bachelor and before the outstretched arms of middle age embrace me there are a few more places I've got to see. Happy New Year everyone. —R.C.

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Escapée Walks Off At Farm

LYNN BAILEY
... Walks away

BYRON — An inmate at the County Home Farm here walked away in the rain yesterday evening.

Being sought by sheriff's deputies was Lynn Burt Bailey, 46, who was serving a year's term at the home farm after conviction on a charge of burglary.

He was described as white male, 54, 160 pounds, wearing glasses with broken right eye. He was attired in blue farm clothing, according to sheriff's officers.

The man disappeared about 8 p.m. He was believed to be unarmed and not considered dangerous.

U.S. Unit Hit By Guerrillas In Viet Nam

Solon Says 'Light Fuse'

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (UPI)—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., said yesterday if efforts to start peace negotiations with North Vietnam are not made, the United States would light the fuse and let the services end the war even if it took to Polaris on the Atlantic side of the continent.

Rivers' "light the fuse" statement followed a 45-minute meeting between the South Carolina lawmaker and retired Congressman Carl Vinson, Vinson and Rivers, who succeeded the Georgian as head of the House committee, are close friends.

SARGON (AP)—Red guerrillas stole into an enlisted men's billet early Friday and fired explosives which killed one American and wounded 10 others.

The outbreak of violence hit at Dalat, 145 miles northwest of here, as the U.S. in Vietnam went into its eighth day.

The new killings followed by a day disclosure that the Viet Cong slaughtered 11 military prisoners—three American Marines and eight Vietnamese soldiers—earlier this month. North Vietnamese regulars were blamed for that.

CONSTITUTION CITED Cemetery Law Is Challenged Here

MARTINEZ — Suit has been filed in Contra Costa Superior Court here contending that religious liberties are being violated by a cemetery which will not allow a Berkeley man to move the remains of his wife.

The suit, filed for Browne Shirek of 2705 Walker Ave., Berkeley, by his attorney Raymond Schall, charges the Rolling Hills Memorial Park of Richmond with violating Shirek's constitutional rights.

Mrs. Hastie Shirek's cremated remains have been kept in the cemetery since after her 1960 death in an auto accident. Mrs. Shirek, 56, was assistant director of the Rosh-Fresh-School for Disturbed Children.

Shirek said the suit is aimed at testing the constitutionality of California laws requiring that cremated remains be kept at cemeteries.

The county health department has granted Shirek a permit to remove the remains to the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Church. The cemetery denied permission for the removal.

Rolling Hills Cemetery and attorney Austin Gibbons contend the permit is invalid because it does not contain the name of the deceased.

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Draft Rules Toughened For College Students



Morning News-Gazette Publisher Jack Milikin, seated at left, and outgoing Managing Editor Dick Galkowski, standing, welcomed Galkowski's successor, Bob Neuman, in ceremonies at the office yesterday.—News-Gazette Photo by Elise Jackson.

News-Gazette Will Have New Editor During New Year

MARTINEZ — The Morning News-Gazette will start the new year with a new managing editor, it was announced yesterday by Publisher Jack Milikin.

Richard Galkowski, who has held the post for the past 14 months, has resigned to accept a post with the Knickerbocker News in Albany, N.Y.

Stepping into the editorship will be Robert Neuman, a native of Oakland who until accepting the Morning News-Gazette editorship worked as a staff writer for the Concord Transcript.

"We are sorry Dick Galkowski is leaving us and wish him well in his new work," Milikin said. "During his stay with the

Stray Dogs Run Amok, Kill Cows

MARTINEZ—Stray dogs which have apparently gone wild have killed two dairy cattle belonging to John Zuppan, Franklin Canyon Dairy, located yesterday.

The dairy is located within the city limits just west of the high school.

The cows included a two-year-old heifer which was about to calve and a five-year-old cow which calved two weeks ago. Each was valued at about \$200.

The cows had apparently been dead for several days.

Police officers said the dogs travel in packs of three and four. Most are strays although some licensed dogs have been spotted.

LUCKY CHILD

First 1966 Baby Will Get Prizes

MARTINEZ — The first 1966 baby to be born in the Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Pacific area is going to be a very lucky baby indeed. Twenty-two merchants of the area have presents awaiting the newest youngster and its parents that will give the baby a grand start in life.

To qualify for the gifts, the baby must be born of parents currently residing in the area, and a doctor must give written certification of the time of birth.

Upon presentation proof of birth and determination of the winner of the awards, parents will be given a letter of certification, which when presented to the merchants within the next two weeks, will entitle them to the gifts as listed with no obligation.

Baby 1966 or its parents will receive from Stook's a napkin ring; Payless Drug Store will award a Johnson baby kit; Hoffmann's will give the father a box.

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Selective Service Tightens Up Needs For Current Draft

Korean Type-War Deferments Ordered For Viet Nam War

WASHINGTON (AP) — Selective Service officials are considering helping meet the manpower needs of the Viet Nam fighting by bringing back the Korean wartime rules that made it tough to get and hold a college deferment.

A spokesman said Thursday night Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey has summoned state draft chiefs from across the nation to a series of three conferences to discuss the situation and talk about possible moves to increase the number of men available for induction.

One thing to be discussed, the spokesman said, is the possibility of re-establishing deferment standards imposed during the Korean War but dropped in 1962.

At present, students enrolled in full time in recognized institutions of learning are deferred if their performance is rated satisfactory.

Under the Korean War rules, their class standing and a selective service qualification test were also considered in ruling on draft availability.

No changes in policies or regulations have been made, a selective service spokesman said, but new steps that might be taken will be considered at the three conferences.

The first session will bring Southern state draft directors to Ft. Stewart, Ga., on Jan. 9. On Jan. 19, directors from the Northeast and Midwestern states will meet in Washington. Western state draft directors will confer Feb. 7 in San Diego. Topping the agenda, a draft official said, will be a review of the current manpower situation and a discussion of areas from which the draft must replenish its pool of eligible men.

The directors also will talk over the Dec. 23 decision to review the cases of high school graduates who flunked the selective service mental examinations.

They are classified I-Y, unfit to serve except in an emergency. That category includes men rejected for mental, physical or moral reasons.

As of Nov. 30, some 12 million young men held student deferments.

Search Continues, Hope Dim

BETHLEHEM ISLAND—The search for two boys missing after an ill-fated duck-hunting trip near here was slated to resume today, but hope appeared almost nil that they would be found alive.

Theodore Barnett, 16, and John Darns, 18, have not been seen since taking a 16-foot outboard motor boat out of Frank's Beach within a half hour of 50-mile-per-hour winds.

Their boat was found on Frank's Tract State Park Island Tuesday, the propeller cracked off and a two inch square hole in the bottom.

Searchers pointed out that the water temperature in the delta area is about 67 degrees and that even if the boys used life preservers they could not have survived in the water for more than an hour.

Twenty private boat owners, a coast guard helicopter and a Coast Guard cutter have been conducting the search since Tuesday.

The boys went out about 9 a.m. Tuesday. Both students at Lincoln High School Brentwood.

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