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The Editor's Notebook

By ED LIVERMORE

THE NEW LIBERAL coalition in the US House must have got its wires crossed.

BY A RESOUNDING VOTE, the liberals were able to knock aging Wright Patman out of his chairmanship of the Banking Committee. A few days before Ralph Nader penned a beautiful piece that hailed Patman as the answer to the consumer's prayer.

IS THE NEW liberal front in congress too liberal for an old fellow-traveler like Nader?

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SEN. GENE HOWARD, president protempore of the state senate, suggested to higher education leaders recently that one of the best ways to move Oklahoma out of 48th place among states as pertains to education expenditures would be to specialize.

IN OTHER WORDS, as we understood his suggestion, it would be better to have one good economics department at one school than five lesser departments, one at each of five four-year schools.

WE IMAGINE that Howard was accused of turning to meddling and nit picking when he makes suggestions like this. Higher education is just like any other governmental entity ... take away the numbers and you'll find it easier to cut off a leg, and an arm.

'Truth Day' Meet Slated

The consumer study and development committee of the Sapulpa Chamber of Commerce will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Chamber offices, Don Pfannenstiel, chairman, announced today.

"The meeting will be to organize and plan for the February "Truth Day" sale and make future plans for the year," Pfannestiel said.

The meeting is open to any city Chamber member in the retail busines or who depends on "walk-in" type business. Emphasis will be on the total retail business community.

Forecast

By United Press International

Oklahoma — Fair northwest today. Considerable cloudiness with occasional light rain ending east and south portions, becoming partly cloudy this afternoon. Variable cloudiness with scattered light rain tonight. Decreasing cloudiness west, variable cloudiness east Wednesday. Cool. Highs today upper 40s northwest to near 60 southeast. Lows tonight mid 20s northwest to near 40 southeast. Highs Wednesday 45 to 55.

Early Voting Light

Voting appeared relatively light in the Sapulpa school board election at midday Tuesday, with 283 casting ballots by noon.

Polls were to remain open until 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium lobby, with five candidates seeking a post on the board of education, plus the annual tax millage requests on the ballot.

A year ago, 246 ballots had been cast by noon, and 1,317 voters were counted by day's end. Record turnout in a school election is 1,808 in 1968.

School election results may be obtained by calling the Herald, 224-5185, between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. tonight.

Candidates include Dr. Phillip Washburn, 4800 Colonial Dr.; Kenneth Stokes, 202 Hickory Hill Rd.; Buddy L. T. Sherrill, 6341 S. 49th W. Ave.; Donnel Robinson, 2000 W. Ray; and J. Don Nicholson, 12 Stagecoach Dr.

The winner will serve a 5-year term on the board.

Sapulpa's polling place is the high school auditorium lobby.

In other area school district elections, candidates are:

Pretty Water—Camelia D. Denton and Paul E. Land.

Keifyville—John F. Welpton, John Dunbar, Gaylor J. Hall.

Mounds—James E. Newberry, Jo Anne Roe, Jack Tuttle.

Kiefer—Lense E. Ramey Jr., William E. Adams Jr.

Bristow—Leon Horn, Ray Fogle.

Mannford—Office No. 3—Norman D. Sweeney, Johnny Sloan. Office No. 5—Albert Ray Heaton, Robert R. Taylor, Robert H. McBroom.

Olive—Jerry L. McHenry, Mary Sue Perryman, Harold H. Thomas, Billy Delaney.

Oilton—Office No. 4—Denton Alsip, James L. Young. Office No. 5—Albert L. Collier.

Depew—Stephen William Tiger, Robert Revel Smith.

Drumright—Buddy J. Phoenix, Tom Kiser.

Shamrock—Carl Stanley White, Carrol E. Haskins.

Glenpool—Gene W. Johnson, Leroy F. Smith, Kenneth Ray Sloan.

Liberty Mounds—John Earl Mulkey, Billy J. Sampson, Jack L. Spradling.

Winning without opponents were Donnie R. Clark, Lone Star; Woodrow W. Nadeh, Allen-Bowden; H.M. McElroy, Milfay; Cecil Pogue, Gypsy. The latter two did not file, but will remain in office since no other candidates filed.

In addition to regular school elections, patrons in the four-county Central Tech area will be voting Tuesday on a vo-tech board of education pool in which incumbent A.C. Wiener of Drumright is challenged by C. Dwain Carnes of Cleveland.

AMONG EARLY voters in Tuesday's school election were Nola Bourne, left, and Grace Bennett. Polls remain open until 7 p.m., with Sapulpa voting at the high school auditorium lobby. (Herald Photo)

Market Trading Boom Continues

NEW YORK (UPI) — Trading on the New York Stock Exchange today resumed its frantic record pace of Monday, with more than 21 million shares traded before noon.

Monday was the busiest volume day in the 185-year history of the exchange — a record turnover of 32.1 million shares, eclipsing the old mark of 31.7 million shares set Aug. 16, 1971, the day after President Nixon declared a wage-price freeze.

The Dow-Jones industrial average rose 38.85 points to 692.66, eighth largest jump in exchange history.

The trigger apparently was set last Friday when the U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver reversed an antitrust ruling against International Business Machines in a suit brought by Telex Corp. That action came after the exchange closed Friday, and the pressure built over the weekend.

On Monday, the Securities and Exchange Commission lifted its suspension of trading in IBM stock, and the market was off and running. Of the 32.1 million shares traded, 9.29 million crossed the counter in the first hour alone —another record, topping by 56,000 the mark set Feb. 13, 1974.

Another contributing factor, said economists, was the cutting of the prime interest rate from 9½ to 9½ per cent, and predictions the rate could drop to as low as 7 per cent later this year.

The rally on Wall Street, always sensitive to news developments, came in the face of government reports of a trade deficit of $3 billion for 1974, the second highest this century, and of a decline in productivity of 2.7 per cent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said non-farm productivity fell 3.1 per cent in October, November and December for the seventh consecutive quarter. It is the longest slide in productivity and the first annual rate of decline since such records were begun in 1947.

West Lions' New District Leader

E. Dean West, 1839 E. Hastain, Sapulpa, has been elected District Governor 3-M for Oklahoma Lions clubs.

West, a member of the Mounds Lions club, was elected at the statewide Lions mid-year convention in Stillwater the past weekend and will assume responsibilities July 1 after the Lions International convention in Dallas.

DEAN WEST

Jerry Shore, president of the Mounds Lions, will be the district cabinet secretary.

West joined the Drumright Lions club in 1959 while teaching school there and served as local president and for three years as zone chairman of the district governor's cabinet. He transferred to the Mounds club in 1970 and has been secretary 4 years.

He is junior high principal at Mounds and is a teacher and 7th and 8th grade girls basketball coach. He has one son, Dr. Jerry West, optometrist at the Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., and one daughter, Mrs. Darell Buck of McAlester.

Also elected at Stillwater as District 3-A Lions governor was Fred Caudle of Balko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caudle Sr. of Mounds.

In Prison Probe
US Grand Jury Indicts Officers

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (UPI) — A federal grand jury today returned a five-count indictment charging 18 present and former correctional officers with conspiracy in connection with the gassing death of inmate Robert Forsythe last May.

Seven of the officers were charged with carrying out the conspiracy to deprive Forsythe and other inmates of constitutional guarantees against "cruel and unusual punishment," one was accused of assaulting two inmates, five were accused in another gassing incident besides the one in which Forsythe died and one officer was charged with perjury.

"It's a sad day," Warden Richard Crisp said at McAlester when informed of the indictments.

Named in the conspiracy count which the jury charged resulted in the death of Forsythe were Homer Cacy Jr., Billy Jack Cohen, Eddie Wayne Franklin, Charles Raymond Kilburn, Anthony Richard Nail, John Paul Brady, James Robert Berryman, Kelly Standridge, James W. Young and Jerry Glen Holt.

The jury report said it was part of the conspiracy "that the conspirators would use chemical gassing weapons including pepper fog machine, 37 millimeter gas gun, 12 gauge gas gun, 25 millimeter gas gun, gas cannisters and other gassing weapons to the grand jury unknown to gas inmates who were then locked in solitary cells of the maximum segregation building.

"The above described conspiracy resulted in the death of inmate Robert Forsythe," the jury declared.

The jury charged Cacy, Cohen, Franklin, Berryman, Kilburn, Holt, Nail and "other unknown persons" carried out the gassing "and did thereby willfully deprive said inmates of the rights secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of of the United States to be free from cruel and unusual punishment with the result that Robert Forsythe died."

Forsythe was gassed on May 20 but his body was not discovered until May 22, when an unrelated gassing occurred in another area of the prison. Charged with a civil rights violation in the second incident were Cohen, Young, Nail, Standridge and Cacy.

Cacy also was charged with striking and assaulting inmates Joseph Buckaloo and David M. Collins on May 21 while "acting under the color of the law."

Cohen was named in a perjury count, alleging he lied when he said Highway Patrolman Benny Durant made the decision that gas be used to put down the inmate disturbance.

The prison has been the scene of frequent turmoil since the riot of July, 1973, the most destructive in American penal history.

U. S. Attorney Richard Pyle requested court permission to issue summons to those indicted instead of warrants.

"I don't believe in arresting law enforcement officers," Pyle said. "It's a matter of courtesy."

County Project Hearing Slated

Public hearings are scheduled Thursday for two area road projects scheduled under the Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) program.

"Plan-in-hand" hearings are scheduled at 10 a.m. on a project to replace the Pickett Prairie Road bridge over Polecat Creek southwest of Sapulpa, and at 1 p.m. at Mounds on a project to widen 1½ miles of the road from Mounds east to the county line enroute to the Beeline.

County Commissioner W. T. Dub Smith said under the FAS program, federal funds are provided for 70 per cent of the cost and the county pays the other 30 per cent, provides right-of-way and engineering costs. The State Highway Department does inspections.

Engineers' preliminary estimates on the projects were $150,000 each.

Bribery Attempt Alleged

Charges of conspiring to commit a burglary were filed in the Sapulpa Division of the Creek County District Court Monday against James M. Camp, 39, Bristow, Joseph B. Sprefera, 21, and Tommy S. Standley, 35, both of Kansas City, Mo. Camp is also charged with attempting to bribe a Bristow police officer as part of the burglary plan.

Charges say Camp offered officer Wayne H. Davis $1,000 for information concerning the police department's size and scheduling, the location of burglary alarms and recommendations as to the best methods and places to enter the Harvat's and Silver's jewelry stores. Davis reported the attempt to authorities.

When the trio was arrested early Saturday morning officers confiscated a variety of burglary tools, including a portable oxygen-acetylene cutting torch outfit in a backpack, three walkie talkies, a police radio scanner fitted with crystals for the Bristow and Creek County Sheriff's networks and equipment for wiring around burglar alarm systems.

Camp was arrested as he left the roof of one of the stores about 4 a.m. Saturday and the others were arrested in Bristow between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., according to Creek County Sheriff Bryce Coleman.

Standley and Sprafera were being held on $5,000 bond each and Camp's bond was set at $2,000 on the conspiracy charges and $1,000 on the bribery charge. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Camp was released on bond Monday and the others were expected to make bond today.

MAPC Meeting Slated Tonight

One zoning petition, from Hazel Nuttall, to change 10 acres in Witwer addition in the county from A-1 agricultural to R-1 residential, will be heard tonight by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

Also scheduled is presentation of the final plat of Val Verde homesites by Dwayne Jones.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal courtroom, 20 N. Walnut.

Car Stolen

Police said today that a 1973 Grelin, owned by Charles David Busby, Rt. 2, was reported stolen at 8:45 a.m. today from the 200 block W. Orleans.

Truck Recovered

A truck stolen from the L. B. Jackson Oil Company sometime Monday night was recovered Tuesday morning west of Sapulpa by Creek County sheriff's deputies.

The thieves drove the 1966 tractor with an oil field bed through a fence or the way out of the Jackson Company yard.

Temperatures

Monday high	69
Overnight low	35
Tuesday noon	40

Late Stocks

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.35 at 696.91 as of 1 p.m. EST. Volume was 21,700,000 shares. Selected list of noon prices, page 10.

Incidentally

A set of keys on a chain has been found at Applegate's Egg Farm and may be claimed by owner identifying ... want a pet? There are three German Shepherd puppies for giveaway at 224-5315 ... happy birthday today to Jack Gosney at Kiefer ... we hear it's his 62nd ... greetings also to Nellie Cox and J. W. Johnson ... we have word that Ronny Poon, college student at Rice University, whose home is Hong Kong and who underwent surgery at BMH while on tour here with a group of BSU students, has recovered sufficiently to return to his studies at Rice ... Donna Shore says it takes a lot of effort to visit members of the family who are hospitalized at different towns and she's trying to be both places at once.

ERA Booster Opens New State Drive

NORMAN, Okla. (UPI) — Boosters of the Equal Rights Amendment must go beyond "ceremonial acts" and gets the facts about ERA out to the small towns of Oklahoma, State Rep. Hannah Atkins said Monday night.

Mrs. Atkins, D-Oklahoma City, called for a series of statewide and regional rallies to kick off a drive for adoption of an equal rights amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution.

Mrs. Atkins, author of the ERA ratification proposal defeated in the Oklahoma House last week, said she is having bills drafted to change present state statutes relating to sex and is co-authoring with Rep. David Riggs, D-Tulsa, an ERA to the state constitution.

"We have not done enough," she said in a speech prepared for delivery at a Women's Emphasis Week meeting on the University of Oklahoma campus. "We have never done enough until every vestige of inequality is erased from this earth."

Mrs. Atkins said the recent defeat of the ERA had proved "it is not enough to pass resolutions," that ERA boosters must go beyond that ceremonial act."

She said the proposed changes in state laws and constitutional amendment "will give all of those persons who said they favored equality, but not those 'feds,' and those who felt that the U.S. Constitution was federal usurption of states' rights, a chance to vote and work for equal rights."

"This will strengthen our position if we have the chance to ratify later," she added.

"For those who believe that inequality is decreed by God, all I can suggest is that we pray that they see the light."

She called for a statewide rally of the entire Oklahoma Coalition for Equal Rights next month in Oklahoma City, followed by regional rallies in every sector of the state.

"We tried to conduct a quiet, soft-sell campaign this time and it was overcome by brash, noisy, emotional, even hysterical tactics," she said. "Now we must get out into the small towns to see that the facts are brought out in the open."

Mrs. Atkins was the guest of honor at a reception hosted by OU President Dr. Paul Sharp Monday. Organizers of Women's Emphasis Week had declared Monday "Hannah Atkins Day" because of her "concern, commitment and tireless effort toward the advancement of women's rights in Oklahoma."

"All that I have done is what each one of you who is committed to the cause of human dignity and equality has done," she said.

Mrs. Atkins suggested the day be renamed "Womanhood Day" because "I am but one of you who will continue the courageous struggle to make this state and this nation keep its promise of equality of treatment to all. We will take nothing less."

She said women shared the birth pangs of the nation from its beginning and that failure to pass the ERA would be "a denial of those rights which belong to us."

"I feel confident that the necessary 38 states will be achieved (for ratification) this year even without Oklahoma..," she said.

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