

SHA EXPECTED TO ACT SOON ON RENEWAL AIDE

Appointment of Director May Be Announced During Week

The appointment of an urban redevelopment director by the Springfield Housing Authority undoubtedly will be made this week and possibly this afternoon, it was reported yesterday.

Plans To Meet

Mayor O'Connor informed members of the Citizens Action Commission he planned to meet with the SHA this afternoon to "discuss" the four candidates under consideration.

Although he declined to say so, it is believed the mayor may make a recommendation to the group and the appointment could be made after the conference.

Last week, the authority voted to notify the mayor the board feels it is "imperative" a redevelopment director be appointed immediately. The group said its No. One choice was sent to the mayor May 19.

Choice Not Known

The authority gave the mayor an opportunity to make his own recommendation.

The group's first choice has not been revealed as yet and, while the mayor's recommendation is not binding on the authority, it is believed it will carry considerable weight.

Meanwhile yesterday, Richard A. Booth, vice-chairman of the CAC, told the group his subcommittee studying whether the SHA or a separate authority should handle urban renewal will not have a report for a while.

Group Meets

Booth said the subcommittee has conducted about a dozen meetings in its desire to arrive at a fair decision, but still has more research to do.

Mayor O'Connor said he will abide by the decision of the subcommittee although he reiterated his personal opinion the housing authority would not be able to devote sufficient time to both urban renewal and its other duties.

TIRE FIRM HEAD LEAVES \$154,683

Joseph Solomon Estate Inventory Filed

An executors' inventory filed yesterday in Probate Court places a value of \$154,683.83 on the estate of Joseph Solomon of 54 Texel Dr., late president and treasurer of Victoria Tire Co., Inc.

Chief assets in the estate are interests in the tire company and its real estate agency. The inventory lists 55 shares of no par value common stock in Victoria Tire Co. Inc., with a value of \$88,000; 60 shares of no par value common stock in Vic Realty Co., valued at \$30,000; and 50 shares of Ess-Bee Co., Inc., no par value, common, \$35,000.

Executors are Herman Finn, Anna S. Solomon and Marshall Solomon. The estate was appraised by Nathan Weiner and Cahill A. Tolman of Springfield and David Black of Longmeadow.

Drop in Jobless Claims Noted at Security Office

Total unemployment claims dropped 438 from the week ending June 6, Eugene Sweeney, manager of the Division of Unemployment Security, reported yesterday. The total on June 6 was 6,067 and the total for the week ending June 13 was 5,629.

Initial claims for unemployment payments for last week were 476, a rise of 28 over the previous week, Sweeney said.

Continued claims dropped 466 last week. For the week ending June 6 continued claims were 5,519 and last week they totaled 5,153.

Delay Reinstating Federal Program

A proposed federal surplus food program, scheduled to be reinstated here following an agreement by Municipal Hospital Board of Trustees to use hospital facilities for storage and distribution, has not been mapped out with Welfare Agent Thomas McElhone and Mayor O'Connor, it was learned yesterday.

McElhone said he and the mayor have not yet met to discuss plans for reinstating and organizing the surplus plan. Last week O'Connor announced Golden Age Club volunteers would administer the program under Welfare Department supervision.

Plan Dance Party

Longmeadow June 16 - The Longmeadow Square Dance Club is planning a dance party the 23d, at 8 on the grounds of Wolf Swamp Rd. School. The caller will be Frank Heintz and arrangements are in the charge of Roger Heroux, club president.

If rainy, the party will be held the following night.

BROWN CLUB SPEAKER

Stan Ward, former teacher-coach of basketball at Brown University, will be one of the speakers at the spring meeting of the Connecticut Valley Brown Club Friday night at Trase's Restaurant. Also on the program will be Douglas Snow, former Springfield resident and graduate of Classical High School, now manager of the Brown Book Store, and Dr. Barry Marks, assistant professor of English.

Walker Visits City Belting John Barleycorn for Long Count Greatest Battle for Former Champ

Champ Comes Out Smiling

A living legend of the Golden Era of American sports former boxing champion Mickey Walker, is in town on a job that proves he beat his toughest opponent—himself.

Wins Title

Sportswriters tabbed him "The Boy Bulldog" when he won the welterweight championship in 1922 and the middleweight title in 1926.

But the little slugger was hitting the bottle as much as he was belting other fighters, he said yesterday in his room at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball.

After he retired in 1935, Mickey and his manager formed a partnership to operate a New York cafe.

"Then one day I sobered up and I walked out of the place and I've never been back," he said.

Stays On Wagon

He hasn't had a drink in 19 years, he said, but he's credited with doing a 100 proof job as a "goodwill ambassador" for National Distillers.

"I've probably reformed more guys than I've sold on liquor," he said.

Mickey was a fighter's fighter in the rough and tumble first half of the century. He brought to the ring the street fighting know-how he picked up in the rough Karry-head section of Elizabeth, N.Y., where he was born, backed by the knock-you-out tradition of the Holyoke Flats, where his father was born.

Mickey, at the age of 57, weighs a trim 175 pounds, only 17 pounds above his best fighting weight.

Defeats Britton

He won the welterweight championship from Jack Britton and lost it in 1926 to Pete Latzo. That same year he moved up to the middleweight division and took the title there from Tiger Flowers.

In 1925 I defeated Mike McTeague, the light heavyweight champion, but I never pressed for recognition for that championship because that was a pretty dead title then," Mickey said. "If it didn't become a popular title until a few years later, about the time of Jack Delaney."

He retired in 1935 as middleweight champ and fought Jack Sharkey, later heavyweight title holder, to a draw.

Still Arguing

They're still arguing about that decision in many of the bars included in Mickey's seven-state



Mickey Walker, former champion fighter, recalled the good times and the bad times, in the ring and out of the ring, in Springfield yesterday. Here on business, he'll stay until Friday.

territory. A vocal group of veteran fight fans still insists Mickey out-fought Sharkey, all the way.

In 1932 he fought Max Schmeling, then the former heavyweight champion in a bout that Mickey's manager stopped.

The scrappy little guy, the third-greatest money maker in American ring history, was on the way down.

Down and almost out, on a legendary night in San Diego, when someone whispered that his oldest son was at ringside watching him.

Fights for Son

It was a fighting heart that pulled him back for a few minutes to championship form, according to the legend. That few minutes was enough to flatten his unremembered opponent and put on a good show for his boy. It had to be heart, because he was out of shape and very tired.

"Yes, it really happened," Mickey said. "I hadn't seen my son for a long time... my wife and I were divorced and I didn't get to see the kids very often..."

After the fight, the great Mickey Walker and the proud Mickey Walker, Jr. got together for a long talk.

Paints as Hobby

Junior is the oldest of three sons. Walker also has a daughter. The former champ has five grandchildren.

About three years ago, Mickey remarried. By then he had scored a TKO over liquor and was well on the way to his much-publicized hobby, painting.

He has had an exhibit at the Mellon Institute in Washington, D. C., and his work hangs in several galleries here and in Europe.

COOK HONORED ON RETIREMENT

School Research Director Guest at Dinner

S. Everett Cook, retiring director of research in the School Department, was honored last night at the annual dinner of the administrative and supervisory staff at Oaks Inn. On behalf of the staff, he was presented a check for \$50 by Dr. T. Joseph McCook, superintendent.

Serves 46 Years

Cook, research director since 1945, has been in the Springfield public school system for 46 years. He formerly taught at Technical High School and was principal of Myrtle Street Junior High and Forest Park Junior High. His retirement is effective Aug. 31. Cook said he plans to go south with his wife next winter.

About 70 persons attended the event at which Belding Jackson, assistant principal at Technical High School, was master of ceremonies. Seated at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Dr. and Mrs. McCook, Deputy Supt. M. Marcus Kiley and Mrs. Kiley; Asst. Supt. Joseph E. Buckley and Mrs. Buckley; and Miss Alice B. Beal, assistant superintendent.

Dr. Mary E. Lyons, supervisory of home economics was chairman and other committee members were Alice Geary, U. Cleal Cowing, Donald Gifford, Olive K. Horigan, Helen LaRose, Paul R. Marsh, Philip A. Sweeney, Claire L. Scannell, and Buckley.

Grey Men's Unit Elects



Adolph Jakobek, left, was elected chairman of the Grey Men's unit of Springfield Red Cross Chapter last night at the chapter house. He succeeds Charles Powell, right, William Conroy, center, is vice-chairman.

The 12-year-old unit, the second Grey Men's group in the United States, is composed mostly of World War II veterans. Members serve an average of 75 hours per month at the Northampton Veterans Administration Hospital in a year-round rehabilitation program providing patients recreation in the wards and out-of-doors.

Also elected were: secretary, Louis Behan; entertainment captain, Mario Geck; assistant entertainment captain, Melvin Ranson; and off-post captain, Albert Snyder.

Notes On the Night Watch

Widespread Hunt Follows Sixth Purse Snatch Report

The sixth reported pocketbook snatch this spring occurred at 9:45 last night at Carew and Mooreland Sts. minutes after Police Commissioner Chairman Tom Fitzgerald served notice of full fledged war on hoodlumism.

Seek Youths

Police sought two youths but no arrests had been made at a late hour.

The victim, identified as Mrs. Anna Sullivan, 53, of 93 Governor St., told police she was standing with another woman when her pocketbook was ripped from her hand. She said the youths approached quietly, grabbed her bag and fled north on Mooreland St., ducking between houses and across back yards.

Mrs. Sullivan said the bag contained \$5 in cash, her eyeglasses and important papers. All uninformed police were alerted while Lt. Det. William Martin and Dets. John J. Brown and James O'Brien investigated.

Members of the Police Commission had just completed a meeting at Police Headquarters, and were still present with Police Chief Raymond T. Gallagher when the report was received. Minutes earlier Fitzgerald reported that hoodlums would be arrested, vigorously interrogated and prosecuted.

NO THREAT SEEN

Police and firemen were flooded with telephone calls from alarmed citizens in the Boston Rd. area shortly after 1 p. m. yesterday as high winds fanned a brush fire and blew smoke over a wide area. Fire Department officials later reported that the fire was never a "threat to buildings." As a precautionary measure extra equipment was sent to the scene.

REPORTS VANDALISM

The management of Bodoloy Stephen Inc., 77 Warehouse St., complained that windows are being smashed by vandals during week ends.

CAR WINDOWS SMASHED

Fred Fuda, of 11 Eagle St., reported that a rear-window of his car was smashed while the vehicle was parked in front of his home.

CAR THEFTS PROBES

Four juveniles, 14 and 15 years old, were arrested by Holyoke police last night and turned over to Springfield detectives for a series of car thefts here. The teen-agers were booked and released to the custody of their parents after interrogation.

Police said the quartet was responsible for stealing at least five or six cars in Springfield recently. Authorities plan to quiz them further and turn the cases over to juvenile authorities. The four were booked here by Lt. Det. William Martin and Dets. James O'Brien and John J. Brown.

PANTS, CASH TAKEN

Kenneth Litzberg of Des Moines, Ia., told police here yesterday his sixth floor room at the Sheraton-Kimball Hotel was entered Sunday night and his trousers and his wife's pocketbook were stolen.

Police said the pocketbook and trousers were found later on Chestnut St. near the hotel entrance, but \$150 in cash and personal papers were missing.

ROCK HURLERS NABBED

Two 16-year-old youths, who were allegedly "vicious" and maliciously smashing windows in a Birnie Ave. business establishment early last night, were arrested and booked by cruiser patrolmen.

The pair was arrested at the rear of the McKesson & Robbins Inc. at 88 Birnie Ave. Police said they were standing on a railroad siding hurling rocks that they reportedly broke five windows.

They were arrested by Patrolmen Alexander Lagodich and Carmen Caliano and released to the custody of their parents. Police said the youths will be dealt with by District Court probation officials.

SUIT IS STOLEN

Henry Silberstein of 58 Forest Park Ave. told police last night a dark grey suit was stolen from his car parked in front of 24 Mattoon St. about 6 p. m.

STRUCK BY CAR

Rachael Blackford, 52, of 63 Littleton St. suffered multiple abrasions of her legs, neck and body on Main St. south of State

The Political Scene

Collins Confirms Report Nomination Papers Out

Ward 7 School Committeeman Edward W. Collins (D) confirmed last night that nomination papers had been taken out on his behalf for a bid for the nomination for 8th District governor's counselor.

Collins added he had not decided whether he would seek the nomination but, said he would have an announcement within a week. He was defeated in the 1956 primary by the present incumbent, Governor's Counselor Raymond F. Sullivan.

Papers recently were taken out by another Raymond F. Sullivan, a veteran employee of the Department of Streets and Engineering, who lives at 748 State St. The incumbent Sullivan, who also is Ward 7 alderman, took out his papers for renomination the first day the forms were available.

The papers for Collins were taken out in Boston.

Damages Asked By Montgomery Farm Family

Testimony was completed yesterday in Superior Court in Montgomery family's petition for land damages against Hampden County and the town of Montgomery for the taking of a portion of their 100-acre farm for the relocation of Main St.

Counsel will present arguments this morning and Judge Donald M. Macaluley will send the jury to deliberate with his instructions.

Petitioners are John T. Stanley J., Paul A. and Sophie Danek and Mary Szarek. A section of about 56,000 square feet was taken by eminent domain in June, 1956, for straightening a curve in the highway between their home and cattle barn.

The petitioners are represented by James F. Egan while Abraham R. Goldman is counsel for the respondents.

Final witness for the latter was Fred D. McQuat, selectman and assessor and a farmer in Montgomery for 31 years. As an assessor, McQuat testified the Danek farm had a fair market value of \$11,000 before the taking and about \$10,000 afterward.

McQuat said the Danek's procedure in storing hay in the barn was not hampered by the highway construction. He said no damage was done the Danek's house or barn by the taking and road construction.

Princeton Graduates

Western Massachusetts men who graduated from Princeton University yesterday are Maury McKeon of Amherst, William B. Marsh of Longmeadow, William C. Duncan of Northampton and Stephen W. Schupack of 203 Fort Pleasant Ave.

Lioness Club Has Installation of Officers



Officers of Springfield Lioness Club were installed last night in Trase's Restaurant. They are: left to right, Mrs. Richard A. Frederite, vice-president; Mrs. Alfred C. Goulet, president; Mrs. Kenneth S. Raffol, secretary, and Mrs. Eugene R. Charest, treasurer.

SCHOOL PLANS REUSE SAVINGS IS QUESTIONED

Gilman Doubts Proposal For Kiley Building Aids Economy

Architect Donald S. Gilman said yesterday he "would question whether there would be any savings architecturally" by using the John J. Duggan Junior High School plans for the proposed new M. Marcus Kiley Junior High School.

Committee Votes

Gilman, chosen as the architect for the new school last week, declined, however, to say outright he would not use these plans. He said he feels it is a "little premature" to take such a position.

The possibility of using the Duggan plans reportedly was recommended several months ago by Mayor O'Connor. Last week, the School Committee voted to recommend that the City Property Committee look into this possibility. School Committeeman Edward W. Collins, who entered the motion leading to the vote, said he had intended that if the property board looked favorably on the idea, it would retain Morris W. Maloney, the Duggan architect, to do the job.

At least two members of the property board have indicated they do not want Maloney on this job and it is believed at least one reason is that Maloney is involved in the City Property Committee's pending investigation of the Duggan site controversy.

There have been suggestions perhaps Gilman would be willing to use Maloney's plans. However, Maloney pointed out that such a move would "be very unusual" and said there might be some question as to whether it even would be ethical.

Gilman said even if he had designed the Duggan school and he also given the Kiley school, he "would question very much whether I would use my own Duggan plans for the Kiley school because of the difference in sites."

He is meeting tomorrow with school officials to discuss the Kiley school.

Members of the property board will meet tomorrow morning with Mayor O'Connor and Andrew P. Gotsis, property board hearing Council, to discuss their coming Duggan site hearings. Gotsis replaced William G. White, who quit after a committee majority voted to allow cross-examination of witnesses against White's recommendation.

Puerto Ricans Fail to Respond To X-Ray Offer

By direct mail and by door-to-door visits, the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association invited the city's Puerto Ricans to take advantage of its free chest X-ray program.

But the turnout last week at two six-hour clinics at Memorial Square Branch Library was disappointing, according to Miss Rita Nolin, health educator of the tuberculosis association.

Thousands of announcements of the clinic hours, written in Spanish, were mailed to the Puerto Ricans, Miss Nolin said yesterday, and two Puerto Ricans knocked on doors in the North End to spread the news verbally. This was followed by a health education meeting, featuring motion pictures—cartoons for the children—and a talk in Spanish.

"Why didn't they respond in larger numbers?"

Maybe it was because some Puerto Ricans have not come to realize the value of early detection of tuberculosis and other diseases, officials of the tuberculosis association said.

Thousands of persons have attended the three other public chest X-ray clinics sponsored by the association so far this year, Miss Nolin said.

The last small turnout was on Thursday and Friday at South End Community Center from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m. for the first two days and from 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. on the last day. The clinic is open to all persons 18 years of age or over.

Record of Fires

- Monday
- 10:23 a. m., telephone, 58 Rockland St., washing machine.
- 10:55 a. m., telephone, 1235 Carew St., television set.
- 11:25 a. m., telephone, 44 South Shore Dr., brush.
- 12:35 p. m., telephone, St. James Ave., grass.
- 12:37 p. m., Box 5945, St. James Ave., grass.
- 12:39 p. m., telephone, 1532 Bay St., brush.
- 12:48 p. m., telephone, rear of 516 1/2 Main St., Indian Orchard, dump.
- 1:04 p. m., telephone, 1157 Boston Rd., brush and woods.
- 1:16 p. m., telephone, St. James Ave., dump.
- 1:18 p. m., telephone, 1159 Boston Rd., brush and woods.
- 1:21 p. m., telephone, 1159 Boston Rd., brush and woods.
- 1:32 p. m., telephone, rear of Balliet School, brush.
- 1:37 p. m., telephone, Dwight and Sharon Sts., rubbish in truck.
- 3:09 p. m., telephone, 106 Carew St., automobile.
- 3:11 p. m., telephone, 1054 Dwight St., automobile.
- 3:18 p. m., telephone, Springfield Airport, Liberty St., brush.
- 3:34 p. m., telephone, Forest Park, brush.
- 3:58 p. m., Box 9313, Boston Rd. and Danvers St., false alarm.
- 4:18 p. m., telephone, 185 Orange St., oil burner.
- 5:24 p. m., A.D.T. alarm, 1537 Main St., sprinkler.
- 5:30 p. m., telephone, 60 Hancock St., needless.
- 5:44 p. m., telephone, Liberty St., brush.
- 10:11 p. m., Box 71, Chestnut and Springfield Sts., false alarm.