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For new Washington school Bond sale is termed 'excellent'

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Carleton D. Beh Co., Des Moines, was the successful bidder Monday on the \$1.5 million bond issue sold by Muscatine Community school district to finance construction of a new Washington elementary school.

Moody's Investor Services. Bidding was fairly close with the winning bid representing a saving of nearly \$60,000 in interest over the last-place bid. Beh bid a net interest rate of 3.9821 or a total interest of \$498,374.50 to be paid on the bond issue through 1982. Beh's bid was the only one of the nine under 4 per cent net interest.

Trust, Chicago, had the second place bid of 4.09074. This would have resulted in total interest payments of \$504,448 by the school district, or \$6,064 more than Beh's winning bid. First National Bank of Chicago and First National Bank of Muscatine entered a bid of 4.11101 for a total of \$514,493.50.

Northern Trust Co, Chicago, and Central State Bank, Muscatine — 4.17665; \$522,708.50. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago — 4.18370; \$523,596. LaSalle National Bank, Chicago — 4.19807; \$525,463.75. Van Kampen, Waterlark & Brown, Inc., Chicago — 4.34250; \$543,476.25. Halsey Stuart & Co., Chicago — 4.4531; \$577,307.75.

Dr. Russell N. Ward, superintendent, termed the bond sale as an "excellent one in terms of the market's deterioration in the past several weeks." The school district will receive the \$1.5 million in about 40 days, and it will be immediately invested to earn interest until funds are needed to begin paying contractors on the new Washington school.

Taxpayers of the district will begin seeing the affects of the bond issue on their 1971 tax assessments payable in 1972. The amount of the millage will depend on the district's evaluation. It is expected the mill levy will be around 2.3 or less, although the first year could be slightly higher because there will be approximately (Please turn to page 2)



(AP Photofax)

Playing in the rain
Larry Morrell gives his neighbor, Fred Paris, a ride on the handlebars of his bike through a rain-filled street on Key Biscayne on Monday after a heavy shower. The downpour came after federal weather scientists seeded a cloud in the area with silver iodide crystals.

Some drought areas remain despite work of rainmakers

MIAMI (AP) — Despite a dangerous four-hour flight that left two airplanes battered and grounded, federal weather scientists Monday squeezed as much as three inches of rain onto drought-stricken South Florida during cloud-seeding missions. But most of the rain fell on the heavily populated Gold Coast cities of Miami and Fort Lauderdale and didn't ease a drought farmers claim is having a disastrous effect on agriculture. They said much more rain is needed.

Rabedeaux votes for Senate bill on mobile homes

State Sen. William Rabedeaux of Wilton was among 23 Republicans voting Monday for a bill to permit longer and wider mobile homes to be transported on Iowa highways. The bill passed 27-22 on a roll call vote. Four Democrats joined 23 Republicans voting for the bill and 12 Republicans and nine Democrats opposed it.

The bill, which has gone back to the House for concurrence with amendments, would increase the maximum length of such homes from 80 feet to 80 feet, five inches and the maximum width from 12 feet, five inches to 14 feet, five inches. Proponents of the bill said it will boost Iowa's mobile home industry.

From October 1970 until Monday, 5.05 inches of rainfall had been recorded in South Florida compared to a normal 19.76 inches.

Enemy attacks called 'cheap offensive'

SAIGON (AP) — Enemy forces shelled half a dozen major allied bases in South Vietnam today in a fourth day of intensified attacks. A rocket at Da Nang Air Base triggered a massive fuel fire that raged out of control and forced evacuation of hundreds of Americans.

U.S. military analysts termed the shelling attacks a "cheap offensive." "They take practically no casualties," said one. "They set up rockets on two bamboo sticks and light a time fuse. By the time the rockets fall on U.S. positions, the enemy has been home in bed five hours."

At Da Nang, South Vietnam's second largest city, one of four rockets that hit the air base scored a direct hit on a storage tank containing about 35,000 gallons of jet fuel. The fire spread to another tank containing an equal amount of aviation gasoline.

Other targets included airfields at Pleiku in the central highlands and at Soc Trang and Binh Thuy in the Mekong Delta, and the headquarters of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division at Camp Eagle near Hue.

Bowling lanes missing \$1,000 from a break-in

Thieves netted over \$1,000 in cash and merchandise from a break-in Sunday night at the Idle Hour Lanes, 207 5th St., Durant.

Archie Stover, manager, stated items taken included: one RCA color 14 inch, cabinet model television, a "Mini" TV with two-inch screen, a large portable AM-FM RCA radio and approximately 11 gallons of whiskey in fifths and half gallons.

Stover said about \$500 in cash was believed missing from a variety of machines including the pool tables, pinball machines, juke box, cash register, etc. Also taken were a few pizzas and sandwiches.

The thieves reportedly gained entrance to the bowling alley by removing a door from the wall in the back of the building.

No apparent vandalism was done to anything in the building, said Stover.

Richard Barden, Cedar county sheriff, and his office are investigating the break-in.

River Stages

- LaCrosse 9.4, fall .5
- Lansing 11.8, fall .4
- Dam No. 9 21.7, fall .6
- McGregor 14.2, fall .7
- Guttenberg 13.2, fall .6
- Dubuque 16.6, fall .7
- Davenport 15.1, fall .3
- Muscatine 16.6, fall .10
- Keokuk 14.0, rise .2

Order innocent verdict on 1 Kotouc charge

FT. MCPHERSON, Ga. (AP) — A military judge directed a verdict of innocent today on a charge that Capt. Eugene M. Kotouc assaulted a suspected Viet Cong prisoner by cutting him on the neck at My Lai in 1968.

But Col. Madison Wright let stand a charge that the 37-year-old Kotouc, of Humboldt, Neb., maimed the same prisoner by cutting off part of a finger during an interrogation.

Wright directed the jury to limit its deliberations to the maiming charge.

The judge took the action after lawyers for Kotouc moved on the second day of his court-martial for Wright to throw out both charges.

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(Journal photo by Lois Wegmont)

Braille Dictionary for Kim

The Wapello Lions Club Monday night presented a 36 volume braille dictionary to 13-year-old Kim McGill, seventh grade student at the Wapello Junior High School. Kim previously attended the Iowa School for the Blind at Vinton.

Mrs. Lola Parsons, school nurse at Wapello, was instrumental in securing the Lions Club help for Kim. Pictured as Kim reads from the dictionary are (from left) John D. Orr, district 9B governor of Davenport; Arlo James, Wapello Lions club president; and Kim and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McGill of Wapello.



Next one to Mars? That'll be the 1978!

Study reveals many overweight youngsters here

Approximately 10 per cent of the school children in the Muscatine school district are overweight to the point of being medically described as "obese."

Dr. Lauer's letter said approximately 3,700 school children in grades 3 to 12 have been examined to date.

Results of the examinations are now being tabulated by the computer service at the university "so that we may identify those children who show signs of high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity."

Dr. Lauer said "There are a surprising number of obese children in the school district, completed we plan to re-evaluate approximately 400 children who show unusual blood cholesterol in order to be certain of the data. We will be sending letters on these subjects to the families in the next several weeks."

Dr. Lauer added that there has been "a remarkable interest" in this Muscatine Study by many people around the country who are interested in the problem of early prevention of coronary heart disease.

That information is contained in a letter to the Muscatine school administration from Dr. Ronald M. Lauer, director of pediatric cardiology at the University of Iowa, who has been in charge of the study of "coronary risk factors" among school children here.

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