

Land Buy Voted By School Board



JAMES E. CLARK
Twenty-three years of service

Clark to Retire After 23 Years In City Schools

The retirement of James E. Clark, principal at West Junior High School, was announced last night at the Board of Education meeting by Dr. Robert Shaw, superintendent of schools. He said Clark has agreed to serve as an educational consultant for half of the 1966-67 school year.

In his new position Clark will have supervisory responsibility in the junior high school operations, continuing under teacher classification as to salary.

Clark said today that he had planned to retire two years earlier than was mandatory and had other plans he had long wanted to carry out. Under board regulations he said he could have continued as a supervisor for at least another year but decided to stay only for the one semester.

Kent Kurtz, assistant principal at West, will replace Clark. Sam Wiggins, teacher and coach



KENT KURTZ
New WJHS Principal



SAM WIGGINS
Assistant Principal

at the school, will become assistant principal. The board voted to draw up a framed resolution in recognition of Clark's 23 years of service in the Columbia public schools.

From 1937 to 1941, Clark taught at Jefferson Junior High School. He was principal there from 1949 to 1962, when he became West's principal. He also has taught in Montgomery City High School and Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Okla. He was superintendent of schools in Moorecraft, Wyo., for seven years.

Clark received his B.S. and A.M. from the University, and also attended Wesleyan College, Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Denver University and Harvard University.

Clark is a member of the Lions Club, the National Education Assn. and the Missouri State Teachers Assn. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Kurtz, a Hickman High School graduate, received his B.S. and M.Ed. from the University. He has been in the Columbia public school system for 10 years.

Wiggins received his B.S. from Central Missouri State College and his M.Ed. from the University. He had been principal of Doniphan Junior High School before joining the West staff in 1965.

Showers Maybe

Considerable cloudiness and warmer tonight and tomorrow with a possibility of scattered showers late tonight and continued tomorrow. Low tonight in mid 40s; high tomorrow 70.

3 Tracts Cost Total Of \$33,425

Thirty new teachers employed.
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By **BILL TAMMEUS**
The Board of Education last night voted to purchase three pieces of property, one on Route PP near Highway 63 and two near Jefferson Junior High School.

The nearly 10.7 acres on the north side of Route PP is about half a mile east of Highway 63 and will be used for the site of the bus repair, storage and maintenance garage. The property, owned by J. R. Clark, will cost \$2,000.

The Feb. 23 bond issue of \$2.53 million had provided \$30,000 for site and construction of the garage. Architectural drawings for the garage will be made by Marshall & Brown, Kansas City architects.

About 90,000 square feet of land was bought from the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority at the northwest corner of Fifth and Rogers streets. The board moved to buy eight lots here for \$17,925.

BOTH THIS area and property purchased from the Merrill Slater estate at 505 Rogers St. for \$13,500 will be used by Jefferson Junior High students for recreational playgrounds.

The Slater property is one lot west of the west side of the present junior high playground.

The board also adopted salary schedules for non-certificated school employees. One schedule for secretarial, stenographic and clerical workers, divides employees into four categories, based on skill and performance ratings.

Salaries in the lowest class range, according to experience, from \$54 a week to \$58.80; in the next class from \$56 to \$64; in the third from \$62 to \$81.20, and in the top class, from \$70 to \$92.40. Each salary is based on a 40-hour week.

THERE HAD been no previous pay schedule for non-certificated personnel to use as a comparison, but Russell Thompson, director of secondary education and chairman of the committee to draw up the schedule, said most of the employees, but not all, will get a modest pay increase.

For building and grounds personnel, there also are four classifications. Matrons (light work, mostly by women) begin at \$225 a month and range to \$270 with eight years experience. Custodians, groundskeepers and bus drivers range from a \$300 base to \$380 with nine years experience. General maintenance workers begin at \$310 and go to \$390 with nine years experience, and mechanical maintenance workers begin at \$330 and go to \$335 with 11 years experience.

The board also moved to allow the superintendent and business manager to procure con-

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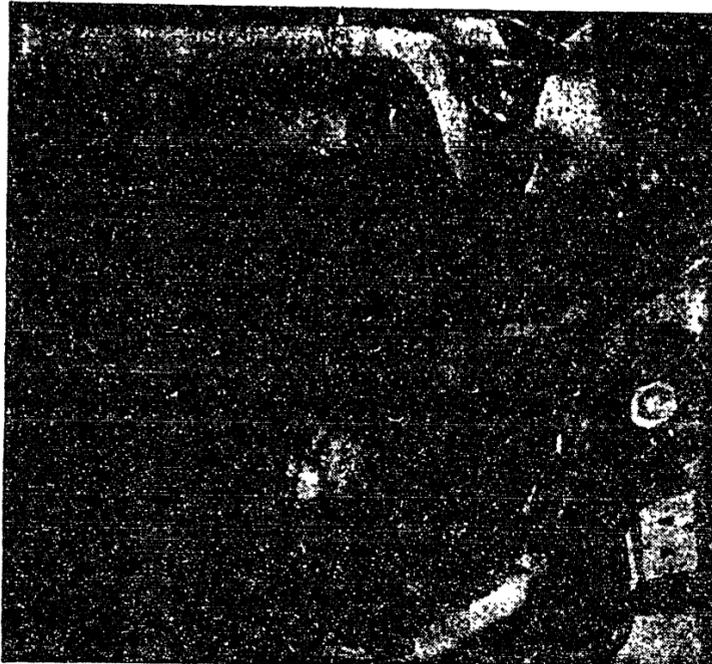
Sen. Dirksen Breaks Hip In Hospital

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill., fractured his right hip early today at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, aides reported.

Dirksen, Senate Republican leader, entered the hospital Monday night for a checkup. About 3:30 a.m., he arose from his bed and fell, fracturing the hip. Dirksen, 70, underwent a 90-minute operation later to reduce the fracture.

Hospital aides said Dirksen probably will remain at the hospital two or three weeks and be on crutches several weeks thereafter.

Tragic Gun Battle in Saigon Caused by Terrorist's Bomb



An American security policeman stands next to bullet-riddled truck in which a number of Vietnamese were killed or wounded when caught in cross-fire of American and Vietnamese guards. (Unifax)

Troops Open Fire Hitting Civilians And Each Other

SAIGON (UPI)—U. S. and Vietnamese guards, panicked by a Viet Cong terrorist bomb, fought a tragic 40-minute rifle and machine gun battle in the heart of Saigon during the morning rush hour today with civilians caught in the crossfire.

A U. S. military spokesman said five Vietnamese—three of them women and one a child—were killed and 29 other persons, including 8 Americans, were wounded.

He said the blast panicked guards at nearby American officers billets, confirming reports of witnesses that they rushed into the street from three directions firing at each other.

A high Vietnamese police official said the only Viet Cong around was the one who pushed a bicycle with a homemade bomb and a timing device into a nearby street intersection "and he was probably home in bed and asleep when it went off."

The bomb, described as a pellet-firing Claymore mine, exploded in front of the Suzie Wong tailor shop which caters to American servicemen. It is just a short distance from the Ambassador and Brinks hotels for high-ranking U.S. officers.

Both U.S. and Vietnamese guards charged into the street and began firing at each other, catching pedestrians in a two-block area in a withering cross-fire.

Bullets from an American military police jeep riddled a truck carrying Vietnamese men and women, turning it into a mass of tangled, groaning civilians bathed in their own blood. Another machine gun sprayed a U.S. Navy passenger bus injuring at least two civilians.

U.S. Army medics dodged in and out of the fire treating the wounded and dragging others to safety.

Diplomats at the U.S. Mission expressed their sympathy to the "innocent victims" of the "tragic event" and offered to render all assistance possible. "Our heart goes out to the

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Boomerang May Turn On Critics

By **JACK BELL**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some influential politicians say they are beginning to read grass roots signs that sharpening attacks on President Johnson's Viet Nam politics may rebound on his critics.

There is a growing feeling that continued attacks are likely to arouse sympathetic support for the President from citizens who are not so interested in how the United States got tangled up in Viet Nam as how it can extricate itself honorably.

The men around Johnson disagree vigorously with Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., that if the issue of the "illegality of U.S. conduct" in South Viet Nam were put to the voters the administration's position would be repudiated.

Morse Monday demanded public hearings on the legality of the U.S. presence in Viet Nam. He said only next fall's elections can prevent escalation of the war.

Johnson, a devotee of polls, is convinced he has majority support for continuing the war on a restricted basis. He has taken pains to make it clear he discounts it as an issue likely to topple Democrats—particularly those who support him—in the November voting on Senate and House races.

Republicans in Congress think it will be a major issue. But they are divided on how to handle it.

LBJ Returns To Washington

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson returned to Washington today for more strategy conferences and decisions on the Viet Nam war.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge was waiting to give the President his views on both the political unrest in South Viet Nam and how he thinks the military effort is going.

Johnson arranged meetings with other top advisers on the war situation.

Over Federal Enforcement State Car Safety Control Favored by Gov. Romney

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michigan Gov. George Romney said today that administration auto safety proposals would "wipe out meaningful and creative state contributions toward improved vehicle safety" and substitute "absolute federal decision-making and control."

He said federal safety standards should be enforced by states rather than the federal government. Romney, who was president of American Motors Co. before entering politics four years ago, said he has "been a critic of the industry for its over emphasis on style, power and speed rather than on safety."

But he said the states, industry and voluntary groups have been working on safety for years, while "the federal government has been the most remiss in meeting its responsibilities."

"The long-range solution to our complex and urgent traffic safety problems does require greater federal effort—but it requires far more than that," Romney told the House Commerce Committee. "It requires us to enlist the total resources of this nation—private and governmental."

In testimony prepared for the same committee Wednesday and released in advance, Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, came out for federal safety standards.

He said the auto manufacturers "have amply demonstrated there is nothing voluntary about their discharge of public responsibility."

Reuther based that conclusion in part on this section of a statement written for the hearing: "Time and again unsafe cars were delivered to unsuspecting customers. And when car defects were discovered, the car owners were not notified—only the dealers who were cautioned

not to disclose faulty design or construction but to repair it under guise of 'product improvement' whenever the customer could be located."

In emphasizing the need for a strong state role Romney echoed testimony by the automobile industry which supported mandatory federal safety standards but urged a major part for the states and industry in developing them.

Reuther said any legislation should include "sufficient latitude for creative and imaginative product design."

Stocks Snap Back, Then Ease Off a Bit

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market rebounded strongly in heavy trading early today, and then eased some of the gain.

At 1 p.m., the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was up 6.51 to 893.31. Earlier, it had been up 12.03.

In the first three hours, 6,030,000 shares were traded, 250,000 more than at the same time Monday.

The Dow Jones average plunged 16.03 points Monday, the biggest drop since the day in 1963 President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

The advance was broad-based with blue chips gaining \$1 to \$2 a share and gains by high-flying issues running up to \$5.

Some brokers described the rally as a technical snapback from the sharp losses of Monday and last week.

These setbacks were blamed in part on announcements of automobile production cutbacks by General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co.

General Motors rose \$1.25 to \$35.25. Ford was unchanged at \$47.25.

007 Predicts End Of Secret Agent Era

VIENNA (AP)—Sean Connery, the actor who plays secret agent 007, predicted today the end of the James Bond era is in sight.

"Tender romantic films are the thing people want," he said in an interview. "If a fellow produces a good, clean love story, he will make a fortune with it."

Connery said he planned to give up the James Bond role that made him famous.

Happy Birthday Tomorrow

Charles Kent, Mrs. John M. Nowell, Wayne R. Eckoff, Mrs. William A. Stidham, Mrs. James E. Wright, Lloyd Yeast Jr.

\$105,615 Pledged for Park Fund

Rock Bridge Memorial Park Inc. has passed the \$100,000 mark and all fund chairmen and members of the organization joined forces yesterday at the Tiger Hotel to plan the fund drive writup by May 31.

The \$175,000 goal is needed to make the proposed 1,338-acre park three miles south of Columbia a reality.

"The park fund has \$105,615 in pledges and contributions," A. D. Sappington, a member of the drive, told the 16 chairmen.

"We need money and we need it soon. We have options staring us in the face," Sappington said.

THE PARK BOARD now has options on seven tracts of land which total 1,140 acres. Three options have been exercised by making down payments on the land and additional payments are due in June and July.

These tracts include Dysart, Hall, Saunders, Ackmen, Baker and Ingraham and Gilbert property, on which the Rock Bridge and Devil's Icebox are located. Title to 774 acres already has been turned over to the park board.

The proposed park land will cost \$343,280. The State Park Board committed itself in Jan-

uary to take over Rock Bridge Park, meeting local participation halfway. Therefore, local contributions must be \$171,840. Additional funds being collected are used on options, which do not apply to the cost of the land, and operating expenses of the corporation.

The board already has paid \$84,012 on options. It has \$331.85 of this on operating expenses and publicity.

"THIS HAS TO BE the most economical campaign ever run," Sappington said.

"We have a big job ahead of us. Let's finish this up this

month. We can't afford to lose a multi-million-dollar park."

Last Monday, the City Council spurred the drive by unanimously adopting a resolution endorsing the proposed park and urging Columbians to contribute.

Gene Baumann, chairman of public information, pointed out that Columbia has only 147 acres of park and recreation space.

"Moberly has about 400 acres; Jefferson City about 450; Marshall about 200 and Mexico has about 200."

He said that Columbia eventually would have to have more recreation area and that by supporting the Rock Bridge Me-

morial Park now local citizens could be spared a larger expense later.

"PEOPLE ARE probably hesitant about giving because they think that once the land is bought they will have to raise money to develop the park. This is not so. When we raise our part of the money, the State Park Board will take over."

"Boone County has about 70,000 persons. We should be able to raise the money," Lewis Stoerker, president of the corporation, said.

There will be another meeting of the fund chairman Monday.