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Hearnes Recommends Broad New Program

By LARRY HALL
JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Gov. Warren F. Hearnes recommended a broad program to the new 1967 Legislature today, ranging from toll roads and more state school aid to more liberal welfare laws.

He cautioned the lawmakers that everything could not be done at once and their enactments must be kept within the state's financial abilities. The Governor will present his budget Thursday and it is expected to be of record size, but he recommended no tax increases.

The Governor's program in-

cludes a recommendation that the constitution be changed to allow general obligation bond issues to be adopted by a simple majority instead of a two-thirds vote—something the Legislature has never agreed to in the past. It was the one major objective the Governor failed to achieve in the 1965 session. Most legislators have been talking in terms of a 60 per cent majority but the Governor told them:

"It is not fair, consistent or desirable in a democracy that one person's vote be allowed to nullify two opposing ballots cast by other citizens."

The Governor's 12-page message was set for delivery at 2 p. m. soon after the Legislature convened at noon to get organized.

Most of what Hearnes recommended were things he has been talking about for months. There were few surprises but he hinted he might have more recommendations later.

"The legislation I recommend for your consideration today" he said "is in reality a response to the transition and development in our thinking, our understanding and our knowledge during the last few years."

"Some of these recommendations reflect problems which should be attacked promptly. Others call attention to legislation overdue, and some anticipate needs which will be urgent all too soon."

Much of the message was devoted to improved school and welfare aid, but the Governor's first recommendation was "that legislation be enacted to authorize the establishment of turnpikes and to place the economic burden of construction and maintenance directly upon those who use them and benefit by them."

He said such a toll road system is necessary "because such an expanded system of primary roads cannot be met by current or predicted tax revenues."

Turning to schools, he recommended further increases in state aid "as rapidly as state funds will allow."

Specifically he urged:

- (1) A revision of the foundation program formula to provide higher flat grant payments.
- (2) Basing state aid on current enrollments for the fastest growing schools — those whose enrollment has increased by 400

or more or 10 per cent in the last year.

- (3) State aid for kindergarten pupils—especially in view of the fact that the first kindergarten was established in Missouri.
- (4) Improvement in the state teachers' retirement program.
- (5) Formal ratification of the Interstate Education Compact.
- (6) A "shared time" law that would permit handicapped or educationally deprived children to attend both private or parochial and public schools during the six-hour full attendance day that is now required. A similar

bill stirred up a controversy in the last session and failed to pass.

Then the Governor turned to a proposal that has been popular in past Legislatures but never has passed—a plan to let welfare recipients live in the same home with their relatives. But he imposed a limit.

He suggested the present "total income in the household" provision be changed so that only actual support, maintenance and income available to the welfare recipient be counted.

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Treats in Store for County's G.I.s

Boone County soldiers in Vietnam will get treats from home soon, thanks to Jaycee Wives, who decided to send the local men their own "care" packages. From left, packing the food, are: President, Mrs. Robert Ragsdale, 1700

Paris Rd.; committee chairman, Mrs. Perry Coley, 1506 St. Andrew St.; treasurer, Mrs. Gene Gregory, 1607 Highridge Dr., and secretary, Mrs. Don Frazier, 2802 Highland Dr. (Missourian Photo)

Assembly Organizes Quickly

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — The Missouri House and Senate got their organizations ready quickly today for a long six months of work.

There was no difficulty in either house in electing the officers who will guide the session.

The House chose Rep. James E. Godfrey, D-St. Louis, as speaker although the minority Republicans recognized their

Legislator Stricken

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Boyd Sanders of Forsyth, a newly elected member of the Missouri House, suffered a heart attack just before the 1967 Legislature was to convene at noon today. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

past floor leader by nominating Rep. Ronald M. Belt of Macon. But Belt urged that the election of Godfrey be made unanimously.

Former Speaker Thomas D. Graham, D-Jefferson City, who had threatened to take his defeat in the Democratic caucus to the House floor, did not do so. Instead he voted for Godfrey.

Also elected was Rep. Patrick J. Hickey, D-St. Louis County, as speaker pro tem.

Senate organization proceeded like clockwork with Sen. John W. Joynt, D-St. Louis, re-elected speaker pro tem unanimously.

Sen. William B. Waters, D-Liberty, was elected majority floor leader earlier by the Democratic caucus and Sen. Thomas G. Woolsey, R-Versailles, minority leader by the GOP caucus.

The only absentee was Sen. John E. Downs, D-St. Joseph, who is recovering from automobile accident injuries. Waters announced that Downs expects to be back at his desk by Feb. 1.

Both houses were bedecked with flowers and each member had a red rose on his desk. The senators got white carnations for their lapels. Galleries were

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Council Clears Way For Shopping Center

Squabbles Won't Dismay New Special City Counsel

City councilmen got a chance to erect new special counsel James Coonce last night, and for a while it looked like the lawyer was going to get a fierce zoning squabble tossed in his lap his first week on the job.

After the Council refused a request to have contesting parties submit zoning-law briefs to Coonce, Third Ward Councilman Ed Brown told him: "Well, you see we do have zoning problems."

But the 61-year-old lawyer wasn't too worried. "I don't think there's anything insurmountable," he said.

Brown answered, "That's the most heartening thing I've heard tonight."

The new special counsel who has been practicing in Kansas City, is a native of Boone County.

"It's good to be home," he said, and he looked at the county has changed since he was a boy, he said, and then he ventured to say he'd seen more of the county and its former wildlife than anyone present.

That drew a quick, but good-natured protest from Fire Chief Max Woods.

Turning serious, Coonce said, "Like a good lawyer I can fight and forget. I hope you members in your jobs on the Council can fight and fuss, and then forget it all, too."

"I'm glad to be here."

Tract Rezoned At Conley Lane, West Broadway

By ROBERT FURLOW

The City Council paved the way for a nine-acre shopping center at the northwest corner of West Broadway and Conley Lane last night, and approved final zoning for the city's annexed areas despite protests by lawyers for Commonwealth Theaters Inc.

Various Councils in the past have turned down 29 proposed rezonings of the 9.19-acre tract now owned by Fred, Carl and Raymond Brady. But this time the Council voted 4-1 to change the zoning from R-3 (multiple-family) to C-1 (intermediate business), agreeing with Orville Hobart, Second Ward councilman, who said, "There has been a change in the overall picture of the neighborhood."

Clyde Cunningham, Fourth Ward councilman, said, "There have been some inconsistencies here by the Council and the planning and zoning commission." But he and Hobart said they could not vote against the proposal in light of the other nearby commercial ventures approved in the annexation zoning.

200 Residents Opposed

M. Kent Simmons, 2304 Braemore Rd., presented a petition with the names of about 200 residents of the area opposing the shopping center, and city clerk Glenn Wood read an "official protest" from Broadway Apartments Inc. The official protest meant the rezoning had to be approved by a four-fifths majority, the margin it received. Mayor John H. Longwell cast the dissenting vote.

In a surprise move when second and third readings for the annexation zoning came up, attorneys Frank Conley and Edgar Wayland representing Commonwealth asked the Council to postpone all zoning in the West Broadway area, one of four areas annexed Aug. 2.

Conley asked for time to present a brief to the city's new special counsel, James Coonce, claiming that zoning and rezoning in the city is not being carried out legally. None of the commercial developers in the area or in the rest of the city has shown "need" or "advantage to the city" as reasons for zoning requests, he said.

Court Denials Cited

Conley said Commonwealth's brief would include a number of cases of zonings approved by the Kansas City Council but later overturned in appellate courts. The courts' reasons usually were that need was not shown, "and in the public hearings I've never heard any evidence cited of the city's need for rezoning," Wayland said.

The Commonwealth proposal drew a quick and energetic response from attorneys Carl Sapp, Ray Lewis and Terry Porter, all representing land-owners in the area.

Sapp's client N. N. White vigorously has opposed construction of drive-in theater by Commonwealth across Route TT from his land. Lewis' client J. M. Silvey plans a shopping center at the northwest corner of West Broadway and Fairview Avenue. Porter's client Harold E. Johnson plans another commercial area at the southwest corner of that intersection.

"Gentlemen, you do the zoning, and we will do the litigating; this is merely a delaying tactic," Lewis said.

Councilman Cunningham said, "I don't think we're in order to proceed without legal opinion," but his motion to continue the proposed zoning to the next meeting was defeated 3-2 with Richard Knipp, First Ward councilman, casting the

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Man Escapes Suffocation In Cave-In

Frank Stanton, 54, of 2705 Bayonne Court, escaped with only a dislocated shoulder after the side of a 13-foot ditch caved in on him at 4:30 p.m. yesterday at 806 Cambridge Dr.

Stanton, owner of Stanton Heating & Plumbing Co., was laying sewer pipe in the ditch when the incident occurred.

Stanton was covered by four feet of earth. His fellow workers dug him out using shovels first and then their hands. Finally, one of the rescuers grabbed him by the coat and pulled him to the surface. Stanton was covered for several minutes. The fire department was called and stood by while rescue work progressed.

Stanton was taken to Boone County Hospital where he was found to have a dislocated shoulder.

Jury Foreman Seeks Letters Of Information

Boone County Grand Jury foreman A. A. Ridge said today that persons having information which should be brought to the jury's attention should write a letter to the jury panel.

Ridge said the material should be addressed to the Boone County Grand Jury, Post Office Box 1021, Columbia, Mo.

Ridge also announced that the jury will hold sessions on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. He did not disclose the location of the jury's sessions.

Max Gill Sells Shop

Max Gill Prescription Shop, 7 South Ninth St., has been sold, effective Jan. 1, to Floyd Cunningham, who has worked with Gill for 21 years and has managed to shop for several years.

The shop was opened in 1940 by

Gill. Cunningham said that there will be no change in name or policy. He said Gill will work part-time as pharmacist and will spend his extra time in work with civic functions and on his farm.

New Bus Begins Operation

The first of Columbia's new buses to start operation rolled onto city streets this morning covering the University Stadium route. Public works director Raymond A. Beck said the other nine probably will be running commercially by the end of the week.

The buses, which arrived the last week in December, are being checked out by a GMC representative before they are put into service. Beck said.

Local OEO Struggles to Continue

Gary Westwood, director of the Central Missouri Counties Human Development Assn., will explain an attempt to continue the operation of the organization until Oct. 31 at an area board meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Hiller Foundation, 1107 University Ave.

"We thought we might go until

July, but if we cut more corners and stretch it out carefully, we think the office can operate until Oct. 31." Mrs. Pat Wright, an assistant director, said.

Westwood will explain shifting \$25,000 in funds within the organization so that the group might work as long as possible on existent funds. Federal funds for the anti-poverty program in the region recently were cut by Congress.

The area board, which meets once a month, is composed of three representatives from each of the nine counties in the Central Missouri region. (Each county board sends one person from a low-income group, a civic official and a resident of the community.)

Originally, the association was allowed funds to hire 48 workers; however, only 30 were hired. The money used to pay the 18 work-

ers not hired could have been part of the \$25,000 shifted toward various volunteer programs that would have been abandoned because of the federal cutback.

Westwood also will explain another change in policy. Instead of finding jobs for low-income families, the association is considering a retraining program which will bring the unemployed into the organization as field staff workers and provide training for

About the Same

Fair to partly cloudy to night and tomorrow. No important temperature change. Low tonight in the 20s; high tomorrow 40-45. Precipitation probability tonight and tomorrow, less than 5 per cent.

'Mace' Unarmed Errant Missile Hits Near Cuba

EGLIN AFB, Fla. (UPI) — The Air Force said today one of its unarmed research and development missiles went out of control today and impacted about 100 miles from the coast of Cuba.

Lt. Col. Pete Ballas, Public Information Officer here, said the missile was an "unarmed Mace surface to surface air breathing" type with "no warhead."

He said the missile was fired at 10 a.m. EST from the air proving ground center here. The Air Force said the "research vehicle" presumably impacted at 11:21 a.m. EST, "about 100 miles south of the southwest coast of Cuba."

Even though unarmed with explosives, the dummy missile has a built-in "destruct mecha-

nism" in the event of trouble. But efforts to set off this device from the ground failed.

Flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet, the jet-powered Mace missile was being used as a target drone in a fighter-interceptor test.

The Air Force said the Mace was tracked well beyond the Florida coast. But because of the high altitude at which it was lost, calculations as to the exact impact area were uncertain. It could have had a long glide, or could have been affected by winds.

The Air Force said the missile had been substantially modified to serve as a target vehicle and that it carried no warhead. The "destruct mechanism" would include enough explosive to destroy the craft.



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