

Boost Allowances, Says State Pay Commission

News Round Up

BOUNTI BROOK, N.J. -- America's turn-of-the-century bestselling novelist, Upton Sinclair, died in a nursing home on Sunday at the age of 90. "The Jungle," one of his best-known novels, exposed the filthy conditions in Chicago's meat-packing industry and led to passage of the pure food and drug act.

PONTIAC -- Peter Lazaros, who has been seeking vengeance against the Mafia because of the alleged rape and extortion of his wife by a reputed Mafia gangster, had his gun permit revoked by the Oakland County Board.

He was granted the permit while State Police said they did not have enough men to guard him adequately. There are now enough men to guard Lazaros so that it will not be necessary for him to have a weapon on his person, "Thomas C. Plunkett, Oakland County's chief assistant prosecutor, said.

Lazaros has been in protective custody of State Police at his suburban Troy home since he was released from Jackson Prison last Oct. 10.

LANSING -- Unless the Legislature rejects the State Officers Compensation Commission's ruling, Gov. George Romney will receive a \$25,000 housing and expense allowance and legislators will receive \$3,500 more in pay and \$500 in additional expense money effective Feb. 1 and retroactive to Jan. 1.

Swim Class For Adults At C'ville

Clareville-area residents may participate in the winter adult swimming classes which begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at the high school swimming pool. Interested persons may register at that time at the pool entrance.

William T. Waters, pool director, reports that a fee of \$5 will be charged for 10 lessons. Classes will be offered for beginning and advanced swimmers.

Waters also announced there are openings left for student swimming classes which will begin Dec. 7. Instruction will be offered for boys and girls in the beginning and advanced swimming, competitive swimming, diving and junior lifeguarding. Fee is \$6 except for lifesaving which is \$12. Interested students may contact Waters at 476-2270.

Adults, out of school, may also use the Clareville pool each Wednesday from 8 to 9 p.m. This is a year-around program. Cost is 50 cents per swim.

The Governor's \$40,000-a-year salary was not raised. The Supreme Court Justice and Lieutenant Governor's salaries will also remain the same.

DETROIT -- Sterling United Auto Workers of Local 15 rallied the terms of a contract agreement and are back at work in the Fisher Body Fleetwood plant of General Motors Corp. The 5,000 workers agreed to provisions that provide that the Fleetwood division hire another 150 men to answer speedup charges made by the workers.

They went on strike Nov. 4. Their strike also idled 6,000 Cadillac workers, since Fleetwood makes the bodies for Cadillac.

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Michigan, gives himself "an outside chance" of becoming the Senate's Republican whip when the 91st Congress organizes early in 1969. Griffin said he is available and would undertake the whip duties, but he is not campaigning for the job.

Two men, Sen. Roman L. Hruska, R-Nebr., and Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., are competing for the whip's job. Each claims he has enough supporters to win.

WASHINGTON -- Vernon W. Thomson, R-Wis., said that the House should consider barring Adam Clayton Powell, the Harlem congressman, from Congress.

Powell, who was overwhelmingly reelected in the Nov. 5 election, was unseated in the House in 1967 after he allegedly misused funds for personal expenses.

It seems that a Congress which is talking about improving its image would give serious consideration to seating a member who has been charged with conduct which is highly unethical, "Thomson said.

PONTIAC -- Groundbreaking began at the site of the long-awaited Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The building will house the facilities for the first class of osteopathic medical students expected to begin studies next fall.

MCOM will become the fourth medical school in the state. Dr. Myron S. Magen, dean of the school, said that this will help meet the growing problem of statewide shortages of doctors.

WALLED LAKE -- Plans for construction of a city-wide sewer system have been completed and negotiations are under way to hook up this system to the Detroit sewage treatment plant.

Walled Lake, one of several communities asked to explain reported delays in pollution cleanup, has received a federal grant of more than \$1 million to correct pollution problems.

KANSAS CITY -- Former President Harry S. Truman's physician, Dr. Wallace H. Graham, said that the former President has some of the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, but not the disease itself.

SAN FRANCISCO -- Eldridge Cleaver, due to return to prison as a parole violator, said he would not return because the state would never release him again.

Cleaver's lawyer said that his client had not received a registered letter telling him to report, so Cleaver obeyed earlier instructions where to let his parole officer know where he is.

Cleaver does not show up, parole officers will try to contact him. If they can not, police will be asked to pick him up. Regional Parole Administrator Hal Hubbell said.

NEW YORK -- The nation's busiest commuter line shut down leaving 90,000 commuters stranded when trainmen of the Long Island Railroad walked out over a new timetable.

Bus companies added extra vehicles, taxi pools were formed and subways brought out all available equipment. However, it all added up to crowded trains, slow going, and confusion.

Railroad officials termed the strike illegal and are pressing contempt charges against the union leaders.

ESCANABA -- Secretary of State James Hare said that his department will ask for \$5 million less than they received during the current fiscal year.

Hare attributed much of the decrease to increased computer usage and automatic appropriation of money to pay claims against the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund.

"Not a single person has been laid off or fired. We simply do not fill many jobs when they become vacant," Hare said.

LANSING -- The Board of Canvassers postponed certifying the result of the Nov. 5 referendum on Daylight Savings Time so that more time can be allotted to rechecking the vote returns from all precincts in the state.

On the basis of unofficial returns, the issue apparently reversed this.

Commonwealth Pays Dividend

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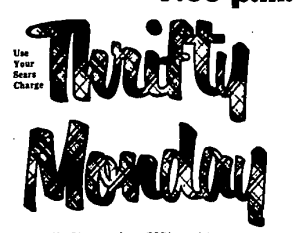
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