

Mabel-Canton sets June 1 graduation



D. Paulson M. Housker

MABEL, Minn. (Special) — Commencement at Mabel-Canton High School will be held June 1 at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Miss Deborah Paulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paulson, Mabel, is valedictorian. Miss Mary Housker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Housker, Mabel, is salutatorian.

Grant Grubb will present the PTA scholarship, Milfred Tollesrud, the alumni scholarship, and Dean Kramber, the faculty scholarship.

The Rev. Norman K. Estrem will give the invocation and benediction. Phil Caldwell and Brad Turner will share in the address.

Presentation of diplomas will be by Jerome Gunderson, board of education chairman. The professional and recessional will be by the high school band.

Members of the class are: Randy Benson, Donald Bergey, Doris Ann Belts, Marceel Blehrud, Philip Caldwell, William Davis, Steven Eiken, Jacquelyn Emery, Michael Erickson, Gene Folkedahl, Karen Garmes, Sherida Glenna, Kathleen Gorham, Joan Haakenstad, Vicki Crouch Halvorsen, Darlene Halvorson, Jeanne Hermanson, Michael Hostling, Mary Housker, Pamela Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Allan Jones, Ruth Ann Karli, Susan Karli, Luann Kimball, Mark Lillegraven, Susan Lingbeck, Debra Marsden, Brent Martin, Lynette Masters, Kim Merritt, Everett Miller, Debra Nelson; Susan Niedfeldt, Viette Olson, Diane Opsahl, Randy Otterness, Cynthia Paulson Schnitzler, Deborah Paulson, Patricia Pederson, Alan Rasmussen, Loreta Redwing, Leigh Rollshus, Thomas Russell, Deborah Sagdalen, Bradley Turner, Linda Vattland, William Vogeler, Darlene Wangen, Randy Wennes, Neil Welper, John Westby, Jeffrey Williams, David White and Duane Zafft.

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Woman gets 15 years in prison on murder charge

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis. (Special) — Miss Sharon Rose Bertrang, 25, Eau Claire, was sentenced to 15 years at hard labor at Wisconsin State Prison at Taycheedah in Circuit Court here Tuesday morning on a second-degree murder charge.



Jackson County sheriff's officers will take her to Taycheedah, which has been designated as the reception center.

Miss Bertrang had pleaded 8. Bertrang guilty to second degree murder on May 10.

She was charged with the gunshot death of Miss Carol Hizer, 23, Black River Falls, on Dec. 20, 1971. She has been confined in the county jail since her arrest that morning.

Circuit Judge Lowell Schoengarth said evidence in the case indicated the defendant would not lend herself well to probation. He added he did not think Miss Bertrang will remain in

prison long if she cooperates in rehabilitating herself, which, he added, he "hoped she would do."

In 90 days, said Judge Schoengarth, Miss Bertrang can appeal the judgment if she wishes.

Dressed in a dark blue pantsuit, Miss Bertrang stood quietly during the sentencing. Her mother and sister, both from Eau Claire, were among the few present.

Miss Bertrang had been charged with first degree murder on Jan. 25 and pleaded not guilty. Her reason was that she was suffering from mental defects or mental disease. The charge was amended to second degree murder and she pleaded guilty. Sentence was passed following an investigation.

During the sentencing it was revealed Miss Bertrang had a previous record of numerous complaints about disorderly conduct in the Eau Claire area and is facing burglary charges there.

When given an opportunity to speak, her only comment was: "I'm sorry it happened; I did

not want to kill Carol."

Caryle Skolas, one of the two attorneys for Miss Bertrang, made a strong plea for probation and read part of the report filed by Dr. Albert A. Lorenz, Eau Claire psychiatrist. He described Miss Bertrang as a homosexual, involved in a love triangle with Miss Hizer and Miss Jane Cornstock, Merrillan.

Robert Radcliffe, Jackson County district attorney, pointed out Miss Bertrang was not insane or mentally ill despite the finding of homosexuality.

Judge Schoengarth said: "There may be coming an enlightened social attitude toward homosexuality, but there have been love triangles since time immemorial. Murder is the most serious crime in the law books and remorse on the part of the defendant will not bring Miss Hizer back to life."

Miss Bertrang also was represented by Attorney Cletus Howard, Eau Claire.

A second degree murder charge can carry up to a 25-year sentence of imprisonment.

Two variances are granted by board

The Winona County Board of Zoning Adjustment Tuesday night granted two variances, one in East Burns Valley and the other near Homer.

The board granted an average variance to Thomas P. Kimber, 461 Wilkie St., to permit him to construct a house on a 3/4-acre tract instead of the required five acres.

The property is in the never-recorded Pinecrest subdivision in Wilson Township just west of Homer. The previous owner of the vacant lot, Joseph Lane, Stewartville, Minn., several months ago had received a variance from the county in order to sell the tract.

Neighbors at the hearing expressed concern that the variance might prompt variance requests for other lots remaining there caused by on-lot sewer

age systems on such small lots.

County Sanitary Inspector Karl Grabner told the approximately 50 people in the audience that soil percolation tests are taken on all lots before building permits are granted. If the lot cannot handle a sewerage system, no building would be allowed, he said.

The other variance granted Tuesday was a setback variance for Bernard C. Goergen, 155 Kansas St., to allow him to build on the site of the old East Burns Valley School at the intersection of County Road 105 and a Wilson Township road.

The variance, which was unopposed, is to allow an 80-foot setback on the county road instead of the required 100 feet, and to allow a 43-foot setback on the township road instead of the required 65 feet.

Hearing slated for man charged in beating death

STILLWATER, Minn. (AP) — An extradition hearing for a Forest Lake, Minn., man charged in the beating death of a woman whose body was found two years ago near Cheyenne, Wyo., has been reset for June 2 in Stillwater.

The Laramie County attorney's office in Cheyenne requested a delay in the hearing scheduled today for George T. Costello, 32, is being held in Washington County jail at Stillwater on \$100,000 bond on first-degree murder charges in the death of Eunice Kratochvil, 53, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Mrs. Kratochvil's body was discovered alongside a highway near Cheyenne in February 1970 but her identity wasn't learned until last month. She had disappeared from her Minnesota home two days before the discovery of the body.

Mondale: pipeline will do nothing for Minnesota

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. F. Mondale says the proposed Alaska oil pipeline will do nothing for Minnesota and the Midwest.

The Minnesota Democrat said the only benefit of the pipeline would be to lower the price of oil on the West Coast "where oil is already much cheaper than in Minnesota" and provide oil for export to Japan.

Mondale suggested as an alternative a pipeline across Canada "that would lower oil prices in Minnesota and be of enormous benefit to midwestern industry and consumers."

Mondale added in a prepared statement Tuesday that he will testify against the pipeline at hearings to be conducted June 7-12 by the Joint Economic Committee, chaired by Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis.

Judge rules no need to name drug informant

A continuance was granted Tuesday afternoon by Winona Municipal Judge Dennis A. Challen in a preliminary hearing for David H. Yaedke, 23, 161 1/2 E. 4th St. Yaedke is charged with selling LSD to a Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension narcotics agent at 7 p.m. April 24 at 162 E. 4th St.

Yaedke was one of 14 persons arrested May 4 in a series of seven drug raids here by Winona police, Winona County sheriff's officers and state narcotics agents.

The continuance was requested by defense attorney Kurt Gernander following a ruling by Judge Challen that the state did not have to release the name of the informant.

Questioned by Gernander, narcotics agent Patrick L. Shannon testified the purchase of the drugs from Yaedke was arranged by another individual but the unidentified male was in another room at the time the sale was made.

When Gernander asked the informant's name, County Attorney Julius Gernes said the state was pleading the informant's privilege. This is done to protect an informant or his family from possible harm, Gernes said. Moreover, once an informant is identified that ends his usefulness and discourages other potential informers.

Gernander argued the prosecution had no right to withhold evidence essential to the presentation and preparation of the defense. Gernander indicated that if the informant were named he could establish an entrapment defense. Entrapment is defined as luring the defendant into committing an offense.

Challen ruled the state did not have to identify the informant at the preliminary hearing. He added that if it were a trial he would rule the name must be disclosed.

New Wabasha school head to start June 30

WABASHA, Minn. — Basil E. Shell, 40, superintendent of schools at Lyle, Minn., will become superintendent of Wabasha Independent School District 811 on June 30.



He replaces Randall Patton, who has resigned, citing deep-seated philosophical differences with the majority of the school board.

A native of Powell, Tenn., Shell completed elementary and secondary education at Ecorse, Mich. and attended Western Michigan University, 1945-49, where he attained a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in sociology and minoring in English and history.

He attended the University of Michigan in 1950-51, earning a master of arts degree with a major in school administration and a minor in sociology. He also earned an educational specialist degree in 1952 at Michigan State University, with a major in school administration and a minor in sociology.

He was in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945.

His professional experience includes: grades kindergarten through 8, Brooklyn, Mich., 1949 to 1950; principal and grade 6, Chelsea, Mich., 1951-53; county principal, Frankfort, Mich., 1953-54; elementary principal, Saginaw, Mich., 1956-61; supervising principal, Mound, Minn., 1962-66; superintendent of schools, Chisholm, Minn., 1966-69, and superintendent of schools at Lyle since 1970.

He is a member of the Minnesota and National Education association, and of the Minnesota and American Associations of School Administrators.

The new administrator is married and has four children.

Industry zone request put off indefinitely

A pair of proposals for industrial rezoning in Rollingstone Township just west of Lake Goodview have been shelved indefinitely by the Winona County Planning Commission.

In action Tuesday night, planners were told that petitioners and neighbors are currently negotiating some sort of agreement that will likely result in withdrawal of the petitions.

The petitions have not yet been withdrawn pending completion of negotiations, but commission members agreed to table the two matters indefinitely.

The two petitions had been filed by Kujak Bros. Corp., Winona, Mrs. Harriet Ozmun and Mr. and Mrs. Loyde Pfeiffer, 1573 Gilmore Ave., as joint petitioners on one application, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilbert, Minnesota City, on a second petition involving adjacent land.

The land lies west of Lake Goodview between Highway 61 and CSAH 32 in eastern Rollingstone Township. It is currently zoned residential.

Winona attorney Paul G. Brewer, representing the Mississippi Development Consortium, which owns land around Lake Goodview, reported that negotiations are continuing between the consortium and petitioners. He requested the tabling action, noting that attorneys for the petitioners had agreed to such a move.

The full staff of teachers now will vote on the proposal. If accepted, it will take effect July 1. Under the agreement, starting salary for first-year teacher Bachelor of Art with a degree would be \$7,400.

Also agreed upon was a 5 per cent increase for the 1973-74 school year, but that figure could go up or down depending on changes in the cost-of-living index.

Albert Lea voters reject civic center

ALBERT LEA, Minn. (AP) — Albert Lea voters Tuesday rejected a \$305,000 bond issue for construction of a multipurpose civic center.

The issue, put on the ballot by a referendum earlier this year, failed on a vote of 2,262 to 1,556.

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600 Soviet-built tanks estimated in S. Vietnam

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. analysts estimate the North Vietnamese army has sent as many as 600 Soviet-built tanks into the Indochina war.

This is about twice the estimate used by Defense officials a month ago and apparently represents a refinement of intelligence since the big enemy spring offensive against South Vietnam began in late March.

South Vietnamese and U.S. military authorities have claimed destruction of well over 250 enemy tanks and other heavy tracked vehicles such as self-propelled artillery.

Some of these destruction claims, particularly by the South Vietnamese, are regarded with skepticism by certain U.S. analysts, although they acknowledge that South Vietnamese soldiers have scored well with a light, U.S.-supplied antitank rocket.

North Vietnamese use of armor and heavy artillery on a major scale for the first time in the war contributed significantly to enemy gains earlier in the offensive, particularly in the rout of the South Vietnamese 3rd Infantry Division at Quang Tri.

By now, a senior U.S. general said, "the

South Vietnamese have gotten over the psychological shock of fighting eye to eye with tanks."

Rocket-firing U.S. helicopters and fighter planes have become more effective against North Vietnam's tanks as air crews have gained experience in dealing with them, the general said.

Intelligence sources deny they were caught by surprise when the North Vietnamese brought in armor. These sources claim they alerted top government officials well over a year ago that Hanoi was sending tanks into southern Laos near South Vietnam. However, these were mainly thin-skinned, 15-ton PT-6 amphibious vehicles, regarded by the U.S. Army as undergunned.

Last October, about six months before the enemy's spring offensive opened, U.S. military intelligence reports told of 40-ton T-54 battle tanks, armored assault guns and other heavy weapons moving into the North Vietnamese region above the demilitarized zone.

At that time, U.S. analysts thought Hanoi was positioning armor defensively, perhaps to counter any new South Vietnamese push against the Ho Chi Minh supply-trail network in southern Laos.

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Second redistricting plan will be unveiled

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — A second plan for reapportioning the Minnesota Legislature will be unveiled June 2, four days ahead of the deadline a federal court panel set for itself.

Judge Gerald W. Heaney said Tuesday the plan spelling out districts for next fall's legislative candidates will be released at 6 a.m. in order to give afternoon newspapers time to print maps and stories in that day's editions.

The plan will be for a legislature of 67 senators and 134 House members, a reduction of one House member from the legislature's size.

The 67-134 size was decided May 3, when the judges began their second attempt to redistrict the legislature.

The initial effort was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court. It included a drastic cut in the size of the legislature, which the high court said was outside the power of federal courts.

Each Senate district will be subdivided into two House districts. All districts will be within 2 per cent of ideal population size, according to guidelines set earlier by the court panel.

New districts were required after the 1970 census revealed a wide population variance in the old districts. Under the Supreme Court's one-man, one-vote rule, all districts must be approximately equal in population.

The new plan has been eagerly awaited by candidates who, because there presently are no valid districts, have been unable to begin this year's campaigns.

A COSTLY SWITCH
LAE, New Guinea (AP) — Two Good Samaritans, trying to get a friend out of jail, were unwittingly responsible for getting him a six months sentence.

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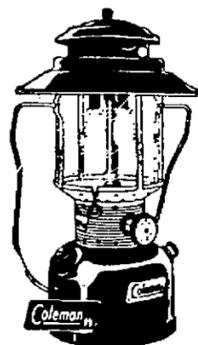
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