

Eyre Park ruling expected today

Survey results awaited

Chester Mayor John H. Nacrelli has promised state officials a decision today on whether flood-wrecked Eyre Park homes should be rehabilitated or torn down, according to a state source.

A spokesman for the state Department of Community Affairs said Nacrelli will give the department a "house by house" report on condition of homes and the results of a poll of Eyre Park residents on rehabilitation or razing.

Word on the promised Eyre Park decision is an outgrowth of a trip to Harrisburg Wednesday by about 15 Chester residents, some of them flood victims.

If the mayor's decision calls for razing of the 210 Eyre Park homes, the state "will see what can be done" about providing financial assistance, the spokesman said.

The trip was organized and led by Diane Palm, director of the Chester Community Assistance Project (CAP), and Robert Woodson, national affairs director of the Urban League's Universal Service Fund which finances CAP.

One of the objectives of the trip was to gain state approval for the razing of Eyre Park.

A second major objective of the group was to get \$10,000 in state funds to set up a CAP-run central flood relief information center.

This request was turned down by Secretary of Community Affairs William H. Wilcox. He said the state has no money to set up a private group which claims to represent flood victims.

He said if such money were given, another group would be in next week for more money.

However, after Gov. Milton J. Shapp joined the group meeting Wednesday, the governor's private reception room, action was taken to consider setting up a state-run central flood relief information center in Chester.

The governor's spokesman, James N. Wade, deputy director of community affairs, in Chester today to investigate the need for such a center.

The community affairs spokesman said Wade would meet with Mayor Nacrelli and other officials and possibly a one flood victims and then telephone the governor's office for information center is needed.

Nacrelli was not available for comment today.

However, Robert Nacrelli, administrative aide to the mayor, said he knew nothing about the report, a decision would be made by a central information center.

"I don't think one person can make a decision like that which affects so many lives. As far as I know there is a meeting to be set up to give the residents themselves a chance to vote on Eyre Park's future," Nacrelli said.

Shapp told the visiting group he was "disappointed to learn you feel the mayor has not done everything he should."

He added he felt that the services available, it really is up to city government to see to delivery of services.

But Shapp said "if you aren't getting what you need, the state will see to it that you do," the spokesman reported.

It was learned today that Nacrelli had earlier turned down a request by CAP for establishment of a central information center. The mayor reportedly said such a center would be a "duplication of services" and he could "in no way justify use of public funds for such a project."

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MRS. WALLYNNE PARKER reaches to touch face of her daughter.

President to discuss economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon unveils to the nation tonight his post-freeze economic package, a complex program of wage-price restraints likely to be based on productivity.

When Nixon goes before nationwide television and radio at 7:30 p.m. EDT, he will strip away the mystery that has surrounded the program, popularly known as Phase 2, since he imposed the 90-day wage-price freeze Aug. 15.

This much is known: The White House has virtually ruled out any controls on profits, and has left the door open only slightly to ceilings on interest rates. Some sort of controls on medical costs is expected.

The biggest question is how much wages and prices will be allowed to rise after the freeze expires Nov. 15. The White House has been supersecret on this point, although economists are guessing wages would be allowed to go up 5 per cent.

Productivity—worker output per man-hour, a gauge of the efficiency of the U.S. economy—is likely to be the key to the Phase 2 plan. Productivity has been rising at about 3 per cent a year.

But there is also a question of whether the wage guidelines should include a cost of living allowance to take into account price increases.

How the program will be enforced is just as big a mystery as the wage-price restraints.

Government sources said the Cost of Living Council, set up by Nixon to administer the freeze, likely will continue as the chief policymaking agency in Phase 2.

But Nixon says the program will have teeth: "I will cover the entire economy, yet focus on major industries."

In other economic development:

The Senate attacked another portion of Nixon's inflation-fighting program, voting to delay the passage of a scheduled Jan. 1 pay raise, but no more than allowed private-sector employees under Phase 2.

Nixon seeks to delay the federal raises to July 1.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., introduced a bill to repeal the law under which Nixon imposed the freeze. Proxmire, chairman of the Senate House Economic Committee, said the law should be stricken to prevent Nixon from "becoming an economic dictator."

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'Never stopped looking for you'

CHICAGO (AP)—Years of search were bridge for Wallynne Parker in a few brief moments on the telephone.

"Do you remember your mother's nickname?" she asked.

Over the line came the answer: "Yes, Chick."

And Mrs. Parker of Rockford, Ill., had found the daughter she had lost 13 years ago.

"I've never stopped looking for you, baby," Mrs. Parker told her daughter Patty Jean on Tuesday.

They were reunited that night in the suburban Bellwood home of Mrs. Parker's sister, Audrey White, through the perseverance of the private investigator in whose office the phone conversation took place, Anthony Pellicano.

Patty Jean is now Mrs. Marvin Hunter of suburban Tinley Park. She had been married three months and three days when Pellicano placed the call that reunited her with her mother.

"I was 15 when I got married—16 when Patty was born," Mrs. Parker said. "Two years later, my husband took Patty and went to Texas. He filed for divorce. I was notified but I couldn't go there. I was a kid, my parents didn't have any money. Besides, I didn't think anyone could take my daughter away from me. Well, he got custody."

Her husband brought the girl to see her mother off and on over the next two years. Then, one day in 1958, Mrs. Parker said, "She was off for church and he took her. I never saw her after that."

The girl, now 18, lived with her father's relatives in Texas for a time, then was placed for adoption. Mrs. Parker says without her knowledge and reared with a family in Tinley Park.

Mrs. Parker, who remarried and mothered three more children; said she placed ads in Chicago-area newspapers and wrote all state auto license agencies and U.S. passport officials in an effort to trace the girl.

Pellicano, a young, blond investigator who specializes in missing persons, learned of Mrs. Parker's search through a public service column in the Chicago Daily News.

Pellicano—who charged Mrs. Parker no fee other than expenses—said he was able to locate Patty through her adopted name, but he declined to reveal it.

"We always thought she was in the Chicago area but we never knew," Mrs. Parker said.

"I don't know how many nights I lay awake and said, 'Dear God, please let it be tomorrow that I get my baby girl back. Please, God.'"

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BUS DRIVERS picket near the Rose Tree Media School District bus garage while students look on.

Students get to class

15 Rose Tree buses idled

By ANDREW J. REYNOLDS
Daily Times Staff Writer

MIDDLETOWN — Rose Tree Media District schools remained open Sept. 13 of the district's 40 school buses were at a standstill in the wake of a strike by the Rose Tree Media Bus Drivers Association (RTMBDA).

The association, which is the recognized bargaining unit for 23 of the district's 37 school bus drivers, went on the picket line this morning at the bus garage at Penncrest High School on Pennell Road. The dispute concerned the alleged dismissal of one of its members earlier this week.

Schools Supt. Dr. Joseph D. Lapchick this morning indicated that it appeared most of the 600 students who would normally ride the stalled buses were getting to classes. However, he said he would not be able to assess the impact of the walkout until attendance figures were compiled later today.

Dr. Lapchick characterized the strike as illegal, noted that 25 of the school buses are operating, and emphasized school will be conducted as usual.

RTMBDA President Mrs. Velma Williamson, 101 Schoolhouse Lane, Brookhaven, said the association is striking to have the district reinstate Eleanor Ladener of Upland, a bus driver she claimed was fired earlier this week for allegedly "exercising poor judgment during the Sept. 13 floods."

Dr. Lapchick denied the woman has been fired.

Mrs. Ladener's bus, carrying 17 kindergarten and first and second grade students, became stalled in rapidly rising water on Mt. Alverno Road, adjacent to Chester Creek near the intersection of Pennell Road the day of the floods.

Mrs. Williamson said Mrs. Ladener had been suspended with pay for about a week prior to Monday when she claims

Rose Tree Media district officials asked her to resign. She claimed Mrs. Ladener declined and was fired.

According to Mrs. Williamson, state police filed no charges against the bus driver, characterizing the incident as an act of God. She added the school bus was left at the site overnight and was demolished as Chester Creek overflowed its banks Monday night.

All of the children riding on Mrs. Ladener's bus were evacuated safely. There were no injuries.

Dr. Lapchick maintained today Mrs. Ladener has not been fired.

"She has been suspended with pay pending the completion of an investigation of the incident," he said, adding Mrs. Ladener's position is the same as it was over a week ago when the investigation began.

He said discussion of the matter is to continue today on an administrative level but

emphasized he "would not meet with association under the threat of a strike."

"Our investigation is centering in three areas," Dr. Lapchick said. "Failure to exercise proper judgment, failure to take proper steps when the emergency occurred and failure to follow departmental procedures."

"The bus was traveling south on Pennell Road the afternoon of the storm, turned left and proceeded about a 1-10 of a mile on Mt. Alverno Road to the Chester Creek bridge and then about 100 feet past the bridge before it stalled out in about a foot of water," Dr. Lapchick said. "By the grace of God several of the motorists evacuated the kids."

He said district officials have tried unsuccessfully to meet with the RTMBDA at a bargaining table since the group was recognized by the State Labor Relations Board six months ago.

Candidate questions land profit

MIDDLETOWN — Robert Strunk, Democratic candidate for township supervisor, said Wednesday night three Republican public officials made a profit of more than \$10,000 from a real estate transaction involving the Glen Riddle Station Apartments.

Strunk, speaking to the township supervisors, also said township zoning ordinances were "upgraded" shortly after plans for the apartment complex were approved. The land purchase, zoning change and land sale all occurred in less than two years, Strunk said.

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Strunk said the owners are Joseph Damico, an attorney and member of the township zoning hearing board; Robert Strunk, an attorney and solicitor of the township sewer authority; and William Rutherford Jr., who at the time of the transaction, was a member of the Delaware County Republican Board of Supervisors (War Board). The fourth owner was identified as Daniel J. Bove, a builder. Strunk said township and county records show the property was returned and plans for an apartment subdivision approved by Dec. 8, 1968.

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Nixon's tax-cut plan approved by House

WASHINGTON (AP) One day after House passage without a roll call, the Senate Finance Committee opened hearings today on a \$15.4-billion tax cut bill which President Nixon is counting on to help revive the economy.

The committee chairman, Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., said he planned to ask the first scheduled witness, Treasury Secretary John B. Connally, if Phase 2 of the administration's economic program will contain provisions to hold down interest rates.

Nixon plans to announce Phase 2 details tonight on nationwide radio and television.

Long said in a prepared statement he thinks the House-passed version still does too much for business and not enough for individual taxpayers.

"In its present form this bill appears to be too much of a 'trickle down' operation, with too much of it ever getting down," he said.

Business would get seven times as much in new permanent tax reductions, he said, while the chief benefits for individuals would amount to approximately 18 per cent of the total, he said.

Nixon expressed gratitude Wednesday for House passage of the bill and added that prompt Senate hearings are needed to speed the bipartisan congressional support for the new economic program.

Long doubts his committee

will turn the bill into a "Christmas tree" with extraneous amendments, but he pointed out that the bill will be wide open for changes on the Senate floor.

"While in the House, the Senate rules permit any amendment to be offered," he said. "And I know there is a temptation for senators to offer their amendments to a bill they know the President will sign."

Sen. Fred R. Harris, D-Okl., said he would like to provide

more relief in the lowest income tax brackets.

Sen. Wallace F. Bennett of Utah, senior Republican on the committee, asserted that Nixon proposals "will not shift tax burdens inequitably from business to the individual."

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New tax estimates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are estimated taxes on selected incomes for each of the next three years in the tax bill approved Wednesday by the House. The figures up to \$10,000 assume you take the standard 10 per cent deduction; the \$10,000 and \$20,000 figures assume an 18 per cent deduction.

Income	Tax	Present	1971	1972	1973
\$5,000	\$ 399	\$ 322	\$ 401	\$ 401	
10,000	1,603	1,596	1,530	1,530	
15,000	2,536	2,529	2,509	2,509	
20,000	3,753	3,745	3,722	3,722	
Married, no children:					
\$5,000	\$ 422	\$ 386	\$ 322	\$ 322	
10,000	1,266	1,257	1,190	1,190	
15,000	2,040	2,029	1,996	1,996	
20,000	3,033	3,023	2,985	2,985	
Married, two children:					
\$5,000	\$ 206	\$ 178	\$ 96	\$ 96	
10,000	1,061	1,000	905	905	
15,000	1,754	1,732	1,686	1,686	
20,000	2,710	2,685	2,610	2,610	

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It's 539920

HIGHTSTOWN, N.J. (AP) — The winning number in this week's New Jersey lottery is 539920.

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Cool tonight; low 45. Mostly sunny Friday; high 68. Details on Page 10.

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