

Delco Airport Authority Director Assails Criticism

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MEDIA COURTHOUSE — The executive director of the county's industrial airport authority has assailed a report by a citizen group critical of the proposed airport, saying the report lacks research, "especially from their own files."

In answering the charges leveled by the Citizens' Council of Delaware County (CCDC), A.F. (Rick) Childs Jr. said the group failed to remember that the president in 1961 advocated the airport because of "the economics of the situation."

Childs referred to a guest editorial written for the Daily Times then by Walter M.

Carlson. In it, Carlson stated that a wider tax base would be derived from the buildings on the airport ground, as well as from the adjacent industrial development.

The airport itself would not pay taxes, instead, a flat payment would be made in lieu of the taxes.

Carlson also cited in his editorial a report by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers that showed land values near an airport, after industry was developed, increased in value, "sometimes several-fold."

The editorial also said that national studies demonstrated such an aviation facility could "break even" in operating costs in about five years.

Childs said all of these points were contradictory to the position taken now by the CCDC. "Their report seemingly lacks even minor research," he commented.

"A few months ago," Childs said, "the authority came into possession of the first report written by the transportation committee of the CCDC. We found it to contain several misleading statements and requested a meeting with the committee to enlighten them. Although we did not get the meeting, a revised version was completed, but it too was negative in its approach."

Childs eventually was invited to speak to the CCDC, but afterward still "had the feeling that they were biased and

negative." He said the presence of opponents to construction of the airport in the Concord area added to the negative attitude of the council.

"The sad thing is, the public can be misled into thinking the CCDC is all-encompassing, but to my knowledge it only has about 100 members out of a county population of some 600,000," Childs said.

The CCDC had charged in its report that the planned airport had not been proven to be a "stimulus" for industrial growth. In addition to the Carlson comments, Childs cited examples of the industrial development of the King of Prussia, Valley Forge and Folcroft areas.

"They have access to good

highway and rail transportation, and have subsequently proven to be very successful. The study by Thomas Bourne (a Washington aviation engineer) has shown that our airport would meet all competition in accessibility and in cost of land for development."

As for the allegation by the CCDC that the airport did not meet the requirements of the county's Regional Development (CORD), Childs said he had been in contact with that group and found that it had no set plan for airports and was assured "there would be no conflict."

Childs said an airport for the Concord area had long been included in federal aviation

plans and in state airport development programs.

"The county commissioners have stated that the airport would meet two desperately needed goals," he said. "First, it would fill industrial growth demands, and secondly it would provide a link with a national transportation hookup."

The CCDC also doubted the facility would serve as a "reliever" airport for the Philadelphia International Airport.

"However," Childs replied, "a recent report by the Airborne Instruments Laboratory for the Philadelphia airport made it known that a Delaware County airport at Concord would offer

successful relief. Also, a study by the Airline & 201 in Concord, the Wilmington Airport verified this finding."

Childs concluded by reiterating his charge that "the CCDC just didn't use research in their report," and that the disparity in attitudes between 1961 and 1981, when Carlson made his ideas known, "shows that the delaying controversy has been carried on far too long."

Presently the airport site, near Painters Crossroads at Routes 1 and 201 in Concord, is undergoing an extensive study by the Federal Aviation Administration. Construction is expected to begin shortly after its report is filed.

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PACKING GIFT PACKAGES are (from left) Isabelle Ginsburg and Mrs. Jack Swerman of Chester; Mrs. Albert Knopf of Swarthmore; Rhea Fine of Nether Providence and Jo Rita Knopf of Swarthmore.

Chester Woman, 20, Is Shot

PHILADELPHIA — A 20-year-old Chester woman, released from Broadmeadows Prison, Thornbury, Thursday, was shot through the left leg at 3 p.m. today at a party, police said.

Frances Dale, 418 Rose St., was found on a park bench at 3 a.m. at the William Penn Home, Union St. and Fulton ave.

Her brother, Gilbert Dale, 46, of 227 Garside Court, said an unidentified girl told his wife that Frances was lying on the bench. Dale took his sister to the Chester-Chester Medical Center, Upland, where she was admitted.

The bullet entered her left leg above the knee.

Miss Dale, who had just completed a 30-day sentence on vagrancy charges, told police she was attending a party when another woman shot her.

Council to Meet

PROSPECT PARK — Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in borough hall, Maryland Avenue.

Media Fellowship Appoints Director

MEDIA — A 25-year-old student at the Martin Luther King School of Social Change has been named executive director of the Media Fellowship House.

David G. Richards was elected unanimously by the House board to replace Robert Woodson, who resigned June 1 after holding the post for two years.

Woodson resigned to accept a position at the Martin Luther

'WE CARE EXPRESS'

Volunteers Packing Gifts for Vets

NETHER PROVIDENCE — Individual gift boxes, Goldstein Enterprises are packing the first. Individual gift packages for the "We Care Express" at Chester Sham Synagogue on S. Chester Road.

Coordinating Chairman Harry Goldstein said representatives of Simon Wolf Lodge, B'nai B'rith, started packing and wrapping on Thursday.

Thirty units of individual gift packages for hospitalized then placed on a tractor-trailer truck. Verol Vice President W. Goldstein said, "The packages contain hard candy, chewing gum, shaving cream, pens, writing paper, ballpoint pens and playing cards. They are placed inside heavy plastic bags to make them moisture-proof and insect-proof."

Package collection points will be maintained in Chester at the city fire houses until they are collected to other communities and at several area major industries.

Scott Paper Co. and Boeing Company's Verol Division are donating cartons for packing the

packages. The 3,000-mile trip will be interrupted as the decorated trailer truck makes a final appearance in the state capitol building in Harrisburg.

The American Legion in Pittsburgh July 18. It will be sponsored by Stevenson-Baxter Post 190 of Chester.

Kav. Atkinson, of Norwood, has established a collection container at the foot of the stairs at Norwood Borough Hall, Wilmot Ave. Mr. Atkinson, a member of the "Operation Holiday Star" sponsoring committee, said people heard of the "We Care Express" and wanted to help.

Packages will be collected at the city fire houses until Friday.

Board to Meet

NORWOOD — The Norwood School Board will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Norwood Elementary School, Seneca Ave.

Day Camp To Open On Monday

B. Granville Lash, executive director of Robert Wade Neighborhood House, said today the Wade-House-sponsored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Camp on the grounds of the School in Rose Valley, Rose Valley, will open Monday.

The camp will operate for six weeks, closing Aug. 15. Forty children will be admitted free of charge for three two-week periods, Lash said.

The camp will serve 120 Chester children, ranging in age from seven to 12.

A staff of seven counselors, under the supervision of Lash, who will serve as camp director, will be supplemented by volunteers, Lash said.

He said much of the camp activity will be at a private made available to the camp.

In addition to swimming instruction, he said, sports activities, arts and crafts, and campfire and cookouts will be held.

The Robert Wade Neighborhood House was taken over by a group called The Black Community of Chester June 11 and renamed the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

The Concord Day Care Center, a nursery facility on the second floor, was also taken over and renamed the Malcolm X Day Care Center.

Cancer Seminar Set at College

SWARTHMORE — Dr. Jack Schultz of the Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia will speak on "DNA in Chromosomes and Cytogenetics: Structure and Function" at the fourth annual colloquium on chromosomes at Swarthmore College at 4 p.m. Monday.

SWARTHMORE WILL CLOSE AVENUE

SWARTHMORE — The Princeton Avenue underpass beneath the Penn Central Railroad tracks will be closed for renovations next week.

Motorists are to use alternate routes and not to cross the tracks at Princeton Avenue.

The underpass renovations are being made by the borough and the railroad. They include drainage improvements, repair of steps, railings and walls, and replacement of lights.

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Brothers Shoked In Chester

CHESTER — Three brothers received first degree burns from an explosion and fire of an underground electric power box at 2nd and Byram Sts. at 8:20 p.m. Friday.

Treated at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland, were Lawrence, 9, Michael, 15, and Ray Anthony, 14, of 128 Law St.

Andrew Rothwell, 74, of 2123 W. 2nd St., said he saw the boys playing with metal rods near a manhole in front of his house. He noticed police and firemen when an explosion came from the underground installation.

Philadelphia Electric Co. spokesman said today the explosion was triggered when one of the boys stuck a metal rod against the underground capacitor box.

He said the boys said they saw "freak juice" escaping from the manhole afterwards. A repairman turned off the power. No shortage of electric power was reported in the area.

The spokesman said the capacitor box served 4,000 volts. Mother of the boys, Mrs. Barbara Bailey, took the boys to the medical center.

Folton Fire Co. extinguished the blaze.

Son Held In Slaying

UPPER PROVIDENCE — Robert Warfel, 20, accused of fatally stabbing his mother and attacking his father, was held without bail for the Grand Jury trial.

Warfel was given a preliminary hearing Thursday night before Justice of the Peace Dewey Lark.

Warfel's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Warfel, 32, died shortly after she was taken to Riddle Memorial Hospital, Middletown, following the attack which took place at the Warfel home, 18 Overhill Road.

His father, Willis, 38, was in a satisfactory condition today at the same hospital with stab wounds and head injuries.

Warfel was taken to the Middletown Hospital for psychiatric treatment, where he was examined by Dr. Holden Keyes, a Philadelphia psychiatrist, at Broadmeads Prison.

Children's Letters To God

Dear God, We have the same birthday. I got a new bike. What did you get? Eddie

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3 Men Convicted In Riot

Sentencing Is Deferred

MEDIA COURTHOUSE — Three Chester men have been convicted of inciting a riot in connection with a disturbance Feb. 2.

Judge Louis A. Bloom deferred sentencing the three defendants Thursday to allow their attorneys to file a new trial.

The defendants were Winfield Jones, 18, of the 400 block; (cousin) Court; Richard Saunders, 20, of the 400 block W. 3rd Street, and Harry Powell, 28, of the 1300 block Rowland Terrace.

A jury of 12 women found Jones guilty of inciting a riot, assault and battery on police officers, resisting arrest and failing to obey the command of a police officer.

The police officer also said he was stabbed "in the lower right arm" and "in the neck" when he turned around he saw Saunders behind him.

Matthews testified that Powell told him to get back up on the curb, "they could take care of it."

Phillip J. O'Malley said that riot charges were brought because "there was a riot in a roomful of action."

Matthews said the crowd was pulling at him and Crawford tried to take Jones away from them when they started to put him into the police car.

"It was fearful for my life," the patrolman said. "We were surrounded. People were behind us and becoming more violent in their verbal abuses," he added.

A witness, Timothy Smith, of 1100 block Peter Street, said Saunders told him "I'm going to get you."

He said the court he did not see Saunders strike the officer.

Woman, 48, Is Cleared

MEDIA COURTHOUSE — A 48-year-old woman has been cleared on bookmaking charges resulting from a raid on her apartment last Feb. 5.

Judge Edwin E. Lipnecoff 2nd ordered a directed verdict for Clara Dinicholuk, of the first floor, 1000 E. 1st St., on grounds there was insufficient evidence to warrant conviction.

The defendant, a former Med. writer, was arrested when state police and members of the county's Criminal Justice Division raided the apartment.

Evidence in the case was reportedly taken down by referring to a November school board election in which three directors will be elected.

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