

Stiffer Penalty Urged For Sale, Use of LSD

The Nevada Legislature has been asked to increase the penalties for sale and use of LSD, and to avoid relaxing penalties for sale and use of marijuana.

Making the recommendations was the Washoe County Inter-Agency Committee on Drug Problems, which early this year sponsored two symposiums at the Nevada State Hospital on drug problems

agencies and groups, were drawn up by a four-member subcommittee.

Members were Neill Scott, pupil placement director for the Washoe County School District; Sam Basta, University of Nevada dean of students; Tosca Means, of the Parent Awareness group, and John Caserta, school

district curriculum coordinator.

McAllister said the position paper was adopted at the committee's last meeting when few members were present.

SUGGESTIONS

Other suggestions were:

—That the State Department of Education seek funds for pilot programs in "mental health education, such as group guidance clinics;"

—That the same department work closely with the University of Nevada to educate communities on drug abuse;

—That mental health and similar groups study the possibility of special rehabilitation out-patient centers which "young people charged with first drug offenses" could be required to attend.

Laxalt to Ask Legislature For Gun Law

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Gov. Paul Laxalt will ask the Nevada Legislature to pass a law requiring a waiting period of 48 to 72 hours for persons who want to buy a gun in Nevada.

He will also ask for more stringent penalties when gun uses are abused, he said at a press conference Wednesday.

But the governor said he is opposed to gun registration and if the legislature passed such a law requiring it when it meets in January, he would promptly exercise his veto power.

"This administration will not and cannot support the registration of guns," he said.

instead, the governor said he will call for stronger penalties. At this point, he said he has no specific proposals to make.

Gun registration would not be the cure to criminal uses of firearms, Laxalt continued. Registration would only penalize innocent persons by requiring them to register guns possibly at an expense.

"There is no real reason for requiring registration . . . It is a traditional American right to possess weapons."

In large cities, the governor added, many citizens have firearms because they lack confidence in law enforcement's ability to protect them.

Laxalt said he feels such a law would "not get at the heart of the problem" but would instead "create a problem in administering it. It would be almost impossible to administer."

When that happens, Laxalt said, "it creates contempt for the law, the way prohibition did."

The governor's aides are preparing "a detailed position paper" which will outline specifically what the administration wants in the way of legislation, he said.

No particular harm would be done to potential gun owners for having to wait a few days between the time of order and actual purchase of a firearm, the governor went on.

"In Las Vegas, there is such a law and it has worked well. "It would preclude the emotional situation where a gun can be purchased quickly."

Baring Welcomes Ham Candidacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Walter Baring, D-Nev., said Wednesday he welcomes news that Richard Ham has filed to oppose him in the Democratic primary.

Baring said, "I welcome Mr. Ham into the race as it gives the voters of Nevada a clear-cut choice between the constitutional type of legislation that I have been sponsoring and fighting for these many years and the fuzzy ultra-liberal socialistic type of thinking that has all but brought our country to its knees today.

"I am confident that not only the people of Nevada but of this great country of ours have had it up to their ears with the ultra-liberal far-out left voting that has brought near chaotic conditions to our country."

HONORED

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada's Colorado River Commission honored pioneer Nevadan Alfred Merritt Smith Tuesday with a luncheon and voted to name the commission's new water treatment plant after him.



Washoe Voters Registered

John I. Sabin Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America, has started registering voters as a community service project. Registration tables are being manned in all Bell Telephone Company of Nevada locations to register company employees, and the public may also register at the Bell business office on East Plumb Lane. Registration for the 1968 primary election will close July 20 at 9 p.m. Among first to register with Mrs. R. H. Bagley, deputy registrar, this morning were, from left, Muriel Lopez, Bettye Twitchell and Jane Hoskins, all Bell of Nevada employees. (Gazette photo).

Mark Twain Jury Trial Inches Along

The jury trial of three former Mark Twain Life Insurance Co. executives charged with embezzlement inched along today.

Charged with converting in excess of \$200,000 of company funds to their own use are C. Larry Frisby, W. Mark Edington, and J. MacArthur Wright.

The trial in Washoe District Court before Judge Kenneth Mann of Tonopah is now in its second week.

Last week the jury was selected. This week the state began introducing into evidence a mountain of former records of the company.

The state has indicated it plans to call nearly 60 witnesses. So far it has managed to dispose of two and its third witness, Tod Cox, former accountant for the Mark Twain Company, took the stand today.

He, too, is identifying check vouchers and records of the company for purposes of having them admitted into evidence. Each record has to be individually identified.

Defense attorneys have objected, for the most part, to the introduction of each exhibit. They say the state, among other things, has failed to lay the proper foundation for the records' admission into evidence.

Judge Mann has overruled most of the objections.

But the introduction process is slow. Each defense attorney, and they total five, has made it a point to examine each individual record. Then, the records are passed to the jury for inspection.

The trial was originally scheduled to last four to six weeks. Indications are it may go even longer.

Commissioners

Gambler J. Kell Houssels of Las Vegas and Harry J. Frost of Reno have been reappointed to the State-Racing Commission, the Governor's office said today.

Their terms on the five-member commission were due to expire July 1.

100-year-old Law Controls Nevada Courts

A former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court has indicated the time is now for Nevadans to establish a model judicial structure.

Justice Tom C. Clark told participants in a Citizens' Conference on Nevada Courts Wednesday night that the state's Constitution providing for a court system was the same today as it was in 1864.

The conference at the University of Nevada's Stead facility is being attended by 100 selected citizens from northern Nevada. Their job is to recommend ways to improve and modernize Nevada's present court system.

Clark told them Nevada's Constitution vested the judicial power of the state in a Supreme Court, district courts and justices of the peace.

"Each court is a separate administrative domain — each Judge an autonomous ruler, subject to no administrative supervision."

DIFFERENT RULES

"The court system has no chief executive — no administrator — no central control — no unified budget. Each jurisdiction operates on different rules and different time tables."

In addition, he said, each judge had to stand election every four years and could not be disciplined except by removal or impeachment, a rather impossible method.

He said while Nevada has grown and changed considerably, its court system — except for a few city courts — has remained the same, frozen in a document written 100 years ago.

NOT FAIR

Clark said it was not fair to the judges to put such a responsibility on them and leave their hands tied. He said the situation reminded him of an old jingle:

"They are now allowed to run the train or see how fast it will go. They are not allowed to let off steam or let the whistle blow. They cannot exercise control or even ring

COOPERATION

The committee also asked Gov. Paul Laxalt to urge persons who disagree with present drug laws to nevertheless cooperate with agencies enforcing those laws.

Laxalt should establish a research committee to recommend legislation dealing with the problems of drug abuse, and a position paper the drug group submitted to the Governor.

The paper represents the "majority opinion" of the 18-member committee, said Dr. Robert McAllister, chairman.

Laxalt replied, "We agree wholeheartedly with the majority of the recommendations in the position paper and intend to carry them out as quickly as possible."

Laxalt could not be reached in Las Vegas today to determine which recommendations he endorsed.

McAllister said the paper's 11 recommendations, to different

Wells Files For University Board of Regents

Reno architect Hewitt C. Wells has filed for election to the University of Nevada Board of Regents.

"The university has, and will continue to have, a program of constructing new facilities," Wells said.

"I believe my experience as an architect can be of value to the university and to the taxpayers of the state in directing the most effective use of their funds in planning for new construction."

Wells, 53, received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and was a graduate fellow in architecture there from 1938 through 1940.

He has worked in Detroit and San Francisco and is now principal in the firm of Hewitt C. Wells Architects, which has its main office in Reno and a branch in San Francisco.

Wells was a destroyer officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1946.



HEWITT C. WELLS

Hitchhiker Stabbed; Man Arrested

Washoe County sheriff's deputies said they arrested a former armored car driver Wednesday night on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon in the stabbing of a girl hitchhiker.

Deputies identified the man as Michael J. Noland, 26, of Sutcliffe, Nev.

They said the girl, Dianne Potts, 19, staying at an apartment house on West Fourth Street, was stabbed in the back above the kidney. She was reported in satisfactory condition at Washoe Medical Center.

Deputies said Noland has refused to make a statement. Reno Justice of the Peace William R. Beemer has set bail at \$2,500.

Miss Potts was hitchhiking to San Francisco on Interstate Highway 80 and accepted her first lift near the Reno city limits, deputies said.

The victim said the driver was wearing a pistol, and drove to a mountain road near Verdi. He pressed the pistol against her head saying this would teach her to hitchhike.

Her assailant then asked her to help switch the four-wheel locking devices on his truck.

Miss Potts said he then stabbed her in the back.

She said the driver apparently felt badly about stabbing her, bandaged the wound and drove her back to Reno.

Deputies said they arrested Noland at his trailer in Sutcliffe.

Someone in Area Has Key to 500 Drink Machines

A thief, who stole the master key for about 500 soft drink machines in the Reno-Sparks area Saturday, began using the key this week, Lee Ceccarelli, Coca Cola sales manager, said today.

"We are in bad trouble," Ceccarelli said.

Ceccarelli said he has sent an emergency order for 500 insert locks to replace the ones in the machines.

At least 14 machines were burglarized by Wednesday morning, Reno police said.

"It will take at least a week for the inserts to get here and another week to install them," Ceccarelli said.

"All the robber has to do is open the machine and empty the coin box," he said.

"They could get \$21.60 from each machine."

Machine locks were changed last year because of constant robberies, Ceccarelli said.

The key was stolen from a soft drink truck driver.



PAT BRADY

Brady Named To Business Advisory Group

Pat Brady, 40, of Reno, has been appointed to the Nevada Small Business Advisory Council.

The appointment was made by Robert C. Moot, chief administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Brady, who has been with Reno Printing Co. for 13 years, was nominated for the position by Sen. Alan Bible, D-Nev.

"We at SBA have a challenging and important job to do," said Moot in a letter to Brady.

"With the help and guidance of you and your fellow council members, beginning at your own community level, we can make a very significant contribution to the social and economic well-being of this nation."

Members of advisory councils observe the effect of Small Business Administration programs on small business, evaluate their worth, and offer suggestions, recommendations and new programs, which will achieve the objective of the agency, according to Moot.

Advisory councils are established by law, with members appointed by the SBA administrator for two-year terms, on the basis of their knowledge and interest in small business.

Brady was a star football player at the University of Nevada and played three seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League. He led the league in punting two seasons.

He has been a member of the Nevada State Athletic Commission and a trustee of the National Air Championship Air Races.

Police Save Woman Held At Gunpoint

Reno Police said they talked as Sarah Walker, 21, who told them the man fired once before they arrived "and my ears were ringing so bad that I thought I was shot."

When she realized she wasn't hurt, she said, "I just kept on talking as fast as I could, hoping police would arrive."

They were called to 317 Kirmann Ave. by a resident who told them a young woman was being held captive. Officers said they found the man pressing

the gun barrel to her heart. As they talked to him, officers said, the man shifted the muzzle of the revolver to the woman's throat and back to her chest again before finally handing it over.

Miss Walker told officers she knew the man in Sacramento and he approached her earlier in the day in a restaurant.

Officers said he accompanied her to the home and then produced the weapon.

Webb Seeks To Keep Seat In Assembly

Sparks Assemblyman Doug Webb today challenged a State Board of Health statement concerning Nevada's law on fluoridation as he filed his candidacy for re-election from the Sparks-Sun Valley-Roop District.

Members of the State Board of Health Tuesday criticized Nevada's law regarding fluoridation as "one of the worst laws in the United States."

Webb, who piloted the law through the Assembly in the 1967 session, said he feels it is "the right of the people to make the decision as to whether they have to take poison, regardless of amount, particularly considering that doubt, and not proof, still exists concerning the long-range effects of fluoridation."

More important, said Webb, "is the fact that a board of health is attempting to take upon itself an opinion which is not within its jurisdiction, and is trying to sway the public. This issue rightly belongs on the ballot so every citizen can cast his vote."

During his first session in the Nevada Legislature in 1967, Webb served on the committees on Building and Construction, Education, Social Welfare and State Institutions and Libraries. He spearheaded a special investigation of the Nevada Girls' School at Caliente and supported a University of Nevada medical school.

He served on the Ways and Means committee in the special session this year. He, along with Assemblywoman Geraldine Tyson and Senators James Gibson and John Fransworth formed a special joint subcommittee to evaluate the effect of Medicaid on Nevada. The subcommittee's recommendation to cut the requested appropriation by \$1,200,000 was passed favorably.

Women's Prison Escape Attempt Thwarted

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Carson City Bureau

Warden Carl Hocker said today that preparation for an attempted escape from the women's section of the Nevada State Prison was discovered last night.

He said the preparation was in its early stages and consisted of a woman inmate's attempt to remove plaster from around one quarter of a prison window.

"It was far from being completed," the warden said, "and due to the nature of the construction, it would have taken a long time."

He said the woman, whose name was not released, had been placed in isolation pending disciplinary action.

Stead campus. They were exploring new concepts in the administration of justice and seeking ways to modernize and improve Nevada's court system.

The pioneers who settled this country, Winters said, were hard workers, tough and self-reliant and their concept of fair play was the foundation of the simple but adequate judicial system which they set up.

"How to make the present day judicial machine serve the purpose equally well under the

changed conditions of this century is the problem with which this conference is concerned.

"You have already had a chance to see for yourselves that the defects and shortcomings which you may have dis-

covered are by no means peculiar to Nevada."

Winters said whatever the faults of Nevada justice, some very fine judges had thought enough of it to make it their lifetime careers.

"And some of the best of them are right here with us in this conference. The very fact they have invested their lives in it gives them, too, a very strong motivation for

wanting to make it as good as possible."

He explained that today's judicial business couldn't be processed efficiently with the equipment and methods of a by-gone generation. He said

constant improvement and modernization was needed to keep courts operating at peak efficiency.

"All this might not be so terribly important if there was some place else to go for people who need justice, but there is not."

LIVE WITH SYSTEM

He said the public has to live with the system they have and either accept it as it is or try to make it better.

"... The judicial system of Nevada, or of any state, is a great public service in-

stitution, and the members of the public share the responsibility for its proper management and operation."

He said lawyers and judges weren't wise enough to plan judicial reforms entirely by themselves. He said they might possibly come up with the right answers by themselves, but had no chance of getting changes made without the public's help.

"... My point is that right now is the best time in the world to go to work on improving the judicial system of Nevada . . . start now."

