

Boys Club To Launch New Season On Monday

The Hagerstown Boys Club will begin a new season of indoor programs on Monday, Sept. 9, at the clubhouse at 805 Pennsylvania Ave., announced Manuel Jomok, executive director.

He said all boys aged seven to 17 may participate.

Boys Club facilities now include a gymnasium and a vocational shop, he said. Programs will range from basketball, boxing and swimming to photography, wood shop and group counseling.

The club will be open Monday through Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for juniors and intermediates only and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for seniors also. Special activities will be held Saturdays.

Jomok said yearly membership fees are \$2 to \$3, depending on age.

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\$800 Worth Of Drums Stolen From Agency

The county sheriff's department is searching for a music-lover who broke into A-1 Rent-All on Virginia Avenue and took an eight-piece set of drums valued at \$800.

Criminal Investigator Howard Roby said the Slingerland drums were stolen late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

Roby said the thief entered the store by breaking out a window in the front of the building.

German Luger Shells Discovered In Yard

A Hagerstown man discovered a clip of eight shells made to fit a German Luger in his backyard Thursday afternoon while cutting the grass, city police reported.

The man, identified by police as Alfred Stotelmeyer, Sr., of the 400 block of West Antietam Street, told police the clip of shells was not in his yard the day before.

Lumber Stolen Out Of North High Shop

Lumber worth \$135.18 was stolen from the shop room at North High sometime between Aug. 8 and last Tuesday, city police reported Thursday.

Police said someone entered the shop room and took several pieces of plywood and two by fours.

According to North High principal James Lemmert, the shop room was kept locked during the summer. Police said there was no sign of forced entry into the room.

Sheriff Hunting Oil Company Employee

The county sheriff's department is currently searching for a Hudson Oil Company employee suspected of having driven off with \$2,947.68 in profits the firm made over the weekend.

Criminal Investigator Howard Roby said Wednesday evening the person, whom he could not identify, reportedly left the company on Virginia Avenue Tuesday morning to deposit the funds in the First National Bank.

"He left for the bank and hasn't been seen since," said Roby. "It's as simple as that."

Roby said state and city police have joined in the search for the man.

Inmate Escapes Work Release Center

A 21-year-old inmate at the Maryland Correctional Training Center escaped late Monday night while working at the work release center, MCTC officials reported Tuesday.

The escapee, identified as James Ballard of Philadelphia, was serving a term for armed robbery.

According to MCTC assistant superintendent Howard Lyles, Ballard simply walked out of the work release center while doing janitorial work there. Ballard was a trusty, Lyles explained, which meant he was working with only minimal supervision.

Ballard's escape came about one week before he was scheduled to appear before the parole board, Lyles said.

Lyles said Ballard was convicted of armed robbery in November, 1972. He said he would not consider Ballard dangerous.

For The Record

The \$500, Keller Nigh, county commissioner candidate, received from Hagerstown Councilman Irvin Bloom was a loan, not a contribution, as reported Thursday in a Herald-Mail story.

Lem Kirk, Democratic candidate for District Two State Senate seat, did not deny opponent John Corderman's charge that County Commissioners had rejected the lowest bid for a central alarm system in favor of a higher bid. An error in yesterday's story omitted the word "not" from Mr. Kirk's response. The Mail regrets the error.

Daniel Boon, a candidate for House of Delegates in district 3A, said he has spent only \$247 to date. He said he was misquoted as saying he spent more than \$2,000.

City And County Still Deadlocked Over Sewer System For Fountain Head

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issued, said a plant evaluation had been done.

Sources in the Court House who asked not to be named said that the real roadblock to agreement is the Washington County Sanitary Commission's contention that the existing Hamilton Run interceptor does not have the capacity to handle the expected load from Fountain Head.

According to those sources, information on the interceptor's capacity was requested from the city at a joint meeting, but the Sanitary Commission staff found it unacceptable.

A letter to that effect was sent to the County Commissioners, according to those sources.

Palmer Dawson, sanitary commission secretary, would not comment. He said he did not think it would be proper for the commission staff to comment on any part of the Water and Waste Water Report before the planning commission released it.

Asked to explain why the item "Design for Subdistrict Six" was carried on the County Commissioners' agenda for several weeks, Dawson said the sanitary commission had asked the County Commissioners for permission to proceed on the basis of the 14-point agreement.

The Sanitary Commission cannot spend any of its own funds to design a system before a subdistrict is established, Dawson said. He added it is accepted practice to ask

the county government for a reimbursable advance.

The Sanitary Commission had received no reply as yet, Dawson said, and so has not gone ahead with any work.

Planning Commission Donald Frush on Thursday agreed that if the question of pipes was not cleared up beforehand, it could be discussed at the public hearing.

The first engineering proposal to sewer Fountain Head was produced in 1971 by Baker-Wibberley Associates.

Two years later, a report issued by the Water Quality Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, noted that sewer construction costs had risen 19 per cent, upping the cost of the proposed Fountain Head system by \$2 million.

During the past year, the U.S. has experienced a period of runaway inflation which is expected to increase the cost of financing the system and the materials needed to build it by an as-yet undetermined amount of money.

Using the Hamilton Run interceptor as proposed in the county plan is expected to keep costs down on the project, according to Court House sources, but only if it is the last interceptor that must be used in the project.

In addition to what may be the first positive step in months toward an agreement on the Fountain Head sewer system, the latest update of Washington County's Water and Waste Water Plan contains several other important items.

Another part of the update suggests new ways in which the city and the county could cooperate to provide water and sewer service to outlying areas of the county.

According to County Planning Director Alan Musselman, who presented the update to the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission, city and county sewer officials have also agreed that providing sewers for the "new town" area near Hagerstown Junior College is a top priority.

Located between Robinwood Drive and the eastern boundary of the city, this area has been designated in the County Master Plan as a location for a possible new community.

In addition to Open Space provided by the Junior College, the plan also shows that land has been set aside for a large outdoor recreational area and for a new public school facility.

According to the waste water update, existing and planned road systems, as well as the area's zoning, make it "quite suitable for high-density development."

The plan update suggests it is not fair to ask the city government to pay for upgrading its water plant to take care of needs outside the city. A major water service expansion by the county government would probably require a bond issue, perhaps within the next four years.

In addition, the plan update states that the county government will never be able to channel growth and development without some role in providing water service to its citizens.

To change the present method of operation, the update suggests that the county government issue bonds for future water lines, which would be built and maintained by the city government.

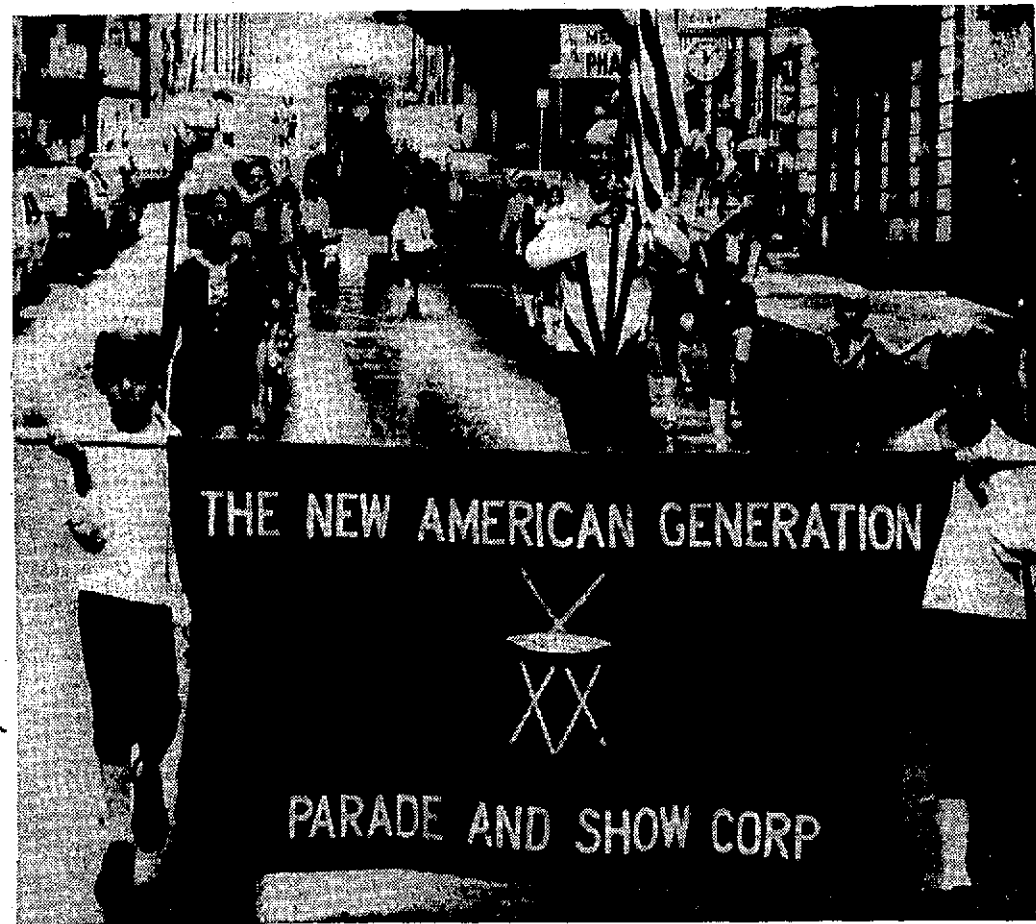
Ownership of the systems "should eventually be under a unified agency" so the system would remain more comprehensive than fragmented, the report states.

A similar system of cooperation on new sewer systems is also suggested, with county-owned collection systems operated and maintained by the city through a management agreement.

One option would have the county take responsibility for operation and maintenance of its portion of the new system by subcontracting maintenance to the Hagerstown Sewer Dept.

The plan update suggests that the county government establish rates based on its bonded indebtedness, and that the city government do billing as part of the management agreement.

If present law prevents cooperation of this type, the reports suggest that the county government set up a Department of Public Works, as provided for by the last session of the General Assembly.



Happy Birthday, Washington County

On September 6, 1776 Washington County was founded. Today in commemoration of that day and also in recognition of Washington County's being named a bicentennial community, a Conestoga wagon paraded through Hagerstown, preceded by

the New American Generation Parade and Show Corp. Louise Gore, chairwoman of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, was on hand to present Lem Kirk with a flag and a bicentennial certificate. (Photo by Steve Sagli)

Williams Says Diehl Has Cash, Not Support

Republican County Commissioner candidate Bruce L. Williams on Wednesday criticized fellow Republican Don Diehl for donating \$2,218 to his own campaign for the County Board.

In a campaign spending report filed on Tuesday, Diehl listed a campaign fund of \$2,679, with \$461 of that total coming from outside sources.

Williams, a 23-year-old teacher at South Hagerstown High School who is also a former legislative aide to state Sen. Edward Mason, R-Washington-Allegany, said that the problem was that Diehl's large advertising campaign gives the impression he has widespread support.

"The truth appears to be that he is his own biggest backer," Williams said. "Those of us who don't have the personal wealth to do that, shouldn't be cut out."

"Most often, those who can't afford to do that lose," Williams said.

Contacted on Thursday, Diehl, a pet products distributor, said that he is his largest contributor because "I really haven't solicited any outside sources."

"I used my own money so that there wouldn't be any strings attached," Diehl said. "This makes it look like I'm the big spender and I'm not."

"This is something I feel; when a person runs, he should be willing to foot the bill himself," Diehl said.

A Man Who Managed Others' Campaigns Now Runs On His Own

By JEFF SOREF

Politics is nothing new to Don Munson.

Back in 1953 when he was 15 years old, Munson was a page in the U.S. House of Representatives. His mother, a "highly partisan" Hagerstown Republican, helped Munson secure the Congressional appointment from then-Congressman DeWitt S. Hyde, who represented Washington County in the U.S. capital in those days.

Today, age 36 and a Frederick County teacher, Munson again is courting Republican favor, but in his own right. Munson is asking the 2,500 Republican voters of district 2C to nominate him to the Maryland House of Delegates.

For the past two months Munson has gone door-to-door

seeking out his district voters, who live in Hagerstown Wards One, Two and Five and in the Broadway School and Row's Bingo precincts of Ward Four and in Cedar Lawn.

Most people might shudder at the thought of pounding so much pavement and knocking on so many doors.

Not Don Munson.

"Politics and my family are my whole life," Munson said the other day, setting out to knock on door 3,000 and...

Munson stops to introduce himself and to engage voters in a quick chat. If there is no response to his knock, he leaves a small pamphlet bearing his name and photograph.

He also leaves a postcard for constituents to send him

their thoughts and ideas concerning the election.

Munson figures the primary campaign effort will cost him about \$1,500, most of that sum contributed by himself and a brother.

The reaction he gets in his neighborhood visits, Munson insisted, is invariably "good."

"We need some new blood down there in Annapolis," E. J. Chapman, 12 Cypress St., told Munson on one of his door-knocking tours. But Chapman refused to commit his vote "before the primary."

"I'll read over this," Mrs. Helen Gruber of 16 Cypress St. told Munson, indicating the candidate had handed her.

"Of course, I don't know you," she added quietly.

"Well if you don't like what I do in Annapolis, you can stop over and see me. I live right around the corner from you," she was assured by Munson, who lives at 117 W. Magnolia Ave.

But another neighbor, Mrs. Hilde Ottinger, 9 Cypress St., greeted Munson warmly and offered to "do whatever I can to help you, Don."

Munson chatted for a moment, assuring Mrs. Ottinger "everything is going real well with the campaign." Then he resumed his progression down the block.

"I don't spend more than a few minutes at any one house," explained Munson back at his house, relaxing after a day of door-to-door.

"I introduce myself, tell people I'm running for Delegate and ask if they have any questions. Or I tell them to send me a postcard with their suggestions," Munson said.

"I don't usually discuss issues with people at their door because I'd end up spending an hour and a half at each stop. I'd never get through the list of constituents," he said.

Issues have not played a large role in Munson's campaign. He calls himself a "moderate to conservative" Republican. He favors tax and zoning "breaks" in order to encourage economic growth in western Maryland, has endorsed a mandatory death penalty for convicted first

degree murderers and drug pushers, opposes the 1974 land use bill, and is against public financing of political campaigns.

Munson revealed a less traditional feature of his campaign as he talked in the living room of his home.

"These charts show the election results for President, Governor, Mayor and so on in all Hagerstown election precincts since 1962," Munson says, opening a thick ring-binder notebook filled with unusually detailed charts and figures.

"The figures show a Republican can win in this district," Munson insisted.

Munson admitted district 2C is not exactly native soil for a Republican candidate. The district has 7,469 registered

Democrats, against only 4,640 Republicans.

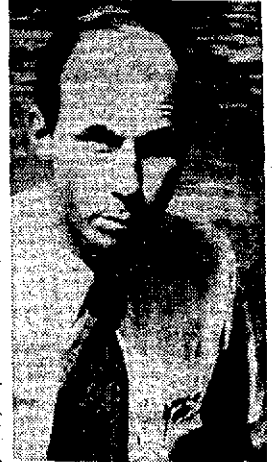
Doesn't Munson think these statistics favor Democratic incumbent Del. Richard Grumbacher in November's election, whoever may win the Republican primary?

"No. The past voting record for Hagerstown precincts says this is a conservative area."

"And Grumbacher has the reputation for being a very liberal Delegate," Munson added.

In 1973 a conservative Republican appeared on the ballot in Munson's Hagerstown precincts. His name was Varner Paddock, and he won the election, becoming Mayor of Hagerstown.

Paddock's campaign manager was Don Munson.



Donald Munson



Robert Barnhart

A Newcomer To Politics Says He'll Offer A Fresh Approach

By JEFF SOREF

Bob Barnhart doesn't claim to be a politician.

But that hasn't stopped the 30-year-old Hagerstonian from seeking the Republican nomination to the Maryland House of Delegates from district 2C.

"I don't claim to be a politician," Barnhart tells Republican voters as he moves door-to-door in search of support in the Sept. 10 primary.

"I don't claim to have all the answers," Barnhart's district includes Hagerstown Wards One, Two, Five, Broadway School and Bingo's Row precincts of

Ward Four and Cedar Lawn. In the district live 4,640 Republicans eligible to vote in the primary election.

Barnhart's campaign is low-key.

"I'm not trying to sell anything but myself, not trying to con anyone," Barnhart assures potential constituents with an engaging smile.

"Personal contact is the key," Barnhart asserted. "Every evening I try and visit a different neighborhood in the district, to meet people and talk."

Like most candidates, Barnhart has prepared a short biographical profile, outlining

his family status (wife and two children), his present employment (project co-ordinator for a local construction firm) and his past "political" experience as district governor and lobbyist for the Maryland State Classified Employees Association.

If no one responds to his knock — and Barnhart reports this happens "pretty often" — a profile and short letter of introduction is placed under the door.

But if a voter answers, well... anything can happen.

"I've heard it all already," one West Side lady tells Barnhart as he makes his rounds. She takes the can-

didates literature and politely but firmly shuts the door.

"There's so many who come around and promise this or that. But it's all forgotten real soon," John Bear Sr. of 564 Salem Ave., a retired Pangborn employee, chides Barnhart.

"Well, don't worry," Barnhart replies. "I'll be back to see you again."

But other Republicans welcome a chance to discuss views and issues with the candidate.

"I think it's wrong people on welfare aren't allowed to work," Mrs. G. Ellen Titlow, 528 Salem Ave., complains.

"I think welfare is necessary," Barnhart tells

Mrs. Titlow. "But I think we need to remove the abusers and put them to work."

"How do you feel about lobbyists?" Earl Marquess of 620 Salem Ave. wants to know.

"Well, I think they serve a purpose, though I think special interests can get too much attention sometimes," answers Barnhart, an advocate of public financing of political campaigns.

Barnhart said some of the toughest questions he's encountered on the campaign trail involve former President Richard Nixon.

"A lot of old-time Republicans still like him. They ask what I think about Nixon's resigning."

"It's hard to know what to say," Barnhart observed, declining to say anything further on the subject.

By the end of last week, Barnhart figures he has called on 2,500 Republican voters in the district. He hoped to visit all 4,600 before election day, but wasn't sure he'd accomplish that goal.

"I never walk away from someone who wants to talk to me," Barnhart said.

"I figure if you can talk to one voter and make him listen and understand, then he'll talk to someone else about you, and that person may talk to a third person."

To make the task of gaining

voter recognition easier, Barnhart said he also is spending about \$1,500 for printing and "selective" mailing of campaign literature, posters, signs and advertisements.

Should Barnhart win the Republican primary, he would face incumbent Democratic Del. Richard Grumbacher, often considered the most liberal of the current Washington County delegation to Annapolis.

Is he optimistic that his first political effort will end in success?

"Yes," Barnhart affirmed. "The voters are ready for a change."