

# CITY WARD BOOK POOL

## News Flashes

Latest Direct Wire Reports From United Press

### ATTORNEY FOR MISS McDONALD TO ENTER PLEA OF INSANITY

Somerville Mass. (UP)—An attorney said today he would seek a sanity test for Mildred McDonald, 25-year-old stenographer who said she went "plain crazy" and killed her former boy friend's younger sister. The attorney, Dwight L. Allison of Belmont, Mass., who was retained by Miss McDonald's family to defend her against a murder charge, indicated he was considering the possibility of an insanity plea. "Her mind must have snapped," he said. "I feel that in fairness to her she should have detailed psychiatric treatment while she is still in this terrible state." Miss McDonald confessed in New York Wednesday that she fatally shot 14-year-old Mary Di Rocco to death in the Di Rocco home here Monday and tried to burn the body. She told police she flew into a rage when she thought the girl was "belittling" her because she had been jilted.

Wellesley, Mass., (UP)—College honor student Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, was reported in "good" condition today after taking an overdose of sleeping pills. Newton-Wellesley Hospital attendants said the Smith College student, found in the cellar of her home yesterday after she had been listed as missing for two days, was responding to queries put to her by physicians. However authorities said she would not disclose what led her to take 40 to 50 sleeping capsules.

### U. S. PROPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL IN GERMANY BE REMOVED

Berlin (UP)—The United States proposed to the Russians today that restrictions on travel between East and West Germany be removed. The proposal would affect Germans traveling between East and West Zones. American High Commissioner James B. Conant made the proposal, similar to one the West German government made two days ago, in a letter to Soviet High Commissioner V. S. Semyenov. Conant made his move as thousands of East Germans, openly skeptical of recent Russian promises of a better life, swarmed into West Berlin today to get free food from the United States.

Fall River, Mass., (UP)—More than 2,800 CIO employees of the Firestone Industrial Products Co. here were on strike today for higher wages and extra fringe benefits. The firm is a division of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Union officials had served notice 60 days ago that present contracts throughout the nation would be cancelled last midnight if no agreement was made. Firestone employs more than 24,000 production workers in eight cities.

### SPAIN SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH VATICAN RECOGNIZING RELIGION

Vatican City (UP)—Spain and the Vatican signed an agreement today recognizing the Roman Catholic Church as "the only true religion of the Catholic nation" of Spain. The agreement a formal concordat or treaty, was signed after 558 days of secret negotiation. It replaces the one concluded between Queen Isabella of Spain and Pope Pius IX in 1851. The concordat reaffirms that the Catholic religion "continues being the only one of the Spanish nation."

### NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION TO SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. K. G. Stephenson Says He Will Not Be Candidate For Any Office

Marlboro—Dr. Kendall G. Stephenson of 16 Norwood street today announced he will not seek re-election to the School Committee. He will complete his second four-year term this year. Dr. Stephenson said he will not be a candidate for any office in the November biennial election and is not a candidate due mainly to the pressure of business.

The other two committee members whose terms also expire this year are Bert F. Bergman and Francis J. Kane, both of whom have announced they will seek re-election. Dr. Stephenson has been secretary of the School Committee for the past few years, is chairman of the finance committee and during his nearly eight years as a member has served on about every other board committee.

Other candidates who have already announced they will seek election to the School Committee, all newcomers, are: Walter Brennan, John J. McGilivray and Mrs. Ralph B. C. Nordgren.

### EVA KOUGIAS IS TENDERED SHOWER PARTY

To Become Bride Of Lowell Man On September 27

Marlboro—Miss Eva Kougias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anastas Kougias of 211 Lincoln street, was tendered a greenback shower party in honor of her approaching marriage to Nicholas Channillos of Lowell which will be held on September 27.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Helen Krals, Mrs. Helen Progniss, Mrs. Sophia Daopoulos and Mrs. Stammy Kopley of Fitchburg. The hall was decorated with fresh flowers and a buffet luncheon was served highlighted by a large shower cake.

More than 100 relatives and friends from Lowell, Arlington, Fitchburg, Worcester, Marlboro and surrounding communities

### WARD 1 CANDIDATES



WALTER L. HUNTINGTON Councillor Of Ward 1 Who Seeks Re-Election And Has Filed Nomination Papers. He is a veteran of World War 1, is chaplain of Akroyd-Houde Post, A.L. and Member of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars.



ALFRED E. CHAMPAGNE Has Filed Nomination Papers As a City Council Candidate In Ward 1. Is A Building Contractor And Member Of The Fish and Game Association. This Is His First Venture Into Politics.

### LIVING COST SOARS TO A RECORD HIGH

Washington—The government reports that living costs edged to a new record high in mid-July. The increase was enough to give a million auto industry workers a one cent hourly pay boost.

### Don Gazzaniga In Television Play

Marlboro—Donald Gazzaniga son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Gazzaniga of 159 Elm street, appeared on television this week on the program "Racket Squad."

Donald, whose stage name is Donald Garrett, may be seen again tonight on Channel 10 when the program is repeated. He plays the part of the ship's purser.

### COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Marlboro—Francis A. Garcia, 39, of 276 Main street who appeared in District Court yesterday on a morals charge was committed to Westboro Hospital for observation.

### Remind Vets Deadline For Property Valuation Abatement Is October 1

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