

To Reduce Size of Legislature—

Substitute Measure for Shaff Plan Filed in Iowa House

DES MOINES (AP)—A new reapportionment plan which would reduce both House and Senate to about their present size was filed in the Iowa House Tuesday on the eve of a scheduled debate over the Shaff plan of reapportionment.

Congress Gets Measure for Mentally Ill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's unique and far-reaching proposals to offer a federal helping hand to the mentally ill and retarded went to Congress Tuesday. They drew little comment.

The first special mental health message ever sent to Capitol Hill by an American chief executive called for a sweeping program.

The President said it would return all but a small portion of the 600,000 hospitalized mentally ill to useful life, and would cut drastically into the 126,000 new cases of mental retardation each year.

He called for unspecified federal spending to help finance a broad network of community mental health centers—24-hour operations, set for emergencies and aimed at diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

The President also offered a variety of new programs that would cost \$3.35 billion the first year. They would provide more care, training and rehabilitation for the mentally ill and retarded; more pre-natal, maternity and child care aimed at reducing mental retardation, and more research centers to probe the causes.

"The time has come for a bold new approach," Kennedy said, to mobilize new medical, scientific and social tools and insights.

House Speaker John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) said the message "points the way for a compassionate people to extend a helping hand to those who must depend so much on their fellow men."

Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough (D-Tex.) said Kennedy had brought into the open "a growing national problem that has too long been clouded by superstition and survival of the fittest of witchcraft."

"This new national approach is badly needed," he added.

ids) filed the new plan as a substitute for the Shaff measure, which was passed by the 1961 legislature and was passed again by the Senate last week on its second trip through the General Assembly.

Passage of the Shaff plan by the House today would clear the way for a vote of the people on the measure. The Republican majority legislature has agreed to set a special election next December for ratification of the measure if it is approved by the House.

Opponents of the plan, however, promised a fight against adoption of the Senate-passed measure. Riley's plan was to be offered as a substitute.

Riley's proposal would set up a Senate of 25 members—one from each of four counties in the state, except that Kosuth, Winnebago and Hancock counties would form one district.

The House would consist of 50 members, elected from population districts varying no more than two per cent from the average population of a district.

The plan calls for reapportionment of the House every 10 years by the Secretary of State, or by the Iowa Supreme Court if he failed to do the job.

Riley said that under his plan, the Senate would be "small enough to remain a deliberating body" and the House would be large enough "so that each member will be close to the people he represents."

Having the Secretary of State reapportion the House, he said, "would relieve the legislature of a difficult task."

Riley said that reducing the number of legislators by approximately half would cut the cost of the session to about half of the approximately \$1 million it now costs to hold a session.

Rep. David Stanley (R-Muscatine) meanwhile received an opinion signed by Atty. Gen. Evan Hultman and his first assistant, Oscar Strauss, that the Shaff proposal would continue the present apportionment of the legislature until all the provisions of the Shaff plan go into effect.

The plan proposed by Sen. David

O. Shaff (R-Clinton) would set up a 58-member Senate based on population and a 99-member House with one representative from each county.

Stanley had asked if the Shaff plan would effectuate the 58-member Senate and 99-member House beginning with the legislature elected in 1966, meanwhile continuing the present apportionment of the General Assembly through the 1965 session.

Hultman and Strauss said it is a basic rule of constitutional law that all the words and language in a constitution should be construed together and its meaning and intent ascertained from the meaning of the instrument as a whole.

It was the intention of Sen. D. C. Nolan (R-Iowa City) that the Shaff plan would in effect abolish the Senate for one term because of its provisions for making the Senate portion of the amendment effective.

Hultman and Strauss, however, said that if a literal interpretation of the language used would give it an effect "in contravention of the real purpose and intent of the instrument as deduced from a consideration of all its parts, such intent must prevail over the literal meaning."

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SUI Faculty Council Urges Construction of Auditorium

BY DEBBIE ZIFFREN

The University Faculty Council adopted a resolution to urge the construction of a large auditorium on campus saying that "An auditorium, like a library, should be a center for the broad intellectual life of the University."

The action was taken Tuesday afternoon at the Council's monthly meeting in the House Chamber of Old Capitol. The resolution will be sent to President Virgil M. Hancher for his consideration.

Also covered on the agenda was the report that the Alumni Institute Committee is at work on its program. The committee is a liaison to the College of Liberal Arts for its summer institute program for alumni who desire to continue their education.

Serving on the committee are John McGalliard, professor of English, chairman; Harvey C. Bunke, associate professor of general business; Lane Davis, associate professor of political science; George Forell, professor of religion; Lawrence Gelfand, professor of history; Kenneth Ramage, associate professor of geography; Loren Hickerson, executive director of

the Alumni Records; and Blanche Holmes, secretary of classes of the Alumni Records.

The Council also considered for further information the possibility of including several book reviews in the Alumni publication. The idea was received from such a program at Princeton University. The idea was turned over to the Alumni Institute committee.

Also a letter will be referred to Provost Harvey Davis concerning those with Ph.D. degrees paying for courses at SUI. The letter was received by Faculty Council chairman, Richard Lloyd-Jones, from a faculty member who wished to be clarified on this point.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on the topic of faculty housing. The Council is considering this topic in order to see if improvements can be made to keep and attract faculty members.

SUI Writers Workshop To Offer Home-Study Program in Fiction

The first course in a new program of home-study in creative writing is being offered by the Writers Workshop in cooperation with the Britannica Schools Division of Encyclopaedia Britannica Press, Inc.

The initial course in Fiction Writing, the first home-study course in the Writers Workshop's 27-year history, was announced Tuesday by workshop director Paul Engle. A second course, Poetry Writing, is planned for next fall, and advanced courses are also under study.

R. V. Cassill, author and workshop lecturer, said the course is not intended to "guarantee success as a professional writer — no process of training can guarantee that."

However, he pointed out that it is possible to teach a great deal about the mechanics of writing and to impart an understanding of the concepts of unity, plot, characterization, tone and theme which lie behind all good story-telling.

Cassill added, "The purpose of the course is to help a student organize and effectively advance the talents for observation and expression that he has already."

The 10-lesson course was prepared by two staff members of the SUI Writers Workshop, David Roberts and Frank Conaway, under the direction of Engle and Cassill.

New County Home Plans Expected Ready in February

Planners of the new \$795,000 Johnson county home said Tuesday that they expect that plans and specifications for the home will be ready to submit to bidders by the end of February.

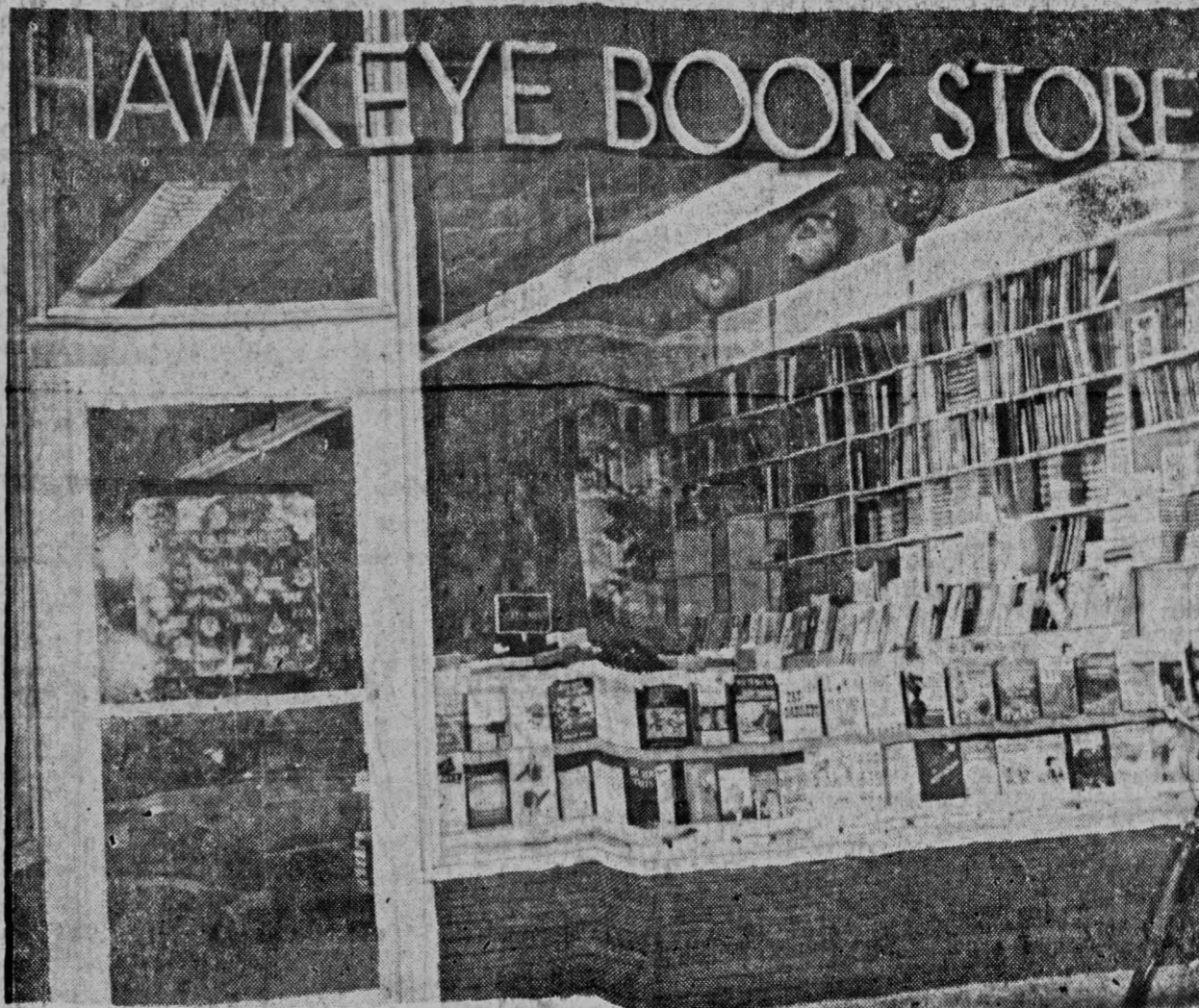
In a meeting with the county board of supervisors architect Robert Earnheart reported that architectural plans are about 75 per cent complete and electrical plans are about 50 per cent complete.

The new home which is to have facilities for retarded and mild mental health cases, and a few nursing patients, is to be a two-story T-shaped structure with a capacity of about 110.

LA DOLCE VITA

PRAGUE (AP)—Critics in Communist Czechoslovakia voted the Italian film "La Dolce Vita" the best movie of 1962, the Czech news agency CTK reports. The movie deals with decadent Roman society.

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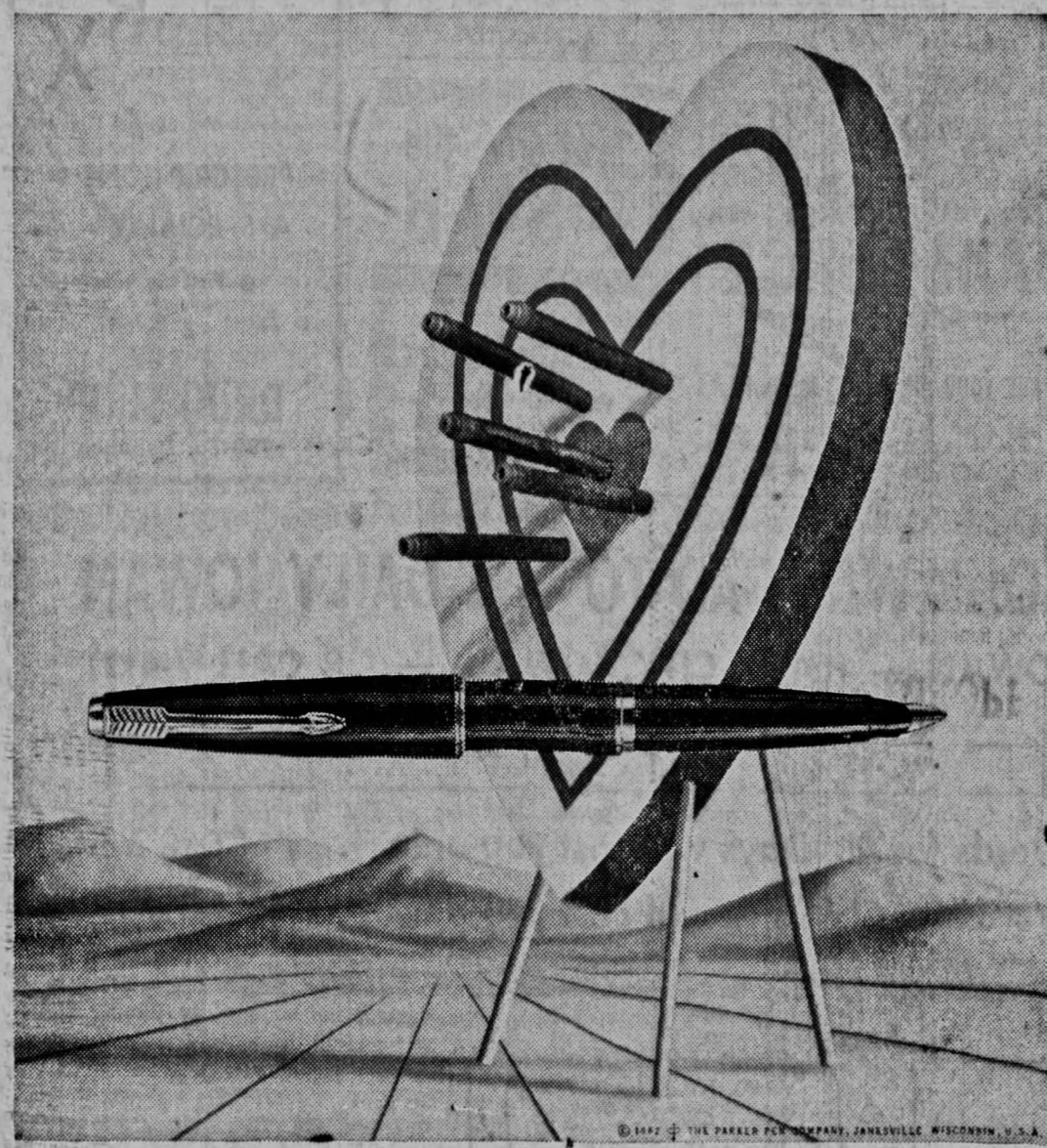
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