

## Stroudwater Nursery School OK, d Despite Protests

The Board of Appeals Thursday approved construction of a \$50,000, three-room nursery school in Stroudwater.

The action was taken over the protests of several Stroudwater residents, one of whom presented a 39-name petition opposing the proposal.

Supporters of the appeal of Albert R. Cochran of 360 Main St., Westbrook, to use land at 1857-1863 Congress St. for the nursery school said such use would enhance the community.

Opponents said it would in-

fringe on the residential character of the area.

Cochran, whose wife operates the Allyn Day School at their Westbrook home, plans to make the Stroudwater school available to youngsters between the ages of three and five. The Cochrans have operated their present school eight years.

Their present school, occupying a large, remodeled home, has an enrollment of 53. Mrs. Cochran told the board her proposed school could have a

top enrollment of 150 in half-day sessions.

Protestants at the hearing were matched man-for-man by supporters of the idea.

George J. Johnston of 1248 Westbrook St. presented the petition opposing the appeal.

It asked that the board refuse the permit because Stroudwater is a residential zone and any business allowed in it would destroy that special feature of the community.

"This is the third time in recent months attempts have been made to infringe on the

residential quality of the section," Johnston said.

The board denied two appeals of Gordon Martin who wanted to build a two-family house in the Stroudwater section of Walden Street.

This time, as in the other two hearings, Mrs. Rupert Lovejoy and Mrs. Lawrence Roper, both Stroudwater Improvement Association members, reminded the board that recent legislation has made the creation of historic zones possible and that Stroudwater would fit this category.

Mrs. Lovejoy told the board "the people who signed the petition are anxious not to have any changes made in the residential character of the community."

She said that property values were improving in the area and it was because of the residential quality found there.

Supporters of the plan included Mrs. C. Hasty Thompson of 1248 Congress St., Mrs. Neal Skarane, 1871 Congress St. and William Maxwell of 1840 Congress St.

Maxfield said he lives in his grandfathers' basement there "and I've never property here because it hasn't been zoned."

"But I think this school is a good use for the building," he said. "I approve it."

The building he referred to is located in front of the proposed school and will be reserved for occupancy by the school owners.

Robert Hunt, owner of the land, said he has refused to sell it for about 16 years be-

cause he "loves Stroudwater and doesn't want to see it go down hill."

"But I feel, and I know my ancestors would feel, that to sell some of the Hunt property for an educational purpose would enhance the community instead of destroy it," he said.

Hunt said he had offers to sell the land that were higher than the price the Cochrans will pay for it. The offers included one from a restaurant owner, another from a race

horse owner and a third from a family who wanted to live in the house.

The proposed school will be set back from Congress Street so far that it will be hidden from passing cars by a cedar tree hedge and a landscape.

It will be one-story, with a building 30 to 40 feet wide and 30 to 40 feet. The owner will be brick and the school will meet all the safety requirements for schools established by the State Board of Education, Mrs. Cochran said.

## Senate Approves \$4.7 Billion Education Bill



**Astronauts Welcomed Home**

Lt. Col. L. Gordon Cooper is kissed by wife, Trudy, and Lt. Cmdr. Charles Conrad Jr. gets a big hug from son, Tommy, 8, as another of his sons, Chris, 4, rushes in to greet his dad. The astronauts were welcomed by their families at Ellington AFB Thursday. Story on Page 27. (AP Wirephoto)

## Quick Agreement In Conference Expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Thursday passed a \$4.7-billion higher education bill providing federal scholarships for needy students and funds to strengthen colleges struggling with the enrollment boom.

The bill also would establish a national teacher corps whose members would serve in poverty-stricken areas to improve educational opportunities for disadvantaged youngsters.

Passage came on a 79-3 roll call with negative votes cast only by three Southern Dem-

ocrats, A. Willis Robertson of Virginia and James O. Eastland and John Stennis, both of Mississippi. Twenty-five Republicans joined 34 Democrats in voting for passage.

The overwhelming vote sent the legislation to conference with the House which passed it in different form by a 367-22 vote Aug. 26.

But sponsors of the measure said they are confident the differences will be settled quickly and amicably.

The Senate version authorizes \$472 million the first year as

compared with about \$450 million in the House measure. Most sections of the Senate bill include funds for four additional years.

President Johnson originally asked \$350 million in the initial year but he has gone along with nearly all of the additions made in both branches of Congress.

Almost half of the total authorization in the Senate bill, or \$277 million, would be devoted to a package of student aids designed to make it possible for inner-city youngsters to go to college education.

The White House issued a statement to which Johnson called the Senate action "a triumph for millions of students and teachers upon whose achievements our destiny largely depends."

He described the legislation as the most comprehensive program for higher education ever advanced in this country and said:

"I am particularly gratified that the Senate added provisions for a 6,000-member national teacher corps and fellowship

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## Airlines Not Bunny Clubs, Hathaway Tells Hearing

Rep. William D. Hathaway observed in Washington Thursday that some of the nation's airlines "tend to be educated to the fact that they're not operating living Bunny Clubs, but just another means of transportation."

The Maine senator's suggestions that the airlines are laboring under a misconception about the nature of commercial aviation came during a House labor subcom-

mittee hearing on the problems of older workers, the Associated Press reported.

For four airlines, the term "older workers" apparently means anyone beyond the early or mid 30s. The committee was told they have policies requiring stewardesses to resign at either 32 or 35.

A dozen or so pretty stewardesses who face imminent dismissal because they're

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## New Delhi Charges Foes Using U.S. Arms

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—India said Pakistan plots five U.S.-made M-16s Thursday in a serial combat over Kashmir while Pakistan's ground units punched five miles into Indian territory behind American Patton tanks.

Indian officials acknowledged the loss of two towns, Chhamb and Dewa. It appeared an Indian counterattack had only slowed down the Pakistani force of 3,000 men and 70 tanks pouring into the flatlands of western

Kashmir.

Hopeful talk about a dawn counterattack had switched by night-time to an official report that the fighting was continuing on a subdued scale but that the Indian soldiers are "putting up a vigorous fight."

Though the exact battleground situation was hazy, it was clear the government was prepared for the worst—perhaps even a greatly widened conflict with neighboring Pakistan.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said Indian planes were attacked by Pakistani planes as they flew reconnaissance.

"Our fighting escort drove the Pakistani planes across the international frontier," he added. "All our aircraft returned to base after successfully completing their mission."

There was no claim that any Pakistani planes were shot down. India acknowledged it lost two planes Wednesday when Pakistani forces struck across the U.N. cease-fire line.

In Rawalpindi, Pakistani spokesmen said Pakistan's forces continued to press unchecked eastward across the plains from captured Chhamb.

Pakistan radio said Pakistani forces captured about 200 Indian soldiers and 15 tanks in the first day of fighting around Chhamb.

An Indian spokesman claimed Indian air strikes destroyed 100 Pakistani tanks and 30 or 40 other heavy vehicles were wrecked.

Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri told Indian political leaders his government expects very big clashes are ahead and that India's strategy must be considered in a much wider context.

One aspect of the govern-

ment's policy appeared to be to put pressure on the United States because of Pakistan's alleged use of U.S. military aid and equipment.

Indian leaders have been incensed for months over what they say is Pakistan's increasing use of U.S. equipment against India.

An Indian spokesman said it was too early to tell who was winning, adding, "We are still

pushing each other around in the border areas."

He said one Pakistani aircraft had crossed the international frontier and headed toward Jammu, Kashmir's winter capital about 35 miles southeast of Chhamb.

Another force crossed the cease-fire line in the Rumbur area and overran Chhamb and Dewa.

The Indians are about 15

## Pakistani Take 2 Indian Towns

about the Chhamb area. About 35 miles to the east of Chhamb lies the only highway into Kashmir from India proper. If this border was cut, all Indian forces farther north would be in peril.

Britain's regular capital of Indian-ruled Kashmir, in 20 miles north of Chhamb, is a Kashmir was divided between Pakistan and India in 1949 after a U.N. cease-fire called the

With the present conflict taking India and Pakistan near the border, peace efforts were stepped up by the United Nations, the United States and Britain.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk is reported to have called the Indian government asking for immediate cease-fire—an appeal also made by the British government and U.N. Secretary-General U Thant in a letter

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## Johnson Cites Progress In Knotty Steel Sessions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personally into the talks for the first time since moving them here from Pittsburgh Monday.

Johnson told negotiators for the AFL-CIO United Steelworkers of America and 10 major steel firms he saw no reason why they can't reach a settlement, hopefully before Labor Day, well in advance of next

Thursday's 12:01 a.m. strike deadline.

He would even like to see a settlement now so he could go to Texas for the weekend, Johnson said in the negotiators in a 45-minute session.

But sources inside the steel talks said progress was slow and that the two sides were still far from a settlement, they're

White House press secretary Bill D. Moyers said the prospect was that the negotiations would continue into the night for the fourth straight night.

Asked if the administration had made a compromise proposal in the dispute, Moyers said "we have made no proposal whatever."

Moyers said Johnson had ordered dinner sent into the negotiators. Previously, the negotiators had been leaving for a two-hour dinner break each evening.

Moyers said the President "told them to keep working and that he would provide the fare."

Johnson's action appeared to be a further effort to push the talks through a major breakthrough so he could go to his ranch in Texas for a long Labor Day weekend.

The President said so earlier in the day he could not go as long as there was a steel dispute.

Informed sources said the offer to informally raise its offer to

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## 65 Parochial Elementary Schools To Embark On Self-Evaluations

By CHARLES C. STUTTON

Maine's 65 parochial elementary schools will embark this fall on self-evaluations which could take two years to complete.

"The purpose of the evaluations is the improvement of each school, not the comparison of one school against another," declared Sister Mary Nova, Washington, D. C., an associate secretary of the National Catholic Education Association.

Sister Nova, one of the authors of a new Criteria For Evaluation of Catholic Elementary Schools, described the criteria as a book a group of study groups a mock evaluation session during the 13th annual convention of the Catholic Teachers Association Thursday at Portland City Hall.

"THIS FALL all elementary parochial schools in Maine will start working on sections of the evaluation which deal with the philosophy and objectives of the school and the relation of the school to the community."

Sister Nova noted that the objectives of each school may be different because of the nature of the community which the school serves.

"No school has the same administrative policy or deals with discipline in the same way," she added.

She also told the teachers

and principals that parents should have a say in what the objectives of the school are.

Sister Nova gave some indications of the type of questions the teachers and school officials will be expected to answer.

In the area of religion, these questions include: Is there a definite program of religion? Is it required of all students? Is religion scheduled regularly? How many periods does it meet? Is it scheduled in accordance with Christian holidays? Is it regarded as an integral part of the instruction program? Is it related closely with other subjects?

School officials will be asked to answer such questions with a letter system—E for excellent, S for satisfactory, and I for limited.

During the mock evaluation session, teachers from eight

parochial schools discussed concerns about the language arts program.

SOME EXAMPLES: Are basic reading skills provided at all levels? Is there time for students' writing work? Are students grouped on the basis of need? Is there flexibility?

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Attend Convention

Among those attending the 13th annual convention of the Catholic Teachers Association here Thursday and Friday are, left to right, Miss Helen A. Kane of the local Sacred Heart School; Sister Mary Nora, SSND, National Catholic Education Association associate secretary; Elementary School Department; Sister Mary Denis, RSM, diocesan elementary supervisor, and Sister Marie St. Anselm, SCIM, of St. Joseph School Biddeford. (By Staff Photographer Elwell)

## News, Features On The Inside

**The Weather**

Bunny, warmer today. Partly cloudy Saturday. Fall report on Page 31.

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**Prayer For Today**

Our dear heavenly Father, I give thanks for the earnest labors of my fellow men. Make me aware of my indebtedness to those who work in mill, mine, in dirt and danger, in menial and obscure; that all rank and file may enjoy material blessings. Grant each worker an adequate wage for his labor and a reassuring word of praise for his service from his fellow men. In the Master's name I pray. Amen.

—F. Ralph Ford Jr., Syracuse, N.Y., *Isisop, The Mediator Church*

**Today's Chuckle**

Life is much like Christmas — you are more likely to get what you expect than what you want.

**HOLE OF THE WEEK**

**JAMES STEWART**

In a Thrilling War Drama

**"THE MOUNTAIN ROAD"**

8-10 P.M.

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