

W. M. Blount Heads U.S. Chamber

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — Winton M. Blount of Montgomery, Ala., head of a construction firm, was named today as the new president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Blount, 47 years old, is president and chairman of the board of Blount Brothers Corp., which has built projects ranging from industrial plants to missile defense and space installations.

He was elected to a one-year term by the chamber's board of directors last Friday and will take office at the annual meeting here this coming week. He succeeds Allan Shivers, Austin, Tex., businessman and former Governor of Texas. Shivers was named chairman of the chamber board.

Study of the Dollar

Blount told a press conference at the announcement of his election that he intended to set up a committee of businessmen, assisted by technical experts, to study the problems of the dollar.

"We have abused the dollar by acting as though we had all the money in the world, and now the consequences have caught up with us," he said.

Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N.C., former president of the American Bankers Association, will head the dollar study committee, Blount said.

The chamber's board also announced election of the following other officers for one-year terms:

Chairman of the executive committee, M. A. Wright, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Humble Oil & Refining Co., Houston; treasurer, Henry C. Coleman, chairman of the board of the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Business Career

Blount, whose name is pronounced "Blunt," was born in Union Springs, Ala., and entered the construction business in Tuskegee, Ala., with the purchase of war surplus earth-moving equipment after World War II. He moved to Montgomery in the early 1950s.

Blount said he is a Republican and believes that businessmen should get more active in politics and also in the social problems of the nation. He was instrumental in formation of the Montgomery City Commissioners' Committee on Community Affairs, a biracial organization designed to meet the problems of the day.

Blount is married and has five children.

14 Busses to Begin Worker Service

A federally-funded demonstration project to provide transportation for inner city workers to suburban employment sites will begin tomorrow with 14 busses leaving the city and 13 returning.

Busses will leave Delmar boulevard and DeBaliviere avenue beginning at 5:22 a.m. The route terminates at the Village Square shopping center, Hazelwood, with most of the passengers expected to leave at Hazelwood industrial sites.

Stops will be made on Hamilton avenue at Hodiamont avenue and at Page boulevard; at the Wellston loop; on Goodfellow boulevard at Easton and St. Louis avenues and at Natural Bridge road. Stops also will be made at three McDonnell Douglas plant sites, at Diversified Metals Inc., on Brown road at Byassee road and at Lindbergh boulevard, at the Ford Motor Co. plant, at Pershall and Graham roads and at Village Square.

Frank Williamson Funeral Conducted

Private services were held yesterday for Frank C. Williamson, retired operator of a steel fabricating firm, who died Friday.

Mr. Williamson, who was 69 years old, was past president of the Kirkwood Rotary Club and a member of the board of Kirkwood Public Library and the Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce. He was a director of the Kirkwood Bank.

Surviving are his wife, Gretchen, with whom he lived at 320 West Argonne drive, Kirkwood; a daughter, Miss Patricia Williamson, a producer-director at KSD-TV, and two brothers, Robert L. Williamson, Pittsburgh, and James F. Williamson, Alexandria, Va.

St. Clair County To Mark 178 Years

The 178th anniversary of the organization of St. Clair county will be observed today at Cahokia by the St. Clair County Historical Society.

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a procession from the Jarrot mansion to the Holy Family Church yard, where many of the first county officials are buried. Walter Sobel, a Chicago architect, will speak at the Jarrot mansion. An informal reception will be held afterward.

St. Clair county was organized at Cahokia on April 27, 1790. At that time, it was the westernmost county in the original territory of the United States.



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Illinois Strikes, Riot Affect Governor Race

By TAYLOR PENSONEAU Springfield Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 27 — The race for the Republican nomination for governor in Illinois increasingly reflects the impact of the Chicago riots and other recent events in the state.

In the campaign for the June 11 primary election, the main contenders for the GOP nomination have in some cases got down to specifics in the wake of urban disorders, a strike by state mental health workers and other events.

Alton Speech

John H. Altorfer, a Peoria industrialist, will deliver a speech tonight in his home town. In it he calls for passage of legislation prohibiting public employ strikes and establishing union recognition and collective bargaining procedures in an attempt to avoid future labor disputes in the public sector.

In reference to the recent strike at state hospitals and schools for the mentally retarded by members of the Illinois State Employees' Union, Altorfer says, "The fact that it occurred despite a court injunction against it is ample proof that a statute is required." He says, however, that in his opinion the law's main effect would be to clarify public employ rights.

The Peorian, although previously skeptical of the benefits of a state open occupancy law, said in Springfield shortly after the Chicago riots that he now would not object to a state statute similar to the fair housing provisions in the recently enacted federal civil rights law.

The racial disturbances in Chicago, which followed the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, generated a proposal by Altorfer for a conference of Illinois white and Negro leaders. The group would recommend emergency measures to alleviate some of the shortcomings of ghetto life.

Police Plan

Richard B. Ogilvie, president of the Board of Cook County Commissioners and the candidate regarded by most observers as the front runner in the contest for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, urged this week that the state highway police, among other things, be expanded to "the first reserve" in prevention of civil disorders.

He said in a speech in Campaign that he was not discussing a long-range solution to the problems behind civil unrest. However, he said, "In examining the origins of the recent disorders, it is clear that sufficient force was in no instance available in the critical hours or moments which preceded full-scale disasters."

Ogilvie, former sheriff of Cook county, said, stressing a need for more state troopers, that "a show of force at the right time is the vital requirement in preventing a civil disorder from becoming a disaster."

Altorfer Given Edge

Altorfer, whose political acumen has sharpened since the early days of the campaign, now is given a better chance of upsetting Ogilvie. The Peorian lacks the public office experience of his opponent. However, he therefore is not encumbered with the responsibility of governing a complex, problem-plagued political jurisdiction.

It is difficult to gauge the impact on Ogilvie and Altorfer of

Missionary Plane Arrives in Peru

The seaplane donated by a St. Louis group to help missions serve the western Amazon river valley has arrived in South America, a spokesman said yesterday. William D. Edwards, secretary of Wings of Hope, said the plane had landed in Iquitos, Peru.

In earlier attempt to fly the single-engine plane to the Iquitos mission, the craft was forced to land 200 miles northwest of Campeche, Mexico, when its radio malfunctioned.

The Rev. Guy Gervais head of the Iquitos Roman Catholic mission, will use the plane to serve missionary posts of all faiths in 80,000 square miles of jungle. Wings of Hope was organized in 1957 by a group of St. Louisians interested in aiding South American missions. They spent \$47,000 for the plane.

Drowning Victim's Body Recovered

The body of Steven Lee Boyer, who drowned April 20 when fishing with three companions, was recovered from the Big River yesterday. Members of the Missouri Emergency Corps of Arnold found the body about a mile downstream from where Boyer was last seen.

Boyer, an automobile body repairman of De Soto, and his companions were fishing at night when their boat caught in the limbs of a tree and sank. Boyer went under. His companions clung to the tree.

The emergency corps was unable to make an intensive search until today because the river was high. About 150 persons turned out yesterday to drag the river. Boyer, who was 33 years old, is survived by his wife and a son.

Lindbergh Votes To Increase School Tax

Voters in the Lindbergh school district yesterday approved a 45-cent tax increase to provide higher pay for teachers, 30 additional teachers and purchase of 10 new busses.

The vote was 2586 for the increase and 1881 against it. Only a simple majority was required.

The increase will bring the total district tax rate to \$3.95 for each \$100 assessed valuation of property.

Voters authorized the district to levy a tax of \$2.20 in addition to the \$1.25 authorized by state law, plus 50 cents for retirement of school bonds.

On April 2, the proposition lost by 184 votes.

Broadway Warned About Racial Bias

NEW YORK, April 27 (UPI) — If the New York theater industry does not take steps to end alleged racial discrimination in casting and in hiring stagehands, the State Human legal action.

Concluding three days of hearing into purported discrimination on Broadway, commission member Francis X. Giaccone said this week that the commission expects definite progress on ending racial imbalance.

David Merrick, whose theatrical productions account for 95 per cent of the Negroes currently appearing on Broadway, said that he had to scour the country for performers to cast his all-Negro version of "Hello, Dolly!" He said most producers have made little effort to end discrimination on the New York stage because "the poor fellows are too busy trying to survive."

Beef Month Being Observed Here

Beef industry month in Missouri will get under way with ceremonies Wednesday at the Northwest Plaza Shopping Center, 11100 St. Charles Rock road.

After a beef luncheon, there will be brief speeches, an explanation of meat cutting and an exhibition of a champion steer.

The affair is cosponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis and the chamber-affiliated Agribusiness Club.

Drivers License Office to Be Moved

The Illinois drivers license examination station in Wood River will be moved to 703 Henry street, Alton, beginning Wednesday.

Paul Powell, Illinois secretary of state, said the move was necessary to handle the work load expected when a re-examination program becomes effective in January. The new location has better parking facilities and test routes, he said.

Collector Robbed Twice in Eight Days

Henry Appt, an insurance collector, was robbed yesterday for the second time in eight days. Three men took \$136 from him when he was in the 1900 block of Hamilton avenue.

Appt, 66 years old, 8537 Everett avenue, Richmond Heights, was robbed April 20 of \$118 by two men who stopped him in the 1400 block of Laurel avenue.

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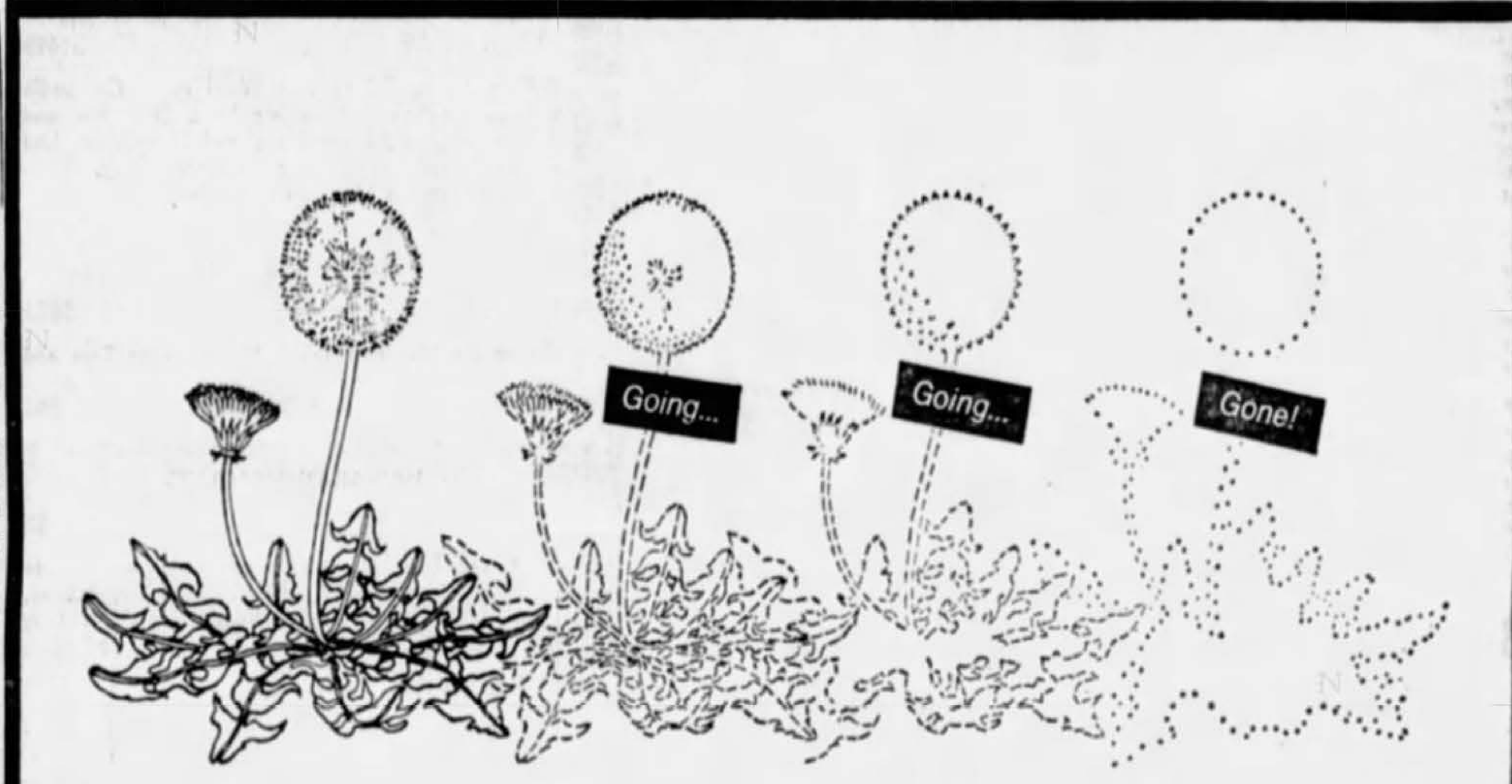
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