

SOCIETY

H. N. SHROLLS OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Shroll of Rugg street, prominent Decatur residents are observing their golden wedding anniversary today in a quiet manner. A family dinner will be served this evening in Fort Wayne.

The couple were married in the parsonage of the First Baptist church fifty years ago today by the Rev. Cathers, who served the Baptist charge at that time, and have lived their entire married lives in this city. Mr. Shroll who retired from the Schaefer Store in 1948, is 72 years of age, and Mrs. Shroll, the former Callie Tester, is 70. Both enjoy good health and continue to be active in church and civic affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Shroll are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Grace Thumler of Indianapolis, Mrs. Edwina Wolfrey of Eaton, Ohio, and Mrs. Helen Zwick of this city. They have four grandchildren, Miss Jane Brumley and Mary Ann Zwick of this city, and Susan and Michael Wolfrey of Eaton.

MISS VERA MILLER ENGAGED TO WED

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller, 1011 West Adams street, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vera, to Jerry Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burnett, of Monroeville.

The wedding is being planned for Saturday, August 26, and will take place in the rectory of St. Mary's Catholic church.

Miss Miller is a graduate of Decatur Catholic high school and is employed at Hothouse Drug Store. Her fiancé graduated from Monroeville high school and is employed at Hothouse Drug in Fort Wayne.

PAULINE SEESGUTH WED FRIDAY EVENING

Miss Pauline Seesguth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Seesguth of French township, and Richard Augsburger were united in marriage at six thirty o'clock last Friday evening in the parsonage of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed church at Vera Cruz. The Rev. H. H. Meckstroth performed the double ring ceremony. The groom is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Augsburger, of Berne, with whom he has been making his home.

The bride chose a navy blue ensemble with beige accessories for her wedding.

The new Mrs. Augsburger is a graduate of Berne-French high school.

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school and is employed as secretary at the county extension office in this city. Her husband, also a graduate of Berne-French high school, is employed as compositor at the Berne Witness company.

After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home at 317 1/2 West Franklin street in Berne.

MARJORIE DREW IS HONORED AT SHOWER

Mrs. Richard Mahan and Mrs. Edward Casanova entertained with a personal shower recently at the latter's home in honor of Miss Marjorie Drew, bride-elect of August 5.

The shower gifts were arranged on a large coffee table in the center of the room, over which hung an umbrella covered with pink crepe paper. White streamers extended from the umbrella and were attached to the gifts.

Master Joseph Casanova presented Miss Drew with a lovely corsage of pink asters, tied with a dainty blue bow. The bride-elect, then opened her many lovely gifts.

Among those present were the Misses Margaret Mallard, Betty Miller and Janie Drew, and the Mesdames Thurman Drew, Fred Kunkle, Morris Krueckberg, Henry Baumann and Fred Mahan. Those unable to attend were Mrs. Warren Kneuss, Mrs. Austin Fueling, Mrs. Fred Ebeling and the Misses Ludella Conrad, Norma Sheets and Eloise Aumann.

CROUSE-HEEMSTRA ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crouse of Fayetteville, West Virginia, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to Theodore H. Heemstra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Heemstra of this city.

After her graduation from Fayetteville high school, the bride-elect attended Mary Washington college of the University of Virginia. She later completed her studies at Purdue University where she was a member of Chi Omega and received her B.S. degree in Home Economics.

Mr. Heemstra, a graduate of Bluffton high school, received his degree in metallurgical engineering from Purdue University where he was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After an early fall wedding the young couple expect to make their home in Newark New Jersey.



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Coming Events

Society items for day's publication must be phoned in by 11 a. m. (Saturday 9:30 a. m.) Phone 1000-1001

Phyllis Achison Tuesday

Eta Tau Sigma sorority, Mrs. George Helm, 8 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary of V. F. W., V. F. W. hall, 8 p.m.

Tri Kappa sorority picnic, Hanna-Nuttman park, 6:30 p.m.
Catholic Ladies of Columbia, C. L. of C. hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Ladies Aid of First Christian Church, Mrs. Chris Inniger, 7:30 p.m.

Children's Handicraft, Pleasant Mills school, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday
Ladies Aid of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, church, 7:30 p.m.

Hartford township entertainment festival, high school, 8 p.m.
Ladies Aid of Union Chapel, church, all day.

Monroe Methodist W. S. C. S. church annex, 7:30 p.m.
Pleasant Dale Ladies Aid, church, all day.

Friday
Work and Win class of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, Miss Opal Drum, 7:30 p.m.

Children's handicrafts, Monroe school, 1:30 p.m.
Wabash township entertainment festival, softball park, 8 p.m.

The Ladies Aid of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church will meet at seven thirty o'clock Thursday evening at the church. There will be election of officers and a good attendance is desired. Mrs. Ralph Roop, Mrs. Ira Boddy and Mrs. Lewis Sapp are hostesses.

The Work and Win class of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church will meet at the home of Miss Opal Drum Friday evening at seven thirty o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. George Fosnaugh will assist the hostess.

Charles Johnson, local high school youth enlisted in the U. S. navy two weeks ago, is enjoying basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, Cal.

Miss Betty Johnson has returned to her home in Liberty after spending the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Baumgartner of South Thirteenth street.

The trophies to be awarded in the city softball league at the close of the second half of the season are on display at Peterson's clothing co. window this week.

Dick Durkin, former Decatur resident, now of Fort Wayne has leased a building in Bronson, Mich. and will open a shoe store in that town in the next week or two. Mr. and Mrs. Durkin and son William plan to move to Bronson soon.

Among the 329 full time students attending the 80th annual summer school at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, is Jack Burkhead, of Monroe. The students may earn 12 hours of credit during the 10-week summer session.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and children, Mary-Jane, Joey, Carol and Peggy, and Mrs. Homer Lower are spending several weeks at Lake Webster.

Mather Merwin of New York City, who has spent the last month with his grandmother Mrs. O. L. Vance, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Severin Schurger, and children are leaving this week for a vacation trip throughout Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gutowitz are vacationing in West Virginia this week. Barney Brooks, recent Indiana University graduate and son of Mrs. Gutowitz, is managing the Economy Department store in their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Melch and Mrs. David Terveer are spending the week at Otter Lake.



MRS. DOUGLAS MACKERMAN, wife of the American vice consul reportedly killed by Tibetan border guards while trying to escape from Communist-held China, holds her twins, Michael and Mary, in a recent photo taken at Fairfax, Cal. (International)

Slight Decline In Union Membership

The labor department's new directory of labor unions showed today that the steady rise in union membership since 1933 has slowed down—and perhaps halted.

The directory puts the number of trade unionists at between 14,000,000 and 16,000,000. The previous one—issued in 1948—reported a total membership of 15,600,000.

Membership had climbed upward without a break since the 1933 low mark of 2,900,000.

The revised directory notes that an accurate count now is impossible because definitions of membership vary and some unions failed to turn in even an estimate of their membership.

The directory shows that the number of international unions has increased from 197 to 509 in the last two years.

The AFL now has 105 affiliates, a gain of two. The CIO has 35 affiliates, a net loss of four-left wing groups. The number of independents rose from 55 to 69.

No overall count of AFL and CIO membership was given, but experts estimate the AFL has about 8,000,000 and the CIO slightly more than 4,000,000.

The biggest union now as in 1948 is Daniel Tobin's AFL Teamsters with 1,103,000—a gain of 41,000.

The smallest—the AFL's International Association of Siderographers, whose members make facsimiles of engravings for bank notes, securities, etc.—lost one member, dropping to 55.

Six union claim a membership of more than 500,000. Besides the teamsters, they are:

CIO president Philip Murray's United Steelworkers, 960,738, up 32,000; Walter Reuther's CIO Auto Workers, 947,598, up 27,000; William L. Hutchison's AFL Carpenters, 735,900, down 2,000; John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers (Ind.), unchanged at 600,000, and Al J. Hayes' International Association of Machinists (Ind.), 581,938, down 18,000.

Admitted: Wesley Morris; Ruth Ann and Mary Lou Wendel, New Corydon; Mrs. Charles Fl-hbaugh, Linden, O.

Dismissed: Winston Rawley, city; Mrs. Harry Gibson and baby son, Monroeville; Winfred Cooper, city; Mrs. Ralph Gillum and daughter, Bryant.

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List Three Hoosiers On Casualty Report

Washington, Aug. 1. —(UP)—Three Hoosiers were listed today on the defense department's casualty report number 50.

Pfc. Wayne H. Ditzler, son of Mrs. Pauline Ditzler, 731 W. 11th St., Marion, and Cpl. Orval C. Waggoner, son of Harold Waggoner Post Office, Westfield, were listed as wounded.

Pfc. Samuel E. Eaton, son of Mrs. Mayme D. Eaton, 130 College Ave., Mt. Vernon, Ind., was included among the injured.

John Stuckey Dies At Home In Geneva

Funeral Services Set For Wednesday

John A. Stuckey, 54, retired oil worker, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday at his home in Geneva. Although in failing health for some time, his death was unexpected following a brief illness.

He was born near Geneva Oct. 2, 1895, a son of Benedict and Anna Mosser-Stuckey, and was a lifelong resident of the community.

He was a member of the West Missionary church near Berne.

Surviving are his wife, Cora; two sons, Orval of Oblong, Ill., and Charles of McLeansboro, Ill.; seven daughters, Mrs. Lois Schenbeck of Vincennes, Mrs. Nora Glendinning of Geneva, Mrs. Opal Church of Muskegon, Mich., Mrs. Jeanette Hollingsworth of Oblong, Ill., Mrs. Edith Rine of Akron, O., Mrs. Blanche Kase of Huntington and Mrs. Geraldine McCullough of Austin, Tex.; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West Missionary church, the Rev. Oscar Elcher officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn cemetery. Friends may call at the Hardy & Hardy funeral home until time of the services.

Lehman To Exhibit His Prize Cattle

Peter B. Lehman, dairyman, who won the county championship with his Guernsey cattle at the Decatur agricultural show last week, will exhibit the same 10 head of Guernseys at district shows in Goshen and Greentown.

The Goshen show opens tomorrow and the Greentown show on Saturday.

Motorist Arrested By State Trooper

State trooper Richard Myer arrested George Geyer, of route 2, Monday after the Geyer car rammed into a trailer attached to a preceding car.

Geyer stated that he didn't see the trailer in time, and was unable to avoid the collision which occurred about four miles west of Decatur on U. S. 224. Geyer is to appear in justice of the peace court today.

Four States Hold Primaries Today

Test Truman Power In Missouri Votes

By United Press
President Truman's vote-pulling strength received a test today as voters in four states—Missouri, Kansas, Virginia and West Virginia—balloted in primary elections.

The test of Mr. Truman's political power came in his own state as state senator Emory W. Allison, endorsed by the President, sought the Democratic senatorial nomination against former congressman Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., and three other candidates.

Allison made the most of the White House backing, while Hennings blasted at Washington "intervention" in the primary and sounded the battle cry that "senators are made by the people."

Missouri Republicans were expected to renominate Sen. Forrest Donnell.

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Republicans hotly contested their party's congressional nominations in the belief that West Virginia may swing back to the GOP ranks this year. Before the smashing Democratic victory of 1948, the GOP held four of the state's six house seats and one in the senate. Virginia held its second GOP primary in state history. Voters chose party nominees in three congressional districts.



Arthur and Malmpe Colpaert Lengrich, of Monroe, are the parents of a baby girl, born at the Adams county memorial hospital this morning at 5:16 o'clock.

A baby girl was born to Forrest and Louise Albersson Hartzell, of Portland, at 5:03 this morning at the local hospital.

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