

Presbyterian Church In Annual Meeting

Officers Elected Here Last Night

Fred Smith, Clarence Ziner and Charles Langston were named elders for three-year terms by the congregation of the First Presbyterian church in Decatur at the annual meeting of that body Monday night.

The election and business meeting followed a carry-in supper for members. Mrs. James Elbertson and Miss Fay Hite were named to the board of deacons for three-year terms.

The by-laws of the church were changed so that the board of trustees would be composed of six instead of three members. New trustees named included John Haltermann for a one-year term; Tom Burk for a two-year term and Clark William Smith and David Macklin for three-year terms.

After various church organization's annual reports were received, the 1953 budget was approved by the congregation. The Rev. Ray Walther, pastor of the local church acted as moderator of the church meeting and Wilbur Petrie, retiring president of the board of trustees, acted as chairman of the corporate meeting.

\$15,000 In Damages Is Asked In Death

Damage Suit Venued From Jay Circuit

A case involving a charge of wrongful death against the Pennsylvania railroad has been venued here from Jay county and has necessitated the first calling by Judge Myles F. Parrish of the petit jurors of the November term of court, which, incidentally, ends January 17. The petit jurors will appear in court January 12.

On April 27 of this year, states the plaintiff's affidavit, Irvin O. Black, a Portland man, was killed as his car stood stalled on the tracks of the railroad in Portland. The administrator of his estate is asking the court to award \$15,000 for the "wrongful death."

Representing the plaintiff is Wayne Hinkle, judge-elect of Jay county, and Frank Jaqua. The railroad is represented by the Fort Wayne firm of Barrett, Barrett and McNagney.

The panel of jurors includes 24 freeholders of Adams county and were chosen at the outset of the November term by jury commissioners Frank Rawley and Ed Berling. Of these 24, 12 will be chosen to serve, all the names follows:

Preston Pyle, Geneva; Howard Fox, Berne; Robert Lehman, Jefferson; Orval Hicks, Decatur-Root; John A. Kintz, Washington; Jess Plasterer, Decatur; Edward Cook, Preble; Roger Kaehr, French; Harold Filler, Geneva; Vern Owens, Decatur; Carl Amstutz, Jefferson; Charles Burkhardt, Blue Creek; Alfred Dirk, Kirkland; Floyd Engle, French; Francis Schmitt, Decatur; Samuel Haggard, Blue Creek; Clifford Heyerly, Kirkland; Ralph Roop, Decatur; Rolan Ross, Decatur-Root; Edgar Ehlerding, Preble; Daniel Grile, Geneva; Alpha Chew, Geneva; Kenneth Reed, Washington; and Harold A. Moser, French.

Autoist Fined For Reckless Driving

Raul C. Mojales, 28, of 727 North 11th street, was fined \$1 plus costs in justice of the peace court Monday night on a charge of reckless driving in the city two weeks ago.

Year-End Message Of Hope By Pope

Plea To Catholics In Red Countries

VATICAN CITY, UP — Pope Pius XII, in a year-end message of hope to Catholics in the heart of Russia and other Communist lands, said today that although their blood now flows as martyrs, they are assured "certain victory" over the "terrible catastrophes" of Communism.

The pontiff spoke through a 3,800-word encyclical letter addressed to all patriarchs, archbishops, bishops and priests of the Oriental churches loyal to Rome in the Soviet Union, particularly the Ukraine, and in Eastern Europe.

He urged them to tell the persecuted faithful to remain steadfast to the faith and continue their resistance to the "enemies of Christianity."

"Indeed, they are persevering the heroic courage in their faith," he said.

At the same time he asked these "new martyrs" to pray for the conversion of the very Communist leaders who had "unleashed a new tempest which seeks to overthrow, devastate and destroy in misery, flourishing Christian communities."

"Pray for those who persecute and calumniate you," the 76-year-old pontiff wrote, quoting the evangelist Matthew.

The encyclical, dated Dec. 15, was described by Vatican sources as "a conclusion" to the apostolic letter addressed by the Pope last July 7 to all the peoples of Russia.

Youth Speaker



Elmer T. Neuenschwander, dean of students at the Fort Wayne Bible College, will give the last message of the year at the county-wide Youth for Christ services at the First Mennonite church in Berne, New Year's eve, starting at 9 o'clock. "Born to Live," a new sound, natural colored movie will be shown during the service. Refreshments will be served, during which time a variety of special will be given. The public is invited to attend.

He lamented the executions, imprisonments, calumnies and falsehoods imposed on the Oriental church behind the Iron Curtain.

"We know that today there are multitudes of the faithful in Oriental regions who weep bitterly as they see their bishops put to death or dispersed or so impeded that they are unable freely to address their flocks and, as they rightfully should, exercise over them their authority," the letter said.

Although the Pope's message was specifically directed to the Oriental rite of the Catholic church in East Europe and Russia, he said he could not "pass over in silence" those persecuted of the Roman rite—regarded as a veiled reference to the difficulties encountered by the church in Communist Yugoslavia.

The Oriental or Eastern rites of the Catholic church include Catholic Armenians, found in the Armenian, Ukrainian and other Soviet republics and other branches in Bulgaria, Romania and elsewhere behind the Iron Curtain. Their ceremonies, language and ritual differ, but they are loyal to Rome.

DRAFT DODGER

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\$3,000,000 profit.

Previously Rubinstein had been sued for "wrongful transfer" of the oil company's assets, realizing about \$1,400,000 in the deal, but he settled out of court.

If Rubinstein is deported, it will not be a new experience. He was expelled from France in 1935 because his speculations with the franc endangered the nation's economy.

Thus he could not return to France, nor could he seek a home in Portugal, which revoked his citizenship when he was convicted of draft dodging in the United States.

If Russia does not want him, Rubinstein must linger at Ellis Island until a nation offers him refuge.

SAYS ELECTION

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ball.

Members of the grand jury have accused high state and justice department officials of hamstringing their study and trying to suppress their report exposing "unbelievable" cases of American "subversives" on the U. N. payroll.

Cohn said at the Oct. 8 meeting he took the position "we could not be concerned about the proximity of the election... we had a job to do... let the chips fall where they may."

House investigators had said

Officials Discuss Legislative Plans

Adams County Clerk Attends Conference

County clerk Ed Jaberg spent Monday in Indianapolis closeted with several groups of other county officials gathered to discuss legislative plans for the coming term of the state legislature. Two points took priority, says Jaberg.

The questions uppermost in the minds of county officials, concerning legislation, are the per diem law—providing for the rise in the cost of living—and salaries for deputies of county officials.

The per diem today is \$2, that is, county officials receive \$2 a day over and above their statutory salary to take care of the increase in the cost of living. Jaberg declared the county officials took the view that \$2 for a per diem is not enough to defray the cost of living these days. The amount that will be asked, said Jaberg, was not decided but probably, he indicated, the officials would settle for a \$3 per diem. The legislative committee representing the county men in the state law making halls is drawn from each separate county employees association. The presidents of these associations gather—one to each county—gather and act as a body.

Deputies pay will also fall into the spotlight if the county officials have anything to say about it. Jaberg says the officials maintain the pay for these workers is below standard in each town. Jaberg cited Decatur in point. He said the pay for each deputy is lower than—say, that pay which is received by a comparable task at the Central Soya Co. or General Electric here. In a nutshell, said the Adams county clerk, the county men want to bring the salaries of deputies up to that of each locality.

Earlier one of the witnesses may be secretary of state Dean Acheson.

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of the campaign. Cutler's special job will be coordinating the national security council with the work of departments and agencies.



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Tribute Is Paid To Veteran Organist

A tribute was paid by members of the First Presbyterian church to Mrs. Carrie Haubold, who has served as church organist for 20 years, as a prelude to the annual meeting of members of that church Monday night. Mrs. Haubold received a gift from the congregation for her "faithful and long service to the church."

In response Mrs. Haubold gave a short talk and stated that while she had served the local Presbyterian church for a long time, she had never attended an annual meeting before.

Trade in a Good Town—Decatur.

Slight Damage Done When Cars Collide

A two-car collision involving Urban Schug, 59, Berne, and Merlin Frank, 12, route 2, Berne, occurred this morning at 9:25 o'clock one mile east and one mile north of Berne.

Investigating officer Sheriff Robert Shrafuka said the two cars collided when Frank's auto came out of the family driveway onto the road. Damages were estimated at \$80 in all. The 12-year-old's father, James Frank, was arraigned in Berne justice of the peace court and fined \$1 plus costs for permitting an unlicensed driver to operate his car.

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