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The North Korean incident, in which an American plane was shot down and one occupant was killed, is distressing. We hope that the Communists have a satisfactory explanation.

The proposed tax rate for citizens of Huntington is \$5.24, a 35 cent increase over this year. The biggest boost there as almost everywhere was caused by the cumulative school fund.

Better join the happy crowd that is going to New York City September 2 to 5. You will enjoy every minute of it we are sure and see much of the big city. It's an Erie-Daily Democrat excursion and will be even better than the announcements claim for it.

Nineteen Red Cross volunteer nurses gave seventy-eight visitors at the Mercer county fair at Celina last week treatments for ailments varying from headaches to severe bruises, cuts and other minor injuries. The first aid station was set up under the grandstand and visitors were made welcome and helped promptly.

Bowling, great American fall and winter past-time, soon will rule the sports roost in Decatur. Teams are being organized, both at Mies Recreation and at the General Electric. Hundreds of men and women find relaxation in the sport and we are fortunate in having bowling lanes both up town in Decatur and at the General Electric club rooms.

A national Administration News bureau release has this report: "Director James V. Bennett of the Federal Prison Bureau reported today to Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., that the Federal Prison population in the first six months of 1955 was the highest in the history of the Federal prison system." Is that the only "first" they can dig up for the campaign?

The talk of a feud between President Eisenhower and former President Truman, as reported in Look magazine, sounds silly to the average person. Of course they do not agree on everything

political but we have never heard an unkind thing said by either against the other. Mr. Truman says: "There's not a word of truth in it," and Mr. Hagerty, the president's news secretary says, "the chief hasn't read the article yet."

It's that time of year. The pollen count has mounted to over 300 and the hay fever sufferers face their annual battle with the "snuffs". Medical aids, in the form of new medicines have helped the sufferers the last few years. Those who can, plan their annual vacations during this time of year and steal away to northern Michigan, where they can get relief. Well, it won't be too long until a frost now, and the annual hay fever epidemic will be over.

All Decatur baseball fans are pulling for Decatur Klenks in their tough best of five series with Rockford, O., for the Federation league title. Ferd Klenk, Decatur business man has for a good many years presented the fans of Decatur with a top semi-pro baseball team. Ferd loves the game and he is never the type to settle for less than a champion team. The local entry keeps Decatur tops in the semi-pro baseball field, and we join the hundreds of fans in our sincere wish that the Decatur team wins the Rockford series and goes on to national honors.

Fall and winter television programs are being announced. The first thrill of television; of seeing it happen right in our front room is quickly wearing off. We believe that to hold any interest among the fans, the sponsors will have to come up with much better programs. The soaps, tip-sticks, tooth-pastes and other items which now are unconditionally guaranteed on the see-lanes, are the same old items dressed up with new wrappings and their prices doubled. A good many minutes of each half hour are devoted to these not always ethical announcements. Looks like television is joining its sister, radio, in one of the greatest producers of corn. Maybe it should be under control of the department of agriculture.

ORPHANS OF THE CALM



20 Years Ago Today

August 24—About 100 reservations have been made at Indianapolis hotels by member of Adams post 43, American Legion for the state convention opening today.

Col. Johnson will conduct the 4-H cow sale at the Indiana state fair Friday, Sept. 6.

The annual teachers institute of Adams county will be held Tuesday.

The total tax rate for Decatur for 1955 will be \$2.87 as compared to \$2.71 this year.

Congress will adjourn Tuesday after a long New Deal session.

Lloyd Conrad will tangle with Steve Krees of South Bend in a middle weight bout at Fort Wayne Tuesday night.

Household Scrapbook

BY ROBERTA LEE

The Canary
If the canary refuses to use his bird bath, try sprinkling a little sand in the bottom of the bath before filling with water. The bird's refusal is often due to a slippery bottom.

Molasses

Molasses can be measured accurately if the cup or spoon is

dipped into scalding water before measuring. The syrup will not stick to the sides.

Colored Dresses
Do not allow colored dresses to freeze on the clothes line. The freezing is sure to fade them.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. When entering a night club with her escort, should a girl go first to the table with him and then excuse herself while she goes to the powder room?

A. No; she should go first to the powder room while her escort waits for her somewhere near the entrance to the dining room.

Q. Is one obligated to send a wedding gift to a friend who is marrying for the second time, if one sent a gift for the first marriage?

A. This is optional; you may or may not send a gift, as you wish.

Q. Is it proper to drink part of the coffee with the spoon, especially if it is very hot?

A. No; the spoon should be used only for stirring, and then it is placed in the saucer and remains there.

Ottawa

Current oil reserves in Canada, according to recent estimates, amount to one-half tank car for every resident.

Schools Open Week

Is Set By Governor

Safety Is Theme

Of Announcement

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — Governor George N. Craig today proclaimed the first week in September as "Schools Open Week" and urged drivers of motor vehicles to watch out for children.

The State Office of Traffic Safety announced an intensive statewide child safety educational program starting Sept. 1. A special kit of promotional materials has been distributed to local communities and industries and a number of planning meetings are being held.

Safety education troopers of the state police and local police and sheriff's departments will spearhead the campaign. More than 250 Parent-Teachers groups will participate.

State Traffic Safety Director J. L. Lingo warned that police will give special attention to checking violators near schools, adding:

"Our children are our most precious possessions; yet one out of every two will be killed or injured in a traffic crash if we let present accident rates continue."

Court News

Marriage License
Charles Nagel, 22, Berne, and Voande Shaffer, 22, Berne.

Complaint Filed
A complaint for possession of real estate has been filed by Lawrence and W. Arlene Gallogly against Grant and Mary Bean. A summons has been ordered returnable Sept. 6 and an order to seize the real estate in St. Mary's township has been issued to the sheriff.

Estate Cases
The last will and testament of the Evaline Archer estate has been offered and accepted for probate. A bond in the sum of \$11,000 has been submitted. The will names Sherman and Carl Archer as executors and leaves the bulk of the estate to two sons and a daughter of the deceased.

The final report on the Daniel M. Niblick estate showing \$158,469.04 for distribution has been filed and a notice has been ordered issued returnable Sept. 16. Heirs are the widow, a son and a daughter.

The estate of Amos K. Stoneburner has been opened for the purpose of determining inheritance tax only. The schedule to determine the tax has been filed with reference to the county assessor.

Two Amateurs Lead

State Golf Tourney

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — Two well known amateurs held a slight lead today as the state's best professional and amateur golfers started on the second round of the Indiana Open Championship Tournament.

They were Dale Morey, of Indianapolis and Martinsville, and Joe Campbell, of Anderson and Purdue University tied for the lead with par 70s.

Morey, a former open champ and member of this year's Walker Cup team, and Campbell, National Collegiate, Indiana Amateur and Indiana Junior titlist, led two amateurs and three professionals, all tied with 71s.

Defending champion Jimmy Scott, Lebanon pro, was one of the six tied at second place when the second 18 hole round got underway this morning. The others are Pros Gordon Leishman, of Madison; Paul Gross, of Noblesville, and Don Fitchesser, of Evansville, and two amateurs — Carl Brooks and Robert Myers, both of Indianapolis.

napolis.

A four way tie at 73 included three pros — Sam Drake, Richmond; Jim Guinnup, Lafayette, and Bill Heinlein, Indianapolis, and one amateur — John David, of Indianapolis.

Pro Ed Lawson, of Bloomington and Mike Garback, of South Bend, and Pete Dye, of Indianapolis, amateurs, were next with 73s.

If you have something to sell or rooms for rent, try a Democrat Want Ad. It brings results.

650 Fatalities In

State Traffic Mishaps

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — State Police Superintendent Frank A. Jessup reported today that traffic fatalities in Indiana this year had reached 650 at midnight Sunday, a jump of 12 over the same period last year.

Urban crashes were responsible for 141 deaths and rural accidents 509. The death toll on country roads was 106 and on state or federal highways 393.



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THE BOSS OF BROKEN SPUR

By Nick Summer

CHAPTER FORTY

HALF AN hour later, eight exhausted riders sat their horses and watched a bunch of even more exhausted cattle, safe out of the track of the flames in the shelter of a dry riverbed.

Now the wind had died down. It was sickening to see the wide swathe the flames had cut. And the burned-over land had been the best graze on the whole ranch.

His eyes, turning from the destruction behind him to rest on the untouched grass rolling off southward to the nester settlement, caught the red glow of another line of flame. "What—" he muttered, touching the spurs to his horse. Two fires breaking out at once, so close to each other—it was queer, a little too queer! Looked like the Cullen place. Well, the old head had been asking for trouble.

With his eyes on the flames, Rob almost rode his horse into a little huddle of men, and realized that he'd run dead into the nester camp. This last hour he'd all but forgotten them. Most of them, after one dull look at him, turned their eyes back in fascinated misery to the furnace that should have been their harvest, but old Cullen snatched at his bridle and stared up fiercely into his face.

"The Lord's hardened your heart, Rob Mallory!" he thundered. "But you're going to suffer for this, as sure as there's a God in Heaven! It's not enough for you that you've got good men's blood on your hands, you got to burn and destroy what they sweated to raise—"

"You think that fire's my doing? You wild-eyed old lunatic!" Rob blazed. "You think I'd set fire to my own grass?"

He felt suddenly chilled, and thought for a moment bitterly, "Getting old." Then he realized what had happened. The wind had freshened and shifted around to the west. It was blowing in gusts, with a wet feel to it that promised rain. Rain to put out the fires—he drew a long breath of thankfulness, before a moaning sound from the throats of the men near him brought his eyes around to where they were looking.

The wind had caught at the fire and whipped it high, and given it a new direction. In crackling fury it swept across Cullen's field.

"The house'll be goin'!" There was such anguish in the old man's

cry that Rob turned to him with an impulse of pity.

"Houses can be built again."

"But the women and kids—and the hurt ones—those women—they'll never be able to move 'em all in time! My boy's in there!"

"Well, why are you all standing around like a bunch of scarecrows? Get your horses and get moving! Put some life into it! You've got legs, haven't you? Use 'em—or do you expect the Lord to send down a couple of angels to do your work for you?"

The whiplash of Rob's voice stung the mind out of their benumbed immobility and sent them scrambling for their mounts. Before the last of them had a foot in the stirrup, Rob was streaking off toward the Cullen place, shouting back at them to follow him. He raked with his spurs, laid on the quirt, mercilessly bleeding the black stallion of the last ounce of power in him. For all the work he'd had that night, the cowpony could still outstrip the heavy-boned farm-horses, trained for plowing, not for this kind of race. Rob could hear the thud of their big hooves behind him, and the desperate, sobbing breath of the riders.

He tore up to the house, not a minute too soon. One wall was already ablaze, and flames were licking along the roof. In the doorway, women and children huddled, a terrified little knot of humanity, the youngsters wailing, a few of the mothers trying futilely to quiet them while the others stood twisting work calloused hands and staring in horror at the house.

Rob yelled at them, "Get those kids out of the way! You want the roof to fall on them?" and plunged in. Smoke blinded him, choked him, made his lungs ache to bursting; the heat seemed to sear his skin. Women—four, five, six, impossible to see clearly—were tugging at men who lay on the beds struggling to raise themselves. One man had managed to get on his legs and was leaning on a woman, almost bearing her down with his sagging weight. Rob caught him around the waist, dragged him to the door and thrust him into the arms of one of the men who were crowding in.

"You women! Clear out now! We can handle it." Not waiting to see his order obeyed, Rob groped to the last of the beds, the one nearest the burning wall. Sparks had already set the blankets smoldering. Rob snatched them

on, setting his teeth on the pain of his singed hands, and thrust an arm under the man who lay there. He was a big man; his inert body seemed heavy as a full-grown steer. Blackness swam in front of Rob's eyes as he heaved and strained to lift him. After what seemed endless ages, he got him up. A blazing fragment of the roof flew past him and landed at his feet. As he stamped it out, a husky voice at his ear pleaded, "My boy—is he all right?"

"Take his legs and don't waste your breath," Rob snapped. "The whole roof's going to come down in a minute!"

Bearing Fred's weight between them, they staggered toward the door. Rob never knew how they made it, but somehow there was a cloud-laden sky, grey with the first hint of morning, over their heads, and cool air in his tortured lungs. He laid his burden on the ground and straightened up, and heard a rending crash behind him. Turning, he saw that the timbers of the cabin, showing starkly through the flames, were supporting nothing now. The roof was down.

"Everybody out!" he demanded. "Yeah," several of the nesters muttered. They were staring at him dazedly.

He looked down at old Nate, crouched beside his son. "Is he all right?"

The old prophet raised his head. Tears were running down his seamed cheeks. "The Lord be praised!" he murmured.

And then the rains came.

Kerry had slept through all the comings and goings during the first half of the night, but the glare of the fire waked him. With a startled exclamation, he dragged himself out of bed and over to the window. Gripping the sill, he stared with sick fascination at the leaping red line of light, while his mind spelled out just what it meant for Broken Spur.

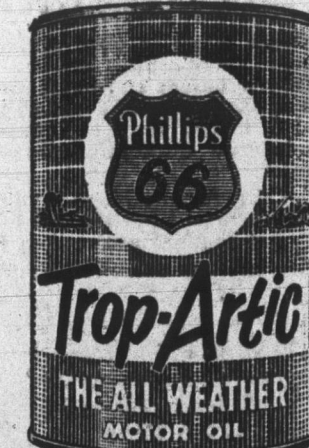
Now he made out the dark shape of a rider spurting toward the house. One of the crew coming back from the fire—he'd at least be able to learn what was going on.

Slowly, holding on to the handrail, he made his way down the stairs. He was just outside the living room door when he was stopped by the sound of a woman's terrified scream.

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WKJG-TV

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WEDNESDAY

6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—Jack Gray, News
6:30—Weatherman
6:45—Matt Dennis Show
6:55—News Caravan
7:00—Waterfront
7:15—Sky Little Margie
7:30—Canadian Vista
7:45—Eddie Cantor
8:00—This Is Your Life
8:15—Big Town
8:30—The Weatherman
8:45—Sports Today
9:00—Ted Strasser News
9:15—Mr. District Attorney
9:30—Armchair Theater

THURSDAY

6:00—Sign-on Preview
6:15—Today
6:30—Ding Dong School
6:45—Parents Time
6:55—People at Home
7:00—Home
7:15—Ten, Nine, Ford Show
7:30—Foster Your Nest
7:45—News at Noon
8:00—The Weatherman
8:15—Farms and Farming
8:30—Madeline Theater
8:45—Faith to Love By
9:00—Here's Charlie
9:15—Ted Mack's Matinee
9:30—It Pays To Be Married
9:45—Editor's Desk
10:00—Musical Memo
10:15—World of Mr. Sweeney
10:30—Modern Romances
10:45—Pinky Lee
11:00—Howdy Doody
11:15—Superman
11:30—4-H Film Feature
11:45—Talent Parade

WEDNESDAY

6:00—The News, Hickox
6:15—The Weather, Hoyle
6:30—Sports Extra, Grossman
6:45—Telequiz
6:55—Douglas Edwards
7:00—Julius LaRosa
7:15—Frankie Lane Time
7:30—Gene Autry
7:45—The Millionaire
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MOVIES

ADAMS THEATRE
"Violent," Saturday, Wed. at 7:30;
9:30; Thurs. at 7:30; 9:30; 11:30;
1:15.

DRIVE-IN THEATRE
"Peter Pan," Wed. Thurs. at dusk.