

Adams Central School Plans Aid For Arnolds

Next Friday is D-Day for Adams County!

This will be Don Arnold day, the climax of a week-long campaign to "beat every bush and shake the money trees" for a native of Adams county, Don Arnold, and his wife, Elizabeth, who was stricken with polio last August, shortly after the Arnolds had moved to Lakeview, near North Manchester.

Mrs. Arnold was totally paralyzed, and she stayed at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne until January 9. That morning Mrs. Arnold was put aboard a military

air transport plane and flown to the Cleveland City hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. With the assistance of the military air transport service and the National Polio Foundation, Mrs. Arnold is now able to receive additional therapy at the respiratory center of the hospital.

Responding to treatment, she is eating much better, and cooperates nicely, say reports.

Wanting to do something for the Arnolds, the Adams Central faculty considered the tremendous expenses of the iron lung, nurses, and therapy at Cleveland. Added to

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Soil Conservation Banquet Feb. 11

Record Crowd Seen For Annual Meeting

A record crowd is expected to attend the third annual soil conservation district annual meeting and banquet at the Community Center Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p. m., according to present ticket sales.

Barton Rees Pogue, noted humorist, lecturer, and poet, from Upland, will be the speaker.

The first annual meeting was held at the Pleasant Mills high school in January, 1955, and 200 were present to hear the speaker, Med Maxwell. Last year, 300 attended the meeting at the Decatur Community Center and heard an inspiring talk by Wayne Guthrie, of the Indianapolis News.

The district was voted into being in 1953 and assistance to farmers started in 1954.

Ticket sales for the present banquet have already passed the 150 mark, and it is believed that this year's attendance will be even larger than last year's.

Tickets for the event are available from any of the supervisors: Ben Gerke, Herman Bulmahn, Richard Scheumann, Ben Mazelin, or Ivan Huser. They are also available at the SCS and county extension offices.

Stanley Kirkpatrick Is Youth Speaker

Stanley Kirkpatrick, Decatur high school senior, will be the speaker at the youth meeting of the Associated Church of Decatur, to be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, as the climax to youth week.

The entire service will be under the leadership of youth, and will be directed in every way to the youth. The offering at the service will be used to start a fund for aid to future students for the ministry.

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Millions Of American Kids Short-Changed

Proper Education Lacking Because Of Shortage Of Rooms

WASHINGTON (UP)—At least 10 million American kids are being short-changed on their education because of the nation's schoolroom shortage.

That is the "conservative" estimate of education officials here. It is based on surveys by the U.S. Office of Education, the National Education Assn. and other agencies.

These surveys show that at least 840,000 children, mostly in the primary grades, are attending public schools in shifts this year. They are on half-day or other part-time class schedules.

Another 5.7 million elementary school children are trying to learn how to read, spell and multiply in classrooms that have 35 or more students in them. To say that 35 students of this age "overcrowd" a classroom and make teaching difficult is, in the opinion of educators, a massive understatement. Thirty is considered a maximum for effective teaching and many experts favor 20 or less.

Many Schools Dilapidated

Finally, upwards of 3.5 million children are attending schools which are so old as to be dilapidated and, in some cases, dangerous. Nearly a fifth of all U.S. schools are more than 50 years old; some in use are close to 100 years old. These schools lack the facilities for ordinary comfort, let along the use of modern educational techniques.

This is the situation that President Eisenhower wants Congress to relieve with a four-year, \$2.2 billion federal aid program.

The roots of the present schoolroom crisis go all the way back to the depression of the early 1930's. In those hard times, school districts had trouble raising enough tax money to pay teacher salaries, to say nothing of putting up new schools.

By the end of the war, the nation had taken a 15-year holiday from school construction. The states started out in 1946-47 with a modest building program—9,000 classrooms in all—mainly aimed at replacing some of the older prewar buildings which were about to fall down.

Then the baby boom hit. Post-war birth rates soared, and all



A LOT OF MILK BOTTLES—How many gallons of fuel go into wing-tip tank of a Super Constellation at Schiphol airport, in Amsterdam? Even the man who delivers milk to the airport took a guess. Capacity of each tank is 555 gallons.

Test Well May Be In Production Soon

Series Of Events Delays Operation

James C. Webb was elected president of Local No. 607 of the American Federation of Musicians at a recent meeting of the organization. Other officers for 1957 will be Clint Reed, vice-president; Medford Smith, secretary-treasurer, and Eugene Chronister, sergeant-at-arms.

Plans are being studied by the local for the formation of a Decatur community concert band. Any person interested in such a band is asked to contact one of the officers for further information.

about 22 feet from the surface. The pipe had to be removed, and drilling started over.

A pump was placed on the first well Thursday but the screen was too fine to allow water to pass through, so a new pump, with a coarser screen, was installed Friday. The third well is being sunk at the present time.

The second well is 150 feet from the first, and the third is 75 feet from the second. The first well will be pumped, and the other two measured to see how much water can be taken from the well without running it dry.

The city of Portland was recently unsuccessful in an attempt to sink a similar well, which penetrated through the dirt to a layer of gravel, where water collects. This water is much easier to soften, and cheaper to use. Decatur's present wells are rock wells, which average 400 feet in depth. Huntington uses gravel-type wells.

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