

Mrs. Fred W. Becher Dies Saturday Night

Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Fred W. Becher, 68, died at 10 o'clock Saturday night at the Berne nursing home. She had been bedfast since last October.

She was a native of Allen county and had lived near Willshire, O., for 42 years.

Mrs. Becher was a member of the Zion Lutheran church at Chattanooga, O.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Lorraine Itskin of Columbus, O., and Louis Becher of Willshire route 1; two stepsons, Clifford Becher of Wheaton, Ill., and Werner Becher of Van Wert, O.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five

brothers, Lewis F., William F. and Harold Springer, all of near Fort Wayne, George Springer of Bluffton, and Edgar Springer of near Monroeville; and five sisters, Mrs. Martha Doehman, Mrs. Esther Hartman and Mrs. Loretta Grover of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Ada Bulte-meier of Allen county, and Mrs. Amelia Zollinger of New Haven.

Friends may call at the Yager funeral home in Berne until noon Tuesday, when the body will be taken to the Zion Lutheran church at Chattanooga to lie in state until services at 2 p.m. The Rev. Waldo Byers will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. The family asks that memorial donations be made to the church's welfare fund.

Shotgun Wounds Fatal To Indianapolis Youth

INDIANAPOLIS — (AP) — Hobart Robinson, 18, Indianapolis, died in General Hospital Saturday of shotgun wounds sustained March 14. A murder warrant has been issued for a neighbor, Police identified the suspect as James Alred, alias Jimmy Weaver, 50, Indianapolis.

Untaxed Whisky Found In Man's Automobile

NOBLESVILLE — (AP) — Charles Lilley, 37, Noblesville, was arrested Saturday and charged with transportation and possession of untaxed alcohol. About 32 gallons of untaxed whisky was found in Lilley's car when it was stopped by authorities at the city limits here. State Excise Police Lt. Frank L. Cullivan said Lilley obtained the whisky at Newport, Tenn.

Adams Central FFA Judging Team First Winner In County Judging Contest

The Adams Central FFA dairy judging team, coached by Martin Watson, won first place in the county dairy judging contest held last week. Leo N. Seltentright, county agent, announced today.

Second place was a tie between the Decatur 4-H team, coached by Bill Journey, and the Geneva team, coached by Kenneth VanEmon. All three teams will compete in the district contest April 26 in DeKalb county.

Adams Central team members are Tony Sharp, Larry Funk, Roy Mazelin, and alternate Joe Longworth; Decatur, Larry Moses, Mike Thieme, Glen Wilder and alternate Tony Lengerich; Geneva, Sheldon Dynes, Paul Norr, Bill Lehman, and alternate Ronnie Yoder.

Eugene Sprunger and Doyle Lehman were in charge of arrangements for the contest. Dairy cattle were judged at the farms of Roy Price, Backhaus Brothers and Paul Liechty, Wayne Haffner, of Bryant, was the official judge. Sixty 4-H and FFA members participated in the contest.

The five high individuals were Tony Sharp, 419 points, Adams Central; Larry Moses, 413 points, Decatur; Sheldon Dynes, 411 points, Geneva; Dave Hartman, 407 points, Berne, and Mike Thieme, 395 points, Decatur.

Participating teams were from Adams Central, Decatur, Geneva, Berne, Pleasant Mills, and Monmouth.

Christmas Seal Sale Total Is \$5,320.95

The Christmas seal drive in Decatur raised \$5,320.95 during the 1957-58 campaign, just \$86.66 short of last year's total of \$5,407.61, Mrs. W. Guy Brown, executive secretary of the Adams county tuberculosis association, said today.

From this amount, 82 per cent will remain in the county to help persons with tuberculosis, and to help pay for the reading of x-ray film during the visits of mobile x-ray unit.

The other 18 per cent goes for educational research by the state and national organizations, who are always on the lookout for more effective weapons against TB. Persons who still desire to give to the Christmas seal drive may do so by mailing their contributions to the executive secretary.

Adams County Native Is Taken By Death

John W. Woodard, 87, a native of Adams county, died at 1:45 p. m. Friday at a rest home in Bluffton following an illness of five years. He was born April 8, 1868, in Adams county, to Wesley and Lute Shanes Woodard. His marriage was to Anna Homer in Bluffton in 1896. Her death occurred Feb. 20, 1953.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Noah Watson, and two sons, Fred and Paul Woodard, all of Bluffton, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Four sisters preceded him in death. Services were conducted today at the Jahn, Goodwin and Reed funeral home, with Rev. G. C. Cockrell officiating. Burial was in the Six Mile cemetery.

Berne Judging Team Is First In County Decatur Team Is Placed At Second

The Decatur high school livestock judging team placed second to Berne in the county judging contest held last week and both teams will take part in the district contest in DeKalb county April 26, Leo N. Seltentright, county agent, reported today.

Eugene Sprunger coaches the Berne team, whose members are Richard Kipfer, Gene Baumgartner, Kenneth Kipfer and alternate Perry Isch, all FFA members. The Decatur team members are Ivan Roth, Jr., Ray Ballard and Rex Allison, all 4-H members.

Fred Meier and Martin Watson were in charge of arrangements for the contest. Beef cattle were judged at the farm of Gerald Strickler, and sheep and hogs were judged at the Dan Kaufmann farm. Van Holsapple was the official judge. Fifty 4-H and FFA members participated in the contest.

The ten high individuals were Larry Nevil, 443 points, Geneva; Richard Kipfer, 442 points, Berne; Phillip Moser, 441 points, Adams Central; Gene Baumgartner, 439 points, Berne; Ivan Roth, 438 points, Decatur; Ray Ballard, 436 points, Decatur; Joe Britte, 422 points, Decatur; Kenny Kipfer, 420 points, Berne; Joe Brown, 420 points, Geneva; and John Inniger, 412 points, Adams Central. Participating teams were from Berne, Decatur, Adams Central, Geneva, Pleasant Mills and Monmouth.

Canadians Vote In National Election

Economic Recession Top Campaign Issue

OTTAWA (UP) — Canadians go to the polls today to elect a new House of Commons and thus choose between the leadership of Conservative Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and Liberal Party Chief Lester Pearson.

Major issue in the 58-day campaign has been the economic recession — who caused it, and what should be done about it.

Also at issue between the leaders are relations between Canada and the United States and Canada and Communist China.

Political observers predicted cautiously that Diefenbaker would win a 140 to 170-seat majority in the 265-seat House. He headed a non-majority government, with the cooperation of several minority parties, when he dissolved Parliament Feb. 1, two weeks after long-time Foreign Minister Pearson was named Liberal Party leader.

Diefenbaker proposes a \$1,200,000,000 public works program to cut unemployment, which totalled 555,000 at mid-February. Pearson urges a \$400,000,000 tax cut to stimulate spending that will put the unemployed back to work.

Diefenbaker has accused the Liberals of "tying Canada's economy to the tail of the United States" and has proposed that 15 per cent of Canada's trade with her southern neighbor be switched to Great Britain. Pearson has replied that this would invite retaliatory tariff barriers from the United States.

A Conservative victory would bring about early recognition of Communist China in an effort to promote wheat exports to that country, observers predicted.

About 9,200,000 voters are eligible and a 70 per cent turnout was expected.

Those who hunt with a bow may now have "shotgun arrows." The tip contains a number of steel darts that outrun the arrow and form a typical shotgun pattern.

Stolen Cash Register Is Found Near Monroe

The cash register, which was removed from the Stucky Brothers store last Tuesday night, has been recovered by the sheriff's department. The battered register was located in a ditch on a county road south of Monroe over the weekend. The thieves who broke into the Monroe store took the electric cash register, which was valued at approximately \$350, and removed about \$18 in loose change from inside after smashing it open.

Three Are Fined On Traffic Violations Three Others Slated For Justice Court

Paul W. German, 19, route 4, Decatur, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding 5 miles per hour in a 35 mile zone and paid a fine of \$5 and costs, totaling \$20.75, in the justice of the peace court. He was arrested by the state police on U. S. highway 224 March 29.

William C. Rowden, 23, Monroe, paid a fine of \$1 and costs, totaling \$16.75, in the justice of the peace court on a charge of failure to stop at a stop sign. The arrest was made by the state police.

Ralph Eugene Baumgartner, 16, route 3, Bluffton, arrested March 30 on a charge of passing another vehicle on the right, entered a plea of guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$1 and costs, totaling \$16.75, in the justice of the peace court. He was arrested by the state police at the intersection of Fifth and Monroe streets Sunday.

Leroy E. Wickliffe, 29, Fort Wayne, is scheduled to appear in the justice of the peace court to answer to a charge of speeding 50 miles per hour in a posted 30 mile zone. He was arrested by the state police on U. S. highway 27 in Geneva March 30.

Donald W. Dague, 16, route 2, Berne, is scheduled to appear in the justice of the peace court April 1. He was arrested March 29 and charged with failure to yield the right of way. The arrest was made at the intersection of U. S. highway 27 and state road 118 by the state police.

Barbara J. Brunnegraff, 17, Decatur, arrested March 30 on a charge of speeding 45 miles per hour in a posted 30 mile zone, is scheduled to appear in the justice of the peace court today. The arrest was made by the state police on U. S. highways 33 in Decatur.

Auto Workers And Ford Open Parley Pact Negotiations Are Opened Today

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Company's top negotiator said upon opening negotiations with the United Auto Workers today that if both sides "fulfill their responsibilities" the bargaining can bolster the auto industry and the nation's economy.

John S. Bugas, Ford vice president of industrial relations, made his statement as Ford-UAW 1958 contract negotiations opened.

Heading the union bargaining group of 20 were President Walter P. Reuther and Ford department director Ken Bannion. Tuesday, Reuther will join a Chrysler negotiation team of 14 in another opening of contract talks.

From Tuesday on, the PAW will be bargaining with all the big three until present contracts expire May 29-June 1, barring an unexpected early settlement with the industry giants. The UAW's first bargaining session was last week with General Motors and these talks will resume April 8.

Tree Orders To Be Placed By April 1 Tuesday Deadline For Placing Order

Indiana farmers or landowners who plan to plant trees this spring must place their orders by April 1, says E. J. Lott, Purdue University extension forester.

The spring tree planting season is underway and the three state nurseries are already shipping trees. Approximately six million trees will be available to Indiana farmers and landowners this spring.

Varieties of trees still available are tulip, poplar, black locust, and the shortleaf, Virginia, Jack, Scotch, red and white pines. Trees secured from the state nurseries must be planted in rural areas outside of city or town limits. All purchases must be in quantities of 50 or more of each variety ordered. The buyer must pay the transportation cost.

State nurseries have already received a large number of orders, however, planting stock is still available. Orders will be accepted on regular order blank forms until April 1.

According to Lott, interested farmers can obtain application forms from county agricultural agent or any local forester.

If help is needed to determine what, where and how to plant trees, farmers should contact their county extension agent or nearest extension forester.

Ham On The Table

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Everett Maynard, manager of Swift & Co., an Indianapolis meat packing firm, is trying to figure out how a ton of hams was stolen from the plant. He said the hams, all in time and weighing from five to 13 pounds each, were valued at \$1,145.

"Wrong-way" Corrigan flew the Atlantic in 1938.

Lafayette Theater Is Swept By Fire

300 Persons Escape Injury At Theater

LAFAYETTE (AP) — About 300 persons, including many small children, escaped injury Sunday when fire swept the State Theater and an adjoining four-story building.

There was no official damage estimate to the theater and a vacant building which once housed the Metz Hotel. But one fireman said the loss might total \$200,000.

The fire broke out behind the screen in the theater. It was discovered by Kenneth Barnard, theater manager, after an employee told him he smelled smoke. Barnard stepped onto the stage and told patrons one of the loud speakers was afire. Just as he asked them to file out in an orderly manner, children first, the screen behind him burst into flames.

The theater was emptied before firemen arrived. Barnard said there was some shoving, but most of the patrons behaved in an "orderly manner."

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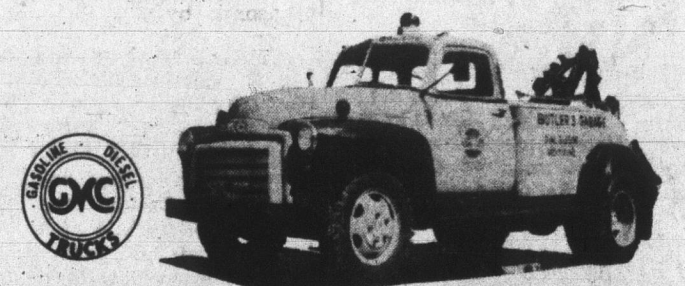


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