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## Tourney Edition

This week the annual Indiana high school basketball madness culminates for most teams in the sectional tourney, starting for Adams county on Wednesday night at the Adams Central gym at Monroe.

Each year the Decatur Daily Democrat puts out a special issue, picturing each team, featuring team records, former sectional winners, and making its predictions for the champion. The sports editor's pick for 1959 champion is—the Berne Bears, over the Yellow Jackets in the final game.

A total of 201 firms and groups supported the eight teams this year; Robert Wennhoff and Fred Isch covered the county, and thank each advertiser for their participation. More groups supported the special edition this year than ever before.

## Floods and Flooding

When the pioneers settled Adams county, the first thing necessary was to clear the land of timber, so that crops could be planted. Each farmer, working as an individual, cleared his own land, asking for help only on major tasks, like erecting a log cabin.

At first only a few acres were cleared. Then half a farm, and finally as the farmers' prosperity increased, each farmer put as much under cultivation as he could handle. Land became scarcer as each farmer cleared more, and had more land for crops, and more machinery to help him plant and harvest.

Soon farmers were draining the many little ponds and marshes that dotted the countryside. When the county was founded in 1836, Monroe township was without a settler, an impenetrable swamp.

At first each farmer drained his own land. Then, as this presented problems to his neighbors downstream, farmers began to cooperate on ditches. Thus a hodgepodge of drainage methods, plans, and lack of plans, some good and some bad, came into existence.

Today, farmers and landowners of the county, looking at the various drainage problems involved, from the minute slope on an individual farm to the more complex problems of drainage in the St. Mary's or Wabash river basins, realize that planning on a county basis can and will prevent much of the error found in the trial and error methods of the past. A good amount has been learned from past experience, but it cannot be brought to bear upon present drainage problems without a master county plan.

Many local agricultural leaders recognize this as a major problem. These men have often discussed the problem of drainage with Don Sisson, Purdue extension engineer. Sisson suggested a county-wide meeting of those concerned to see if a county drainage program can be undertaken.

All county landowners and everyone interested in the problem have been invited to the meeting Tuesday night at 8 p. m. at the Adams Central school library.

If anything is accomplished, and a county program formulated, Adams county will again be pioneering in a new field. This county will be the first in the state to so organize and coordinate its planning and thinking.

Report Two Wrecks  
In County Saturday

Two property damage accidents occurred Saturday night near Berne within a 45-minute period. Damage was considered fairly heavy, but none of the drivers was reported injured.

At 10 o'clock Saturday evening, 1½ miles north of Berne on U.S. 27 at the junction of the main highway and county road 17, cars driven by Manfred H. Chaney, 56, route five, Portland, and Clarence L. Hamrick, 31, route two, Berne, collided.

The mishap occurred when the Hamrick car was attempting a left turn off U. S. 27 while headed south. A car following the Hamrick auto passed on the right, but Chaney failed to see the turn signals and attempted to pass on the left.

Damage to the Chaney auto was fixed at \$450 and \$100 was estimated to the Hamrick car.

Forty-five minutes later at 10:45 p. m., 3¼ miles west of Berne and 1½ miles north, on county road 38 in French township, a rear-end collision occurred. The sheriff's report shows that a car driven by Jerry Sommer, 16, route two, Berne, was struck from the rear by a car driven by Perry L. Isch, 16, route four, Bluffton, as the Sommer vehicle attempted to slow down for a bridge.

Damage to the Sommer auto was estimated at \$450 and \$150 damage was estimated to the Isch vehicle.

20 Years Ago  
Today

Feb. 23, 1939—Miss Rose Dunathan, former Decatur high school teacher and principal, died at Van Wert, O.

The Decatur General Electric plant has recalled 30 employees, to bring the working force up to about 300, working a five-day week of 40 hours.

Saylor Bros. local auto dealers, announced the purchase of the Paul K. Kuhn Chevrolet agency and the Runyon garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zwick are moving into their new home on North Third street.

Modern Etiquette  
By ROBERTA LEE

Q If the friends of a teen-aged girl are permitted to stay out late at night, should her parents still insist upon her being home early?

A. This depends upon circumstances. It would be unfair to make your daughter the exception for very special occasions, such as her school dance. But at other times, it is up to the parents to set the deadline they think wisest.

Q I was widowed several months ago, and have been told that I should either discard my wedding ring or wear it on my right hand. What is correct?

A. Certainly you do not have to do either of these things! You may continue to wear your wedding ring for as long as you wish.

Q Is it proper to announce an engagement if one of the couple is awaiting a final divorce decree?

A. Never! Nor should the girl wear an engagement ring.

National FFA Week  
Is Being Observed

Future Farmers of America are observing National FFA week Feb. 21-28 through various types of activities in the individual chapters throughout Indiana.

Indiana's association of FFA, chartered in 1929, includes 365 active chapters with a membership of 9,796. Nationally, there are 30 chartered associations with 8,993 chapters and an active membership of 377,922.

Then too, another important event in the near future for all Indiana FFA members will be the annual state convention. This year's convention, the 13th, will be held at Purdue University, April 24.

One of the features of the state convention will be a talk by William Paul Gray, Washington, D. C., national FFA executive secretary.

William E. Dorsey, route 2, Syracuse, is state president, and K. W. Kiltz of the department of education at Purdue serves as executive secretary-treasurer for the Indiana association.

A Powerful Western Historical Novel  
RENDEZVOUS  
By STEVE FRAZEE

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## CHAPTER 15

THEY were riding briskly when the great, bursting sunrise of the plains jumped suddenly in the east. Rhoda Marsh went slower and slower to watch it, and then she stopped. Ree Semple was beside her. "It's pretty at that," Ree said. "Like the biggest painted lodge you'll ever see."

Mordecai Price watched them dourly. They seemed much younger than he was, the woman with the strong and eager look, and Ree with his shaggy, sandy hair taking on a reddish look from the sunrise. The two of them tolled there, watching the explosion of colors on fluffy clouds. It was like they were seeing a future, like they were holding agreed, secret thoughts that Mordecai didn't know about. "It comes up every day," he said. "Let's get it."

Mordecai set a hard pace. Because of the looks of the sunrise he was willing to bet Old Belcher, his rifle, against a Northwest fusce that it would rain before noon. Rain it did. The big wind came first, driving sand, flattening the sparse grass, jerking bushes near the river. Behind it was a mountain of rain, a leaden world of it.

The three of them were tightly grouped, with the pack animals close behind them. They passed the bodies of three or four horses that Mordecai had seen. Big Nose Yenzar was making a run of it with the Rocky Mountain Fur Co. pack train, but he must be near a standstill now, and the worst part of the trip was still ahead.

Ree had given Rhoda a blanket capote. "There just ain't no cover in this country," he said.

The rain struck with an icy fury. In minutes the dusty, shedding hides of the ponies became wet and streaming. The pack ponies wanted to stop. Mordecai swung in behind them to keep them going. He pulled his wolf-skin hat tight down around his ears, smelling the strong animal odor of it as soon as it wet through.

He saw Rhoda's wet skirts, voluminous as they were, beginning to sag against her body where she had them hitched high about her lap. Her hair began to come down as the rain soaked it during gusts when the hood of her capote was driven back.

The force of the wind died away after a time, but the rain continued, ice-laden and steady. With water running down their fleckles, the ponies stopped on, plodding through a dismal, gloomy world.

At intervals they got down to lead the ponies. Rhoda's long skirts dragged in the mud even while she tried to hold them up with one hand. Mordecai saw that her shoes were becoming shape-

less and soggy. Stopping at noon would have made their misery worse by inaction. They went on steadily until it was time to camp for the night. It was still raining. Mordecai would have continued, but he saw that Rhoda was almost exhausted.

Mordecai had spent many a worse night, without even a poorly tanned buffalo robe to grow heavy and soggy around him; but he was glad when the rain wore out near dawn the next morning. The others rose when he did.

He saw the prospect of a clear sunrise, and all around the land was sparkling with water beads, a clean-washed land moving gently toward the mighty Rockies, yet unseen by days to travel, but clear in Mordecai's mind.

"We'll cook later in the morning," he said, "when the buffer chips dry out some."

The far distance grew misty with vapor when the sun struck with full force. A wind from the west was chill at first, but warmed gradually as they rode. Hours later, when they stopped for breakfast, the ground was almost dry.

Rhoda took one of her bags and disappeared over a small rise. When she returned, she had changed her clothes. Her hair was in two braids. She was defiant of Mordecai's keen stare.

"We still got them Indian clothes," he said, thinking to be helpful.

"Keep them for one of your women at rendezvous!"

"I ain't got no woman at rendezvous."

All that day Mordecai kept looking behind. It was far too early for the rival American Fur Co. pack train to be catching up, but the thought kept worrying him. No matter what a man thought of the American Fur Co., he had to respect their ruthless way of getting results; and Mordecai had tremendous respect for their big, tireless mules.

He still didn't understand Ree's fix in this business. Ree said he wasn't working for nobody, and Ree generally told the truth, though often in a left-hand way that kept you guessing.

Mordecai signaled for Ree to come up beside him. Busily engaged in teaching Rhoda sign language, Ree took his time before jogging ahead to Mordecai.

"What now?"

"I'm thinking you might be figuring to invite Hudson's Bay to the rendezvous."

"The hell!" Ree said genially. "Just that" Hudson's Bay with their superior goods and master traders who could get along with Indians better than any outfit in the mountains. Mordecai guessed the British could bring a heap of whisky, too, if it was needful in the trading. Which it would be, certain.

"All I'm wondering is why

Annual Bargain Day  
In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Bargain-hunters stormed the capital's famous George Washington birthday sales today like the British charging Bunker Hill.

To the hardy and the patient went the spoils—3 cent sunglasses, 99 cent auto tires, \$3 washing machines and 22-cent power mowers.

An extra police detail was assigned to the downtown area to break up traffic jams. A group of detectives circulated among the mobs to nab shoplifters. The crowd was swelled by government, bank and school employees, whose offices were shut.

Shoppers came from as far away as 100 miles to buy 1 cent boats (you had to purchase a new Ford first, of course), 69 cent auto radios and 99 cent suitcases. For those who weakened in the face of the stampeding hordes, there was \$2.22 gin and 11 cent aspirin.

Many of the bargain-hunters began lining up in front of the stores Sunday night with blankets and thermos bottles of hot coffee to ward off the 40 degree chill.

The champion line-waiter was 62-year-old W. Townsend Raplee who set up camp in front of one store Friday night, 60 hours before the sale began, with a chair, for his home. He wanted a 99 cent typewriter.

Raplee had waited all night in front of the same store for the same bargain in past years. He does not know how to type.

The store took pity this year on Raplee and other shoppers who annually wait in line all night in the February cold for the 99 cent typewriters and half-price adding machines. It hired a bus for them to spend the night in.

Actually, the limited number of 99 cent autos and 7-cent razors are just come-ons. They all are snapped up within minutes after the doors open. But the businessmen know the shoppers will stick around to buy other items.

**Yellowed Handles**  
The bone handles of cutlery can be whitened considerably if they are rubbed with a cloth wet with peroxide of hydrogen. Rinse in clear water and dry with a soft cloth.

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The 246-delegate house, representing more than 200,000 members of the legal profession, began its two day meeting confronted with a host of ABA committee recommendations, all of which needed house approval to become policy.

Most controversial of the proposals were those of the ABA's Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives, which called for congressional remedial legislation to counteract recent Supreme Court rulings on Communism.

**Ask State Power**  
Among other things, the committee wants states to be given the power to punish sedition against the United States. The high court has held this is purely a federal matter.

"We definitely are not 'after' the Supreme Court," Committee Chairman Peter Campbell Brown of New York said. "We specifically say we do not want the court's power limited. We just want to correct some wrongs."

The 10-member committee asked that Congress "promptly and carefully" consider recent Supreme Court decisions and "prepare and pass separate amendments to the laws involved so as to remove any doubt as to the intent of Congress and to remedy any defect in the existing laws."

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