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A Sewer System

When the Decatur city council meets tonight, the city engineer, Ralph E. Roop, will present plans for a West Marshall street sewer to take off the 13th street area. Next project planned by the city engineer is a new water main across the St. Mary's river. This is necessary because at the present time the city depends entirely upon the single pipe which crosses the Monroe street bridge.

For the first time in many years Decatur residents in almost every section of Decatur experienced the unpleasantness and dangers of water in the basement. Part of this is due to faulty draining around the home, but part is also due to backed up sewers.

Why are Decatur's sewers now inadequate? There are several reasons. The initial trunk sewers were built many years ago, when the city was one-quarter to one-half its present size. As the city expanded, laterals were tied in to the main sewers. As laterals were added to laterals, the load became too much.

At one time, seventy-five per cent of the Decatur homes had cisterns which caught and held a large percentage of run-off water during and after a storm. Now the number of cisterns in use has dwindled to half its former number.

The paving of streets and sidewalks prevents water from being absorbed into the ground. When roads were gravel, and walks made of gravel or board, water filtered through. Now it drains quickly and directly into the sewers. Water softeners have replaced them.

What can be done? Obviously the rebuilding of every sewer in town would be a tremendous cost to bear at one time. The sewers could be paid for by either taxes or assessment, or a combination of both. Taxing would spread the cost out the furthest, without hitting any property owner all at once with a big assessment. Since all property owners would benefit in the long run, it might be the wisest choice.

If all the sewers were rebuilt as originally planned, with sanitary and storm drainage in the same sewers, the plan would be very costly. But it might be possible to build storm sewers just under the surface of the east-west streets, and have the catch basins drain into them, instead of into the sanitary sewers. Thus the pressure on the sanitary sewers could be released during floods without backing water into basements, and at the same time the expense of digging up sanitary sewers 15 feet below the street could be avoided.

If sewers were built down Monroe and Jefferson streets, with laterals running a block each way on side streets, a tremendous load of storm water could be diverted to the river without running through the sanitary sewers, backing water into basements.

This is something worth thinking about. Anyone who has ideas on improving the sewers of Decatur, without bankrupting the property owners, should certainly make their ideas public. The city has many important questions to decide in addition to the proposed sale of the city light plant, and each citizen should carefully weigh all the problems.

Pioneer's Launching Crew In Celebration

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—The moon which was their target peeked through the motel room window in the small hours today but the nucleus of the Pioneer IV launching crew seemed not to notice.

The men were too busy celebrating the success of a project conceived in the living room of the boyish engineer in their midst the day after Russia's first Sputnik went into orbit.

And they were toasting the partial fulfillment of a dream which once caused the flaxen-haired scientist leaning back in the wicker chair to be clapped in jail by Adolf Hitler.

His tie slightly askew, Dr. Jack E. Froelich beamed at Dr. Werner von Braun and they took turns trading jokes as the tension of the shoot gradually wore off.

These were the two men who spearheaded the development of the Juno II launching vehicle and the gold-plated probe which will find its place in orbit around the sun.

"It was a team effort all the way," said Froelich, pointing to

the 30 Army and Jet Propulsion Laboratories rocketeers lining the walls of the small room on near-by Cocoa Beach.

"What these guys believed in for 16 months has come to pass," Von Braun, who was put behind bars in Germany because "the crazy man wants to go to the moon," was jubilant along with the rest of the group. But he already was looking to the future.

"We have done something good," he said. "Now, maybe we can do something better."

Froelich was reluctant to take individual credit for the achievement. But he admitted: "It's been a project of mine ever since it got started."

That was back on Oct. 5, 1957, the day after Russia stunned the world with Sputnik I.

On that day Dr. William Pickering, JPL director, gathered his rocketeers in Froelich's living room and said, "Gentlemen, we've got to propose that someone shoot a rocket to the moon."

Now, that dream is coming true.

Rioting Erupts In Nyasaland Today

ZOMBA, Nyasaland (UPI)—Police opened fire on native rioters in Blantyre today when riots erupted in the city shortly after the government proclaimed a state of emergency. Three Africans were killed, and two others were wounded.

Reports reaching here said police charged the rioters, swinging nightsticks and hurling tear gas bombs in the Blantyre and Limbe area, twin cities about 40 miles from here.

An African policeman was seriously wounded when rioting broke out in the commercial city when riot squads tried to break up crowds of chanting natives.

Police swooped down on leaders of the African National Congress and arrested Dr. Hastings Banda, leader of the congress, and his No. 2 man, Henry Chipembere. The two men and other congress officials were quickly removed from the country.

Earlier, in nearby Northern Rhodesia, John Stonehouse, a Laborite member of Britain's parliament, was seized as an "undesirable alien" while en route here and ejected forcibly from British Central Africa. He had been accused of interfering in African affairs.

Gov. Sir Robert Armitage then clamped an iron emergency rule on this British protectorate where an anti-white campaign erupted last month.

The rest of the protectorate was reported quiet, but police and soldiers patrolled the area in expectation of new riots in the north, where natives last week stormed and captured a customs post at Fort Hill.

Immigration authorities arrested Stonehouse at Lusaka in Northern Rhodesia when he sought to board a plane for Nyasaland and carried him, kicking and struggling, onto a government plane bound for Dar es Salaam in the nearby trust territory of Tanganyika.

North Rhodesian police at the Lusaka airport ignored Stonehouse's appeals for help.

The Laborite, who had planned to spend five weeks touring the federation which embraces the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland, had ignored both government orders to leave and appeals from Laborites in London for his return there.

The opposition party has used the Stonehouse case as the basis for a motion of censure against Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's government, and they want him back home to take part in the debate.

Acting Prime Minister R.A. Butler agreed with opposition spokesmen Monday night that the Stonehouse affair, which probably will be debated Wednesday, is "of first-class importance to the House of Commons."

Decatur Student Is On Dean's List

Jeannette A. Hahnert, a sophomore at Defiance College, Defiance, O., earned a 3.0 average during the first academic semester to gain a spot on the dean's list. Registrar Gerald E. Mallott said that the minimum grade for the list is a 3.0.

Miss Hahnert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Hahnert, 418 McGarner street, Decatur.

Defiance college is a co-educational, liberal arts college affiliated with the Congregational Christian churches. Student enrollment last semester was 588 — 440 full time and 148 part-time students.

COURT NEWS

Marriage Application

Judith Ann Butler, 18, Lima, O., and James Lee McPherson, 24, Lima, O.

Complaint Case

An appearance was entered by Arthur C. Wright, attorney, for the defendant in the case of Marie Lambert vs. Lawrence A. Michel, Faye Michel.

Bill To Extend Draft Under Senate Study

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A bill extending the nation's draft law four years started a quick transit through the Senate today.

The House already has approved a similar extension, as recommended by the administration.

The Senate Armed Services Committee launched hearings on the draft law in the hope of putting the bill on President Eisenhower's desk by Easter.

Testimony from non-government witnesses was scheduled. The tentative list included spokesmen for church groups, and others who long have opposed compulsory military service.

But Committee Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) has said most senators already are reconciled to the "stark necessity" for extending the draft. It was not likely Congress would have the time to change the law's provisions because it is due to expire June 30.

While favoring the draft in principle, some congressmen have argued the law needs overhauling to iron out provisions which permit some otherwise qualified young men to avoid military service.

Other congressional news:

Policy: House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.) charged that President Eisenhower has hobbled national defense by insisting the United States would never fire the first shot in a war. His comment came after Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy told the House Space Committee that no-first-blow is the American policy. McCormack said the policy gives the Russians tremendous advantage of knowing how far they can go in cold war strategy.

Hawaii: The Hawaiian statehood bill appeared to be moving rapidly toward passage in one or both houses of Congress before the March 26 Easter recess. Action on the measure to admit the 50th state to the Union was planned in both House and Senate committees.

Labor: The Senate Labor Committee by a 10-3 vote smothered a Republican bid to substitute the administration's labor reform bill for the milder Democratic-sponsored measure. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), one of the sponsors of the Democratic measure, said GOP committee members had 30 amendments they still wanted to offer to his bill before it clears committee and reaches the Senate floor.

Communists: The House unanimously passed two bills strengthening anti-Communist laws. The House sent to the Senate a bill tightening the Smith Act by making it a crime to organize any group to teach or advocate overthrow of the government by force or violence. The second bill would make espionage laws apply to Americans abroad. Espionage laws now apply only to acts committed in this country.

Jeffrey Funeral Rites Wednesday

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Mrs. Alice R. Jeffrey, of Fort Wayne, mother of Mrs. Martha Buffenbarger of Decatur, who died Sunday night.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mungovan & Sons mortuary, the Rev. Clarence C. Collins officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood cemetery.

Driver's License Ordered Suspended

A local resident has been reported on the driver license suspension list issued by the bureau of motor vehicles as one of a number of drivers suspended from driving.

Daniel Costello, of Decatur, had his driver's license suspended for a period of six months for a conviction of driving while suspended. The effective date of the suspension was listed as January 8, 1959 and the expiration date was given at July 8, 1959.

Broken Electric Cable Is Repaired

The city-light company repaired a broken electric cable in front of Brike Studios this morning. The work necessitated tearing up a portion of the street at the corner of Jefferson and Second streets. The street light was the only electrical outlet affected.

Berne Lady Suffers Broken Hip In Fall

Mrs. A. A. Habegger, 75, of Berne, broke her left hip and fractured her right wrist Sunday morning when she fell on the steps at the First Mennonite church after leaving morning worship services. She was treated by a Berne physician and then brought to the Adams county memorial hospital.

Over 2,500 Daily Democrats are sold and delivered in Decatur each day.

Sporadic Signals From Discoverer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (UPI) — New signals gave credence today to the theory that the 1300-pound "lost" Discoverer I satellite was in a polar orbit around the earth, the Air Force announced.

The 19-foot satellite containing a 40-pound payload of telemetry equipment apparently was tumbling end-over-end through space at speeds around 18,000 miles an hour, causing the erratic reception of its radio signals.

The Defense Department in Washington said it expected sometime today to reach a definite conclusion based on data already received and being processed on whether Discoverer I was actually in orbit.

The Air Force Ballistic Missile Division (BMD) here which first

broke the suspense surrounding the fate of the satellite which was launched on the West Coast Saturday but mostly unheard from for 32 hours, announced Monday night that additional "sporadic" signals were received shortly before noon (PST) Monday by a tracking station at Annette, Alaska.

"This substantiates our earlier belief that it is in orbit," an Air Force spokesman said.

Republicans To Pick Site Of Convention

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Republican National Committee will meet here on April 10 and 11 to select the site and time of the 1960 GOP national convention, it was announced today.

Philadelphia or Chicago appeared to be the likely choice for the GOP convention, which probably will be held two weeks after the Democratic convention opens in Los Angeles on July 11.

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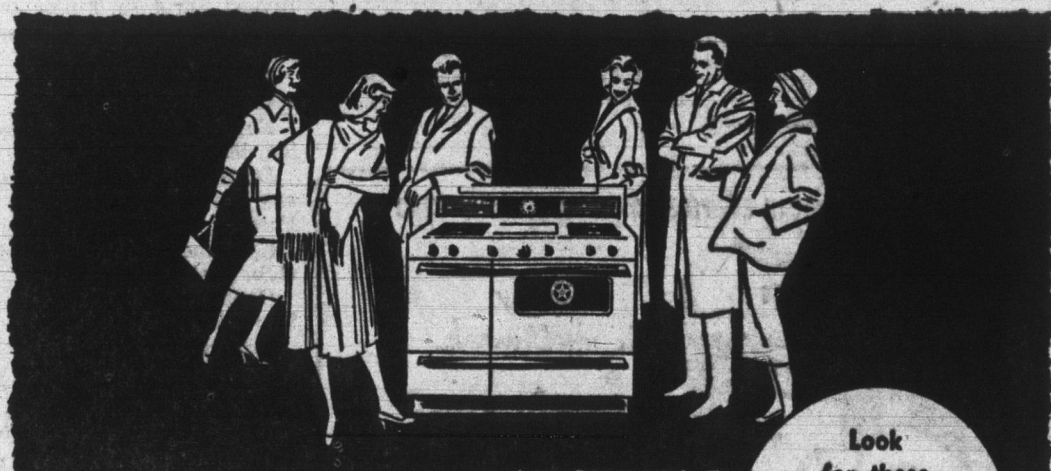


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PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV CHANNEL 15 TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—This Day 1959
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Man Without A Gun
7:30—Love Lady
8:00—How To Marry a Millionaire
8:30—The Tall Men
9:00—Arthur Godfrey
9:30—Red Skelton
10:00—Garry Moore
11:00—Award Theatre

Morning WEDNESDAY

7:00—Sunrise Semester
7:15—Edgemont Theatre
7:30—Willy Wonderful
8:00—Captain Kangaroo
8:45—CBS News
9:00—Captain Kangaroo
9:30—Star Performance
10:30—Breakfast in Fort Wayne
10:50—Godfrey Time
11:00—Love Lady
11:30—Top Dollar
Afternoon
12:00—Love Of Life
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
12:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Woman's Page
1:25—News
1:30—As The World Turns
2:00—Jimmy Dean Show
2:30—Houseparty
2:00—Big Pay-Off
2:30—Verdict Is Yours
4:00—Brighter Day
4:15—Secret Storm
4:30—Edge Of Night
6:00—Dance Date

WKJG-TV CHANNEL 33 TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—News
6:30—The Weatherman
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Whirlbirds
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—Eddie Fisher
9:00—George Burns
9:30—Bob Cummings
10:30—California
10:30—Union Pacific
11:00—News and Weather
11:15—Sports Today
11:30—The Jack Paar Show

WEDNESDAY

Morning
6:30—Continental Classroom
7:00—Today
9:00—Romper Room
9:55—Faith To Live By
10:00—Dough Re Mi
10:30—Treasure Hunt
11:00—The Price Is Right
11:30—Concentration
Afternoon
12:00—The Tac Dough
12:30—It Could Be You
1:00—Farms and Farming
1:15—News & Weather
1:20—The Editor's Desk
1:30—I Married Joan
2:00—Truth or Consequences
2:30—Haggis Baggis
3:00—Young Dr. Malone
3:30—From These Roots
4:00—Queen For A Day
4:30—Five Star Movie
Evening
6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:30—The Weatherman
6:45—Yesterday's Newswel
6:45—NBC News
7:00—MacKenzie's Raiders
7:30—Wagon Train
8:30—The Price Is Right
9:00—Milton Berle
9:30—But Masterpiece
10:00—This Is Your Life
10:30—Death Valley Days
11:00—News and Weather
11:15—Sports Today
11:30—Jack Paar Show

WPTA-TV CHANNEL 21 TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Our Miss Brooks
6:30—This Day 1959
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Sea Hunt
7:30—Special Agent 7
8:00—Keep Talking
8:30—Trackdown
9:00—Millonaire
9:30—I've Got A Secret
10:00—Circus Theatre
11:00—Award Theatre
Morning
6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Cheyenne
8:30—Wyatt Earp
9:00—Rifleman
9:30—Alcoa Presents
10:00—Wrestling from 21
10:00—Movietime
Evening
6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Lawrence Welk Show
8:30—Ozzie and Harriet
9:00—Donna Reed
9:30—I Accuse
10:00—Fights
10:45—Sports Desk
11:00—Movietime