

## Why Can't We?

One of the arguments which on the surface sounds like a good reason for keeping the electric utility is, "if Indiana-Michigan can make money distributing power here, why can't we?"

At first this sounds hard to answer. But let's think a moment. First, we all realize that our little, city-owned plant, controlled by the electric light board, and the city council, is not, and will never be, as efficient as a private utility which must make money to survive. Indiana-Michigan will not send out five men to do one man's job. They will work efficiently, and cut the costs where they can.

Secondly, they will be producing the power very economically where fuel is cheap, and bringing it in on lines already built.

Also, while they will be operating here at a loss for a five-year period, this loss can be balanced against their profits elsewhere, and will reduce their taxes. Decatur has no other power operations to balance its loss against.

Also, Decatur already has an electric debt in bonds valued at \$672,000, which would have to be refinanced at higher interest rates, since no second mortgage is possible. Thus Decatur would have to use tax money or raise local rates to pay off the interest and retire the debt. Indiana-Michigan could use profit from other lines which are already operating profitably.

And biggest reason of all, Indiana-Michigan will aggressively build up use of electricity in this area by encouraging its use by home, farm, and industry, and even by helping industries locate here. This the city utility does not do.

So, while Indiana-Michigan may be able to begin in five years to make money by distributing power here, Decatur would only fall hopelessly deeper and deeper into public debt, discouraging property owners, business, and ruining the workers who depend on commerce and industry for their jobs.

## Lose The Franchise?

Another argument against the sale of the electric plant is, "if we sell, we lose the franchise and can never regain it."

In the first place, the franchise is of value to us only as long as we can provide ourselves with cheap, dependable power in the quantity we need. We cannot do that. The power varies greatly from line to line, it is extremely expensive to the 1,000 rural customers who make up one-quarter of the users, and we can no longer produce anywhere near the quantity we need. Even that which we produce is more expensive than that which we buy.

Second, the franchise if granted to Indiana-Michigan is for an indeterminate period. This means that upon a justified petition of the users in this area, the franchise could be revoked by the public service commission. We do not mean to intimate that this would be easy—it would not. But it is possible, and would even be probable if rates or service became unbearable.

It is quite possible that the loss of the franchise might be more of a blessing than a loss. An improved electric outlook here would permit industry to expand, and aid the growth of our city. Cheap, reliable power is a real necessity. Who really believes that the ordinary "butcher, baker and candle-stick maker" who compose the groups that run the city utility, can compete in service or efficiency with electrical engineers and progressive businessmen?

## TV PROGRAMS

### WANE-TV CHANNEL 15 FRIDAY

6:30—Amos and Andy  
6:30—This Day 1959  
6:45—Doug Edwards News  
7:00—Mike Hammer  
7:30—Hit Parade  
8:00—Lawline  
9:00—Phil Silvers Show  
9:30—Target  
10:00—Line-Up  
10:30—Person to Person  
11:00—Wake Up and Live

**SATURDAY**  
6:30—Agriculture U.S.A.  
9:00—Cartoon Klub  
9:30—Captain Kangaroo  
10:30—Mighty Mouse  
11:30—Huckle & Jeckle  
12:30—Robin Hood  
1:30—Roy Rogers  
2:00—Henry Playhouse  
3:00—Report from Washington  
3:30—Award Matinee  
4:00—My Little Margie  
4:30—Science Fiction Theatre  
5:30—Masters Golf Tourney

**SUNDAY**  
6:30—Annie Oakley  
6:30—Life of Riley  
7:30—Jeff's Collie  
7:30—Perry Mason  
8:30—Wanted—Dead or Alive  
9:30—Gale Storm  
9:30—Have Gun Will Travel  
10:30—Gunsmoke  
11:00—Les Miserable

**SUNDAY**  
8:30—Christophers  
9:30—Faith for Today  
9:30—This Is The Life  
10:30—Lamp Unto My Feet  
10:30—Look Up and Live  
11:30—Cartoon Klub  
12:30—Gene Autry  
1:30—Walt's The Law  
2:30—I. E. W. Film  
2:30—Talkback  
3:30—Award Matinee  
4:00—Small World  
4:30—Masters Golf  
5:30—Masters Golf

**WKJG-TV  
CHANNEL 33  
FRIDAY**  
6:30—Gateway to Sports  
6:30—News, Jack Gray  
6:30—Weather  
6:30—Yesterday's Newsreel  
6:30—NBC News  
6:30—State Trooper  
7:30—Northwest Passage  
8:30—Ellery Queen  
9:30—M-Squad  
9:30—The Thin Man  
10:30—Boxing  
10:30—Sports Corner  
11:00—News and Weather  
11:15—Sports Today  
11:30—The Jack Parr Show

**SATURDAY**  
6:30—Kit Carson  
6:30—Bugs Bunny  
10:30—Howdy Doody  
10:30—Ruff and Reddy  
11:30—Fury  
11:30—Circus Boy  
12:30—Sky King

### Central Daylight Time

12:30—Cartoon Express  
1:30—Russian Revolution  
2:00—Two Gun Playhouse  
3:00—NBA Pro Basketball  
5:00—Championship Bowling

**Evening**  
6:00—Wrestling from Chicago  
7:00—African Patrol  
7:30—People are Funny  
8:00—Perry Como Show  
9:00—Black Saddle  
9:30—Climax City  
10:30—D. A. S. M. M.  
11:00—The Saturday Edition  
11:30—Between Two Worlds

**SUNDAY**  
Morning  
9:00—The Christophers  
9:30—Americans at Work  
9:45—How Christian Science Heals  
10:00—Sacred Heart Program  
10:15—Industry on Parade  
10:30—This Is The Life  
11:00—Cartoon Time  
12:00—Two Gun Playhouse

**Afternoon**  
1:30—Frontiers of Faith  
2:00—Tactic  
2:30—Pro Basketball  
4:30—Sure As Death  
5:00—Save the Dunes  
5:30—Big Picture

**Evening**  
6:00—Bozo  
7:00—Suber of London  
7:30—Steve Allen  
8:30—The Lawless Years  
9:00—The Chevy Chase  
10:00—Loretta Young  
10:30—Medic  
11:00—Sunday News Special  
11:10—Sports Today  
11:30—Virginia City

### WPTA-TV CHANNEL 21 FRIDAY

**Evening**  
6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff  
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting  
7:30—Rin Tin Tin  
8:00—Walt Disney Presents  
9:00—Tombs of Terror  
9:30—17 Sunset Strip  
10:30—Decoy  
11:30—The Mummy

**SATURDAY**  
11:00—Uncle Al  
12:00—Gene Autry  
12:30—Jungle Jim  
1:00—Rocky Jones  
1:30—Jet Jackson  
2:00—Brave Eagle  
2:30—Action Theatre  
4:30—TBA  
4:45—Pony  
5:00—Golf

**Evening**  
6:15—Spy  
6:30—Sherlock Holmes  
7:00—Confidential File  
7:30—The Dick Clark Show  
8:00—Jubilee U.S.A.  
9:00—Lawrence Welk  
10:00—Club 21

**SUNDAY**  
Afternoon  
2:00—Orel Roberts  
3:00—Fr. Francis Edward Nugent  
3:30—Roller Derby  
4:30—Brave Eagle  
6:00—Popeye  
6:30—Command Performance  
6:30—Cameo Theatre  
7:00—Texas Rangers  
7:30—Maverick  
8:30—Lawman  
9:00—Colt 45  
9:30—Big Western  
11:00—House of the Yukon

### MOVIES

ADAMS  
"Up Parlioupe" Fri. at 7:17, 9:24;  
Sat. 1:35, 3:42, 5:49, 7:56, 10:03  
"Senior Prom" Sun. 4:30, 6:35, 8:40  
9:25 Mon. at 7:00, 9:45  
"Life Begins at 17" Sun. at 2:35  
6:20, 8:30, 10:50 Mon. at 8:30

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## The School Reporter

### DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH

by Theresa Laurent

After a five-day relaxing period, it is assumed that the D. C. H. S. students are once again ready to partake in scholastic activities. And everyone will remain content until May 7 and 8 when the school will pause to commemorate the temporal feast of Our Lord's ascension into Heaven. Until then, kids, be good!

The faculty of the Decatur Catholic schools spent Easter Monday in Defiance, Ohio, where the Sisters of St. Agnes held a centennial program. Defiance, as the oldest St. Agnes mission east of Chicago, was host to the other missions in Ohio and Indiana.

April 7 marks the time for the Adams county volleyball tournament. Like other county youth, Decatur Catholic students are planning to participate in the events which will be held at Monmouth. D.C.H.S. boys will challenge Geneva in the 6:30 event while the girls oppose the Hartford group. Here's to you, kids! do your best.

Scheduled for the 14th of April is the Adams county ping-pong tournament. It is to be held at Adams Central. Students may enter in the following events: boys singles and doubles, girls singles and doubles, and mixed doubles. It's not too late to sign up, kids, in case you're interested.

—D.C.H.S.—

### DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL

By Kathy Schultz

Once again the students of D.H.S. are back in the same old grind, after a much needed vacation. There are only eight weeks of school left and less than that for the seniors. Another school year is almost over!

"Spring Swing," sponsored by the speech class of D.H.S., was a huge success Thursday night. One of the biggest crowds of the year was present at this dance. Door prizes were awarded to Eleanor Miller, Pat Franklin, and Larry DeLong. Thanks to the speech class for an enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Mike Donnelly, the winner of the American Legion oratorical finals. The contest, held in Decatur for the second time, revealed four well qualified speakers. Good luck to Mike in his next contest!

The girls volleyball team traveled to Berne Tuesday evening after school for a volleyball contest. Six seniors and three juniors, accompanied by Mrs. Worthman, made the trip. Decatur won 2 out of 4 games.

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The D. H. S. gymnasium, decorated as Mount Olympus, was the scene of the annual Latin banquet Tuesday evening. Mike Drake as Jupiter and Noreen Egley as Juno reigned over the banquet.

The group was entertained by a dance by the nine muses, a flute trio composed of Mary Kocho, Julia Ellsworth, and Jackie Chew, and a singing trio composed of Julia Ellsworth, Karen Zimmerman, and Joyce Helm. The highlight of the program was a narration by Tom Grabill of "living" pictures of ten of the gods and goddesses. Tom Sharp and Larry Macklin performed as trumpeters and from all indications, it was an evening enjoyed by all.

Attention juniors! Only one and a half weeks left to sell tickets to the junior class play. The boys are battling the girls for honors in the

ticket sales. Who will be the victor? The boys or the girls?  
—D. H. S.—

### MONMOUTH HIGH

by John Fuhrman

Testing time is here again for fifth to eighth graders. These students take achievement tests annually to determine their abilities. The results of the tests are sent to the parents of the child. This program should promote better understanding between teachers and parents.

"What subjects shall I take next year?" Last Monday this question was uppermost in the thoughts of about 39 eighth-graders, or freshmen-to-be, when they were given examinations to help them with their choices of elective courses. This testing program starts the student "off on the right foot" in high school and gives him valuable guidance.

Remember! The junior class of M.H.S. will present "Meet me at the Prom", a three-act comedy, at the Monmouth auditorium, Friday at 8 o'clock. They will appreciate your attendance at this fine production.

Physics students left last Tuesday morning at 8:30 on a field trip to Fort Wayne. There they visited the Dana Axle corporation, WANE radio and television studios, General Telephone company, and Baer Field. This was a very educational experience which the students enjoyed very much.

Don't forget the fish fry Friday, April 10, sponsored by the band parents association of Monmouth High. Tickets are available from any band member. Price? Adults, \$1.25; children, (under 12) 75 cents. Come and eat all the fish you can.

Excuse, please! In this column last week, we mentioned the F.F.A., when the proper terminology was the F.H.A. So it was the F.H.A. who received the honor chapter citation.

—M.H.S.—

### PLEASANT MILLS HIGH

by Marie Ohler

Our one day vacation, Good Friday, at Pleasant Mills, ends all the vacations for this term. Hope you joined your friends and neighbors by going to church to celebrate Easter reverently and joyously!

The St. Mary's Kekkionga 4-H club met at Pleasant Mills school with an election of officers. Susie McCullough was elected president; vice president, Linda Riley; secretary, Patty Johnson; treasurer, Linda King; news reporter, Nancy Bailey; song leader, Beverly Myers; Judy Myers, scrap book; Patty Sovine, health and safety; Nancy Cook, Norma Bauman, Mary Lee Longenecker, Nina McAhren, Sue Noll and Mary Edgell, recreation leaders.

The next and last P.T.A. meeting will be a carry in basket supper with the date to be announced later.

This week Pleasant Mills had two track meets. Tuesday, Pleasant Mills traveled to Decatur to play the Yellow Jackets. April 3, Adams Central and Bryant will run at Pleasant Mills.

Next week Pleasant Mills will have two track meets. April 8 with Geneva at Geneva and April 10, Monroeville and Hoagland will have their meet here.

Seven freshmen tried a hand at giving the play "The Apple of Discord" Monday, March 23. The play was about the cause of the Trojan war. The cast enjoyed giving it although it was a lot of work. We hope you enjoyed it. The cast was as follows: Zeus, Paul Rich; Hera, Linda King; Athena, Barbara Jackson; Aphrodite, Beverly Myers; Hermes, Roger Beer; Eris, Kathy Shoaf; Paris, Jerry Wagner.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Helen Ehrsam is journeying to Greentown Saturday for the district contest. They will be attired in their new choir robes. The three songs they are going to sing are "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," "It's A Grand Night For Singing," and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Pleasant Mills high school, we wish you the best of luck.

—P.M.H.S.—

Pleasant Mills high school will

be unusually quiet next week for the juniors are leaving on their class trip to Washington D.C. and New York. They will leave from Decatur at 2:34 p.m. Sunday and go on the Erie Railroad. We wish them the best of luck and hope they will be back at good old Pleasant Mills soon.

The sophomores had a great time Thursday night at the home of Louise and Dale Currie. Games and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Refreshments of hot dogs, potato chips, and pop were bought by the boys of the class. The party was a result of the girls beating the boys in Christmas card sales. Hope you had fun!!!

—P.M.H.S.—

### WREN HIGH SCHOOL

by Jo Ann Lichtensteiger

Now that the Easter bunny has done his work for another year, his days may calm down. Days at school, however, still speed along. The freshmen are planning a spring dance while the sophomores recuperate from their pre-Easter bake sale. The juniors are "sowing and reaping" for the prom. Last but not least come the seniors, who are planning their class trip and dubiously looking at the near end of the school year.

STRIKE ONE! Yes, it's baseball season again and the boys at Wren are at it heart and soul. From what we've seen there is evidence that this will be a good season for Wren.

The Wren band is giving a concert Friday at 7:30 p.m. The band will play such numbers as "Holiday Overture," "Evangeline," "Sunset Soliloquy," "chartruese," songs/soloist Anne Moser, "Spiritual Rhapsody," soloist, Linda Rover, plus other songs. For variety the girls chorus will sing two numbers and the girls' ensemble and soloists will perform.

—W.H.S.—

### ADAMS CENTRAL HIGH

by Shirley Osterman

Early this Saturday morning (7:30) three Adams Central buses will start their journey to Greentown. This will be just the beginning of a busy day's schedule at the district band and chorus contest for Central's musicians and songsters. The band and choir will be playing and singing until 2:30 p.m., when one or two of the buses will leave early for those interested in arriving home before the last bus. Members of the glee club will sing at the Methodist church in Greentown at 4:30 p.m. and will then start home. Band members are reminded by director Don Gerig, to be in full uniform, except for cap. Leon Gerig stated that the choir members are to wear white blouses and dark skirts or trousers.

Grab your skates and come along! Yes, next Monday evening, the junior class will sponsor their annual spring skating party. Everyone at Central high is invited to attend this skate at Bell's skating rink in New Haven. Buses will be made available for those not able to go in a car. So, why not purchase your ticket as soon as possible from the juniors, and have some fun while you help their treasury.

After practicing after school every day this week, Central's girls' and boys' volleyball teams are ready to meet their Pleasant Mills rivals in the county volleyball tourney. All schools in the county will participate, with the exception of Decatur public. The tourney will be played in the Monmouth gym Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and will be open to anyone interested in boosting their teams. Two small trophies will be awarded to the winning teams in both the girls' and boys' competition. Winners of each round of play will be determined by winning two out of three games. Good luck, Central!

At least six Centralites are known to have scored high at the regional math and English contest last Saturday at Bluffton. Among competition from many other schools, senior Jim Hoffman was the only English entrant from Central to receive a first place. Jim did a remarkable job and scored highest by answering correctly 239 of 250 questions. Freshmen Bill McMillen and Arlene Johnson placed first and second, respectively, in the algebra division. Those scoring in the comprehensive math division were Bill Hoffman, senior, second; Evan Yoder, senior, fourth; and Loren Habegger, junior, second in a separate division. Exact scoring on the geometry tests had not been received as of Tuesday but will be announced later. These people will now be eligible to take the state math and English tests at Indiana University on April 25.

Those listed previously were the entries from Central who placed in the top of their respective divisions. Six others, representing Adams Central, also took the tests, but did not score as high. Delora Mishler, Joan Rupert, and Dixie

## 40 Years Ago Today

April 3, 1939—Miss Juanita Lehman, of Washington township, has been appointed 4-H club leader for Adams county.

Mrs. Frank Miller, 46, of Van Wert, O., was killed last evening in the collision of two autos near that city. Voyle Hill and Harold Kolter, Decatur young men in the other car involved, were injured.

Roscoe, Robert and Raymond Raudenbush, triplet sons of Mr. Raudenbush, celebrated their 16th birthdays April 1. Henry Fuhrman, 78, retired Adams county farmer, died at Fort Wayne, where he had resided since February.

## Former Presbyterian Moderator Is Dead

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Dr. Roy Ewing Vale, 74, pastor of the Tabernacle Church for 15 years until he retired in 1955 and once moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., died Thursday night at his brother's home in Winter Park, Fla.

Dr. Vale held the denomination's highest elective office in 1944 and 1945.

## COURT NEWS

### Complaint Cases

On a motion by the plaintiff in the case of L. A. Mallonee vs. Floyd Thornton, the case was set for trial April 3 at 2 o'clock.

The case of L. A. Mallonee vs. Richard Rumble was set for trial April 3 at 1 o'clock on a motion by the plaintiff.

### Appointments

Two Adams county men were appointed to the Adams county board of review by the Adams circuit court Thursday. David J. Schwartz, of Berne, and Milton Girod, of Decatur, are the appointees. Schwartz was appointed as the Democratic member and

Girod was appointed as the Republican member. Both are scheduled to meet with Edward F. Jaberg, county auditor, June 1 at 9 o'clock. They will serve as members of the board of review for one year.

Four persons were appointed to the Adams county board of tax adjustment. All will serve a one-year term beginning April 15. The four are: Charles L. Langston, of Decatur, Republican; Louis Reinke, Sr., of Berne, Democratic; Menon I. Lehman, of Berne, Republican; and Clarence Shepherd, of Geneva, Republican.

### Estate Cases

A petition to sell the real property at private sale without notice was approved in the estate of Genevieve A. Berling. The deed was ordered delivered upon the purchase price paid in full.

The inheritance tax appraiser's report was filed in the estate of Henry Kukelhan. The total value of transfers subject to tax was listed at \$21,654.57. A notice was ordered issued returnable April 27.

In the estate of Lola E. Bone, a bond of \$18,000 was filed. Letters of administration were ordered issued to Vada Luella Leeper and Roger F. Bone.

The inheritance tax appraiser's report was filed in the estate of David Depp showing the total value of transfers subject to tax at \$7,428.11. A notice was ordered issued returnable April 27.

In the estate of Floyd Voorhes, the inheritance tax appraiser's report was submitted finding the net value of the estate to be \$23,491.32, and that there is tax due in the sum of \$1,144.57.

### Real Estate Transfers

E. W. Baumgartner Admr. to Billy W. Reynolds, 80 acres in Wabash Twp.

Albert Hollinger etux to Amos R. Schwartz etux, 30 acres in Monroe Twp.

Donald D. Bohnke etux to George R. Miller etux, inlot 45 in Decatur.

John H. Johnson etux to Ezequiel S. Guereca, inlot 70 in Decatur.

Eugene Hitchcock etux to Hugh R. Tobey etux, inlot 19 in Decatur.

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