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On Elections and Recall

Yesterday we discussed the meaning of Democracy as a form of government by the people, and noted that it included elections, initiative, referendums, recall, petitions and many other ways of indicating the will of the people.

In many states if a man is elected to office, and proves to be something other than what the people desire, they may, by petition, initiate his recall. This is very democratic. After all, everyone recognizes that we all, as human beings, make mistakes, or do things we would like to correct. Petitions of recall are one method.

Another method is the regular scheduling of elections. In Great Britain, for example, the government may go for a number of years without an election if no one grumbles. But if a vote of no confidence is given on an important measure, an election is called. So elections may be held quite often, or infrequently, depending on the political situation.

In this country, elections of officials are regularly scheduled by law or the constitution. This means that if you do not like what a representative in the state legislature, or a city councilman does, you can go out and see that a man is nominated against him, and support that candidate.

But there is also under the law a provision for a special type of election—on the sale of a municipal utility. This is mandatory under the law if 100 freeholders and resident taxpayers request it, after a city ordinance is passed authorizing a sale.

But no number of elections, even 1,000 of them, would prevent another being held, as long as the city owns a utility, and the city council desires to pass an ordinance calling for the sale, and 100 freeholders and legal taxpayers request an election. Just as, in a state where recall is legal, unless it is limited by law, as many petitions calling for recall can be circulated as there are groups desiring it.

This is the true meaning of democracy. It means that nothing we do is final—if the situation changes, and conditions warrant it, we may change our mind. It is certainly not undemocratic to do so. It also means that if the local plant were sold, and later on the people felt that they were getting a raw deal, they could again begin a democratic procedure under the law to get it back.

It is true that some people do sign petitions without knowing what they sign. It is also true that some people vote in elections without knowing the issues. We would hesitate to make a survey and ask the voters what they were actually voting on, although it was quite clear. Yet how many people in Decatur still actually believe they were voting on whether the city should produce power or buy power! And the responsible leaders of both factions are thoroughly agreed on one thing—that power cannot be produced any longer as cheaply as it can be purchased.

So, if there are 100 freeholders and resident taxpayers who feel that the petition presented to the city council does not indicate that the majority of people voting would so vote in an election, and if the city council passes an ordinance calling for the sale, they may sign a petition, and demand an election. And if anyone feels that they can't get a list of names together of people who might feel that way, they can certainly refer to pages 303 through 306 of Book 24, the city council record, and get the names from the two petitions signed the first time. Those petitions contain, by the way, the names of some who favored the sale as well as a number who opposed it.

The School Reporter

DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH
By Theresa Laurent

Last Thursday grades eight through eleven elected cheerleaders for next year's basketball squads. Two sets of four and three persons were established for the varsity and "B" teams, respectively. While Sharon Baker, Sharon Miller and Patty Roberts will lead the "B" team cheerers, the varsity leaders include: Susie Baker, Sarah Gass, Bonnie Hake, and Marilyn Hake. Congratulations, kids!

—D.C.H.S.—

Decatur Catholic high students offer their sympathy to Sister M. Almeda, principal of the school, on the death of her mother.

—D.C.H.S.—

While baccalaureate exercises will be held for the seniors Friday morning, commencement exercises for eighth graders and seniors will be held Friday evening in the D.C.H.S. auditorium at 8 o'clock.

—D.C.H.S.—

As this is their last week of formal high school education, D.C.H.S. seniors offer their thanks to the many individuals who are responsible for their intellectual as well as their moral development. Never to go unappreciated is the guidance rendered by parents, teachers, the clergy, especially our deceased pastor, and friends. The graduating class of 1959 thanks you all.

—D.C.H.S.—

In relinquishing my position as school reporter for D.C.H.S., I wish to express deepest appreciation to the Decatur Daily Democrat for a most valuable experience; to my principal, Sr. M. Almeda, and Sr. Mary Beatrice, my English teacher, for their help and guidance; to students for their cooperation; and finally to you readers. I wish also to announce that next year's D.C.H.S. school reporter will be Miss Patricia "Pat" Ruble. I hope you will be as faithful to her as you were to me.

—D.C.H.S.—

Inn Near College
A Crime Beachhead

VALPARAISO, Ind. (UPI)—An innocent-appearing and popular pizza and spaghetti restaurant near the Valparaiso University campus was described before the Senate Rackets Committee Wednesday as a beachhead for a powerful Chicago crime syndicate.

Testimony before the committee in Washington revealed that several "Old College Hill" were bought by Tom Morgano, a Chicago hoodlum, as a syndicate stronghold in Porter County.

Two of the buildings across the street from the university Commercial Building were remodeled into a restaurant called the "College Inn."

The university president, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, declined comment except to say that the cafe was not on the campus.

Records show that the restaurant, which is one of three pizza pie places here, was bought by College Inn, Inc., from private parties March 4, 1958.

Wendell J. Strelesky was listed as president of the corporation and operator of the restaurant. Other owners were listed as Morgano and Rocco Stanzioni.

The corporation bought about a half-block of business on the east side of College Avenue. The property included four buildings and two vacant lots. Two of the buildings became the "College Inn" and the other two were being torn down.

The judge may agree to extend Starkweather's current stay of execution to permit an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. But if they do not, the stay expires at midnight and Starkweather goes back to jurisdiction of Nebraska Penitentiary Warden John Greenholtz, who must then carry out the death penalty.

A separate action probably would be filed in the state Supreme Court to set a new date of execution, according to Nebraska Atty. Gen. C. S. Beck.

Greenholtz estimated it would take about two days to get ready for another execution date.

A two-week stay of execution was granted May 22, just 90 minutes before Starkweather was due to be led from his death row cell to the execution chamber in the basement of the Lincoln, Neb., prison.

Two Crew Members
Die In Jet Crash

TOKYO (UPI)—A U. S. Air Force B-57 jet bomber crashed today at Johnson Air Base near here, killing the two crew members. Witnesses said the plane was coming in to land "when it suddenly veered off the runway and crashed. Names of the victims were not immediately released.

Chinese Laundryman
Slain And Run Over

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A Chinese laundryman was stabbed to death, then run over by a pickup truck early today.

Several hours later, police arrested a suspect on a preliminary charge of murder.

The victim was identified as Kui Choy Wong, 46, manager of a Chinese laundry.

Probing Theft Of
\$20,000 In Jewels

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—The Marion County Sheriff's office investigated today the theft of \$20,000 in uncut diamonds from a north side Indianapolis home.

The jewels were missing from the home of Charles F. Bardach, 44, head of Bardach Brothers Inc., the company which presents the Indianapolis 500-mile race winner with a diamond ring each year.

Bardach told authorities the gems were stolen between last Friday and Monday and their wholesale value was \$20,000.

Sheriff's detectives sought the whereabouts of an airline pilot who was a "house guest" of Bardach. Two other visitors also spent the weekend at the Bardach home. One was a jewelry salesman who was carrying the diamonds. The other was a woman secretary in a jewelry firm.

Bardach said he and his visitors were "nightclubbing" Friday night, and the salesman for six jewelry firms, including Bardach's, asked him to put the diamonds in Bardach's safe. Bardach said he couldn't do that without setting off the burglar alarm so he took the jewels home and placed them in a closet.

He said he and his guests attended the Memorial Day race and the pilot left Sunday for New York. The theft was discovered Monday when the salesman asked to leave for Detroit.

Dirty Overalls
Wash dirty overalls by laying them flat on the washboard and scrubbing with a stiff brush. Starch them a little afterwards and the dirt will come out much easier the next time they are laundered.

John Paul McAhren
Receives Scholarship

John Paul McAhren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. McAhren, and a 1959 graduate of Decatur high school, has been named one of four recipients of cash scholarships to carrier-salesmen for the Fast Wayne News-Sentinel.

The scholarships provide a cash award of \$150 plus \$1 for each week the recipient has held his route during his high school years. Each of the four named is eligible for the maximum amount of \$358. McAhren plans a career in medicine after graduation from Indiana University. He will start at the I.U. extension center in Fort Wayne this fall. He is a member of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, president of the church's youth fellowship for two years, and serves on the Sunday school council, the board of administration and the youth fellowship executive council. He was a member of the high school track team.

Mrs. Harry Truman
Home From Hospital

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (UPI)—Mrs. Bess Truman was home today in "excellent" condition following surgery to remove a breast tumor.

Former President Truman brought her back Wednesday from the Kansas City hospital where she had been since May 18.

Nikita Khrushchev
Arrives In Budapest

BUDAPEST (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev arrived here today from Albania for a two-day "friendship" visit.

He had spent 11 days in Albania, making speeches and meeting with leaders of several Communist satellite countries.

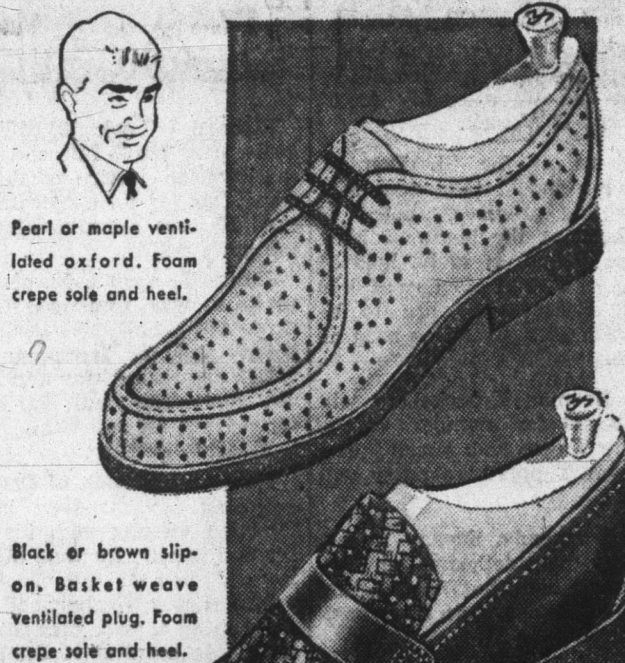
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OPEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTSShirley Fuelling
On Dean's List

Mrs. Shirley Ann Fuelling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bleeks of Decatur route 3, was named as a member of the dean's list at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, last week. She was one of 20 members of this year's class of 940 on the high scholastic list.

Mrs. Fuelling, Monmouth graduate, will direct a speech clinic at New Castle this summer, and will teach in the Muncie area next school year while her husband, Clinton Fuelling, also a Monmouth graduate, completes his studies at Ball State.

20 Years Ago
Today

June 4, 1939 was Sunday and no paper was published.

COURT NEWS

Divorce Case

An affidavit for a citation was filed in the case of Wilman Yoder vs. Gladys Yoder. A citation was ordered issued to the sheriff of Allen county for the plaintiff, returnable June 9 at 10 o'clock.

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PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV
Channel 15

THURSDAY

Evening
6:00—Amos and Andy
6:30—News at 6:30
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Highway Patrol
7:30—Invisible Man
8:00—December Bride
8:30—Yancy Derringer
8:30—Zane Grey Theatre
8:30—Playhouse 90
11:00—The American

FRIDAY

Morning
7:00—Sunrise Semester
7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:00—CBS News
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Our Miss Brooks
9:30—Star and the Story
10:00—On the Go
10:30—Sam Levenson
11:00—Love Lucy
11:30—Pop Culture
Afternoon
12:00—Love Of Life
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
1:45—Guiding Light
1:50—Ann Colone's Woman's Page
1:55—News
2:00—As the World Turns
2:00—Jimmy Dean Show
2:30—Houseparty
3:00—Big Pay-Off
3:30—Verdict Is Yours
4:00—Brighter Day
4:15—Secret Storm
4:30—Edge Of Night
5:00—Dance Date

Evening

6:00—Amos and Andy
6:30—News at 6:30
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—San Francisco Beat
7:30—Rawhide
8:00—New York Confidential
9:00—Phil Silvers
9:30—Mike Hammer
10:00—Line Up
10:30—Bold Venture
11:00—Purple Heart

WKJG-TV

Channel 33

THURSDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:30—The Weatherman
6:30—Roy Rogers Show
7:00—The Lawless Years
7:30—Too Young To Go Steady
8:00—Laugh Line
8:30—Tennessee Ernie Ford
9:00—Groucho Marx
9:30—Masquerade Party
10:00—MacKenzie's Raiders
10:30—News and Weather
10:45—Sports Today
10:50—The Jack Paar Show

FRIDAY

6:00—Continental Classroom
7:00—Today
7:30—Doug Re Mi
9:30—Treasure Hunt
10:00—The Price Is Right

WPTA-TV

Channel 21

THURSDAY

Evening
6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Leave It To Beaver
8:00—Zorro
8:30—The Real McCoy's
9:00—Pat Boone
9:30—Rough Riders
10:00—Big Western
11:00—Confidential File

FRIDAY

Morning
10:00—Mom's Morning Movie
11:30—Big Bachelors
Afternoon
12:00—George Hamilton IV
12:30—Fantome Quis
1:00—Music Bingo
1:30—Sunie
2:00—Day In Court
2:30—Gale Storm
3:00—Beat the Clock
3:30—Who Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
5:00—Superman
6:30—Mickey Mouse

Evening

6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Rin Tin Tin
8:00—Walk Disney Presents
9:00—Tomestone Territory
9:30—77 Sunset Strip
10:30—Man They Could Not Hang

MOVIES

—DRIVE-IN—

"Mardi Gras" Thurs at 9:15
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