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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 308 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.

## PROGRAMS

## Central Daylight Time

**WANE-TV**  
Channel 15  
THURSDAY

Evening  
6:00—Amos and Andy  
6:20—News at 6  
6:45—Doris Edwards-News  
7:00—Highway Patrol  
7:30—Invisible Man  
8:00—Our Miss Brooks  
8:30—Yancy Derringer  
9:00—Zane Gray Theatre  
10:00—Playhouse 90  
11:00—The Assassins

MORNING  
7:00—Sunrise Semester  
7:30—Puppet Theatre  
7:45—Willie 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—Top Dollar

Afternoon  
12:00—Love of Life  
12:30—Search For Tomorrow  
12:45—Giant Light  
1:00—Ann Colone's Woman's Page  
1:25—News  
1:30—As the World Turns  
2:00—Young Dean Show  
2:30—Houseparty  
3:00—Big Pay-Off  
3:30—Order of Fools  
4:00—Writer's Day  
4:15—Secret Storm  
4:30—Edge of Night  
6:00—Dance Date

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6:20—News at 6:30  
6:45—Doris Edwards-News  
7:00—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  
6:25—The Weatherman  
6:45—Sports Score Show  
7:00—The Lawless Years  
7:30—Too Young To Go Steady  
8:00—Tennessee Ernie Ford  
9:00—Groucho Marx  
9:30—Masquerade Party  
10:00—MacKenzie's Raiders  
10:30—Doris and Weather  
10:45—Sports Today  
10:55—The Jack Paar Show

FRIDAY

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

## 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!

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## Three Judges Hear Starkweather Plea

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI)—Three judges today present what may be the last plea in Charles Starkweather's fight to escape the electric chair.

The Nebraska slayer's appeal for a writ of habeas corpus from the federal courts was to be heard by a panel of three U.S. circuit judges.

Arguments were presented by attorneys Milton R. Abrahams and D. Nick Caporaso of Omaha, and Herman Ginsburg of Lincoln.

Judges hearing the case were Harvey M. Johnson and Joseph W. Woodrough of Omaha and Martin D. Van Oosterhout of Sioux City, Iowa.

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.

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

5:45—NBC News

**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 McCoys

9:00—Pat Boone

9:30—Rough Riders

10:00—The Big Show

11:00—Confidential File

11:30—The Jack Paar Show

FRIDAY

Morning  
11:30—Tom Atkins' Morning Movie

11:30—Big Rascals

12:00—George Hamilton IV

12:30—Automatic Quiz

1:00—Music Bingo

1:30—Susie

2:00—Day In Court

2:30—Beat The Clock

3:30—What Do You Trust

4:00—American Bandstand

5:30—Mickey Mouse

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7:30—Tom Tamm

8:00—Walt Disney Presents

9:00—Lombstone Territory

9:30—77 Wonders

10:30—Decoy

11:00—Man They Could Not Hang

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