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Bluffton's Power Failure

Bluffton learned the hard way Friday and Saturday that old-fashioned generating equipment, used by local one-horse city generating plants, cannot produce and furnish the steady flow of power needed by modern living and modern industry.

A 300 horsepower generator motor at the light plant there burned out a bearing, and this affected one-third of the 7,000 kilowatt capacity of the plant. Power was off for 50 minutes at noon north of Market street, including the business area, and rural areas north of the city.

On Saturday, a fuse failure further reduced power for an hour. A portable substation belonging to Indiana-Michigan was installed, and this meant cutting off the power. This, in turn, closed down Franklin Electric and Kitco Engineering & Manufacturing for four hours Saturday.

Bluffton is learning, as Decatur already has, that our small plants, while adequate 20, 30, and 40 years ago, cannot produce sustained power; also, haphazard temporary connections, as we now have here, are not the answer.

Decatur must have a modern electric system to encourage industry and provide the electricity needed for today's modern living. Every housewife needs electric power today — for washing, drying, ironing, cooking, lights, clocks, and hundreds of other items. If the power is off, work is slowed; food spoils in the freezer; everything goes wrong.

Good power means steady jobs for Decatur's workers. It is as much a necessity as capital today. Companies lose contracts if they cannot produce, and electric failures cut production and cause costly delays.

The fallacy that Indiana-Michigan will provide only one source of electricity for Decatur has been spread by those who would use the power situation for personal political gain. This is absolutely not true.

Three Indiana-Michigan lines are already near the city. When a substation is completed here, all three lines, one from the south, one from the northeast, and one from the northwest, will be tied into Decatur. Decatur will become a part of the largest private electrical network in the country, tying together 7 states. No single, or multiple, failure could close down electric power to Decatur. Only a major failure, that would close down the entire area, would hurt Decatur. In such a case, Indiana-Michigan has a history and reputation for the most prompt service of any electric utility.

If Decatur is to continue to grow, and to "get the jump" on other cities, we must look to the future. The future means more and more electric motors, more and more use of power. For progress Decatur must be ready for this future. At the present it is sadly behind. But it can still catch up. It is up to every Decatur citizen as to which step will be taken.

The 2,269 Decatur voters who petitioned for a reconsideration of the Indiana-Michigan question are definitely on the right track. Their votes will decide the future of Decatur.

Asks For Survey Of
Toll Road Accidents

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — State Police Supt. Harold Zeis was asked today for a special analysis of 1959 traffic accidents on the Northern Indiana Toll Road.

The survey was requested by Charles W. Cook, executive director of the state toll road commission, in the wake of a mounting death toll along the 280 million dollar superhighway.

Cook asked specifically for a report on the major causes of toll road accidents this year and what if any preventive measures could be taken.

He suggested that state police work cooperatively on the project with the commission's regularly employed traffic engineers who maintain a program of traffic guide signs, striping and other mechanical devices for promoting safety.

Cook told Zeis he wanted the survey to give special emphasis to the accident incidence on a stretch of the superhighway generally between the LaPorte and Elkhart interchanges where three multiple-fatality accidents have occurred this year.

Cook said toll road fatalities have increased this year as part of a national upsurge in traffic deaths. Toll road fatality total was 21 at the end of August, as compared to only 16 at the end of August, 1958. The Indiana state death toll on all highways has reached a provisional total of 680, an increase of 90 over the 590 total at the same time last year.

"Undoubtedly a factor complicating the accident picture has been increased traffic," Cook said. "For instance, during the first seven months of 1959, the vehicle count on the toll road was 137,230 higher and total mileage was 26,063,769 greater than for a similar period in 1958."

Cook joined with Capt. Alva R. Funk, commanding officer for the toll road detachment of state police, in asking toll road users during the forthcoming Labor Day weekend to drive with extra caution and help extend the road's fatality-free record for holidays.

"During the Memorial Day and the Fourth of July weekends this year, the toll road on each occasion handled over 13 million vehicle miles of traffic without a single fatal accident. Let's keep the record intact," Cook and Funk urged in a joint statement.

They noted that Memorial Day, Labor Day and Christmas weekends last year also were fatality-free on the toll road.

Funk urged Labor Day motorists to take the usual traffic safety precautions both before and during trips.

His recommendations included checking the car for mechanical defects with special emphasis on tires and brakes, starting the trip early so there is no need to hurry, frequent rest stops and observance of all traffic laws.

A high incidence of polio in the city and other parts of Quebec lent credence to the theory that a black market was operating, police said.

Authorities have reported 536 cases, including 29 fatal, since the outbreak of the epidemic seven weeks ago. However, the outbreak is considered decreasing.

Police said they had received reports the vaccine may be bootlegged for as much as \$25 a vial, which would raise the value of the stolen vaccine to \$250,000.

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Prohibition Era Is
Ended In Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — Prohibition ends in Oklahoma today at noon e.d.t. with "temperance" becoming the watchword of the wets.

Gov. Howard Edmondson, the man most responsible for repeal of the 52-year ban on the sale of liquor in the state, urged the wets to mark the new era with limited imbibing.

"I know that the people of Oklahoma will meet this era of the legal sale of alcoholic beverages with temperance. I look forward to a time when prohibition will be behind us," Edmondson said.

The state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Elizabeth House of Still water, on the other hand, called on Oklahomans to pray for protection "from this terrible holocaust of liquor."

Mrs. House said special prayer sessions would be scheduled in churches and private homes in some area.

Repeat leaves Mississippi the only legally dry state in the Union.

The repeal of prohibition in Oklahoma marks the first time liquor has been sold legally since the state joined the Union in 1907. However, liquor has always been consumed by Oklahomans in about the same quantities consumed in other states.

No organized demonstrations were scheduled by the wets when the more than 500 stores now licensed to sell liquor open for business.

Limp Veils

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GRADE FOUR

GRADE FIVE

GRADE SIX

GRADE SEVEN

GRADE EIGHT

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Place For Travelers

Minnesota to Alaska, Manhattan to Hawaii—the first place to travel through is our own United States, the travel display in the lobby of the Decatur library advises travelers whether they go by plane, car, or train—or by books.

The United States offers vacation sites as varied as can be found in any other part of the world, a travel article in the display advises. Coolness can be found in the northern states; and tropics can be found in Florida, and California, the article adds, is almost a little world in itself.

One of the best places to start is right in the Hoosier state, the travel display suggested a few weeks ago before it was changed to include some books about other parts of the world. On the library shelves, the traveler can find books about places such as Greenfield, the birthplace of the Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley, or about our own capital city, Indianapolis.

America Off The Highways

Looking at the United States as a whole, the reader can get a complete view in Ben Lucien Burman's "It's a Big Country: America off the Highways." Nelson Beecher Keyes offers a description of national sites, in "Our National Parks."

In the lower middle part of the case is a drawing of one of America's famous historical monuments, the Lincoln Memorial. Near it are "Washington Holiday," and "America." To go into other parts of America, the traveler should recall some of the books in the display a few weeks ago, when it was a display of Americana. Paul Bunyan, famous in the midwest as Wild Bill Cody is in the west, was pictured there, representing Minnesota. A boy with the paint brush and a half whitewashed fence is Tom Sawyer from Mark Twain's river country in Mississippi. "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" tell not only about two boys who lived in Mississippi about Mark Twain's time, but provide good pictures of the countryside and the life on the Mississippi for reading travelers who want to go back in time.

For the travelers who want to see the two new states, sketches of Hawaii and Alaska are available. "Alaska, the Big Land, the 49th State" by Ben Adams, and "Magnificent Matriarch," (about Kaahumanu, a queen of the Hawaiian Islands long ago) by Kathleen Dickinson Miller are on the shelves.

Pocketbook Pictures

The traveler who wants to go

outside the United States can enjoy a series of almost pocket-sized books with pictures of countries from Switzerland to Mexico to Spain and romantic Germany to the land of the midnight sun. The display includes a set of books about Scandinavia and the whole set may be shelved soon. The slim little books contain 30 color plates, are printed in Germany, and are good indices to the colorful countries they cover.

Whoever travels looking for adventure can get a taste of it in "Our Flight to Adventure," by Tay and Lowell Thomas, Jr. Milton Runyon and Vilma F. Bergane offer more sightseeing in "Around the World in 1,000 Pictures." All these books, and more, in the public library now, offer the taste of adventure and a different atmosphere for the late summer traveler, whether he goes by train, plane, car — or books.

COURT NEWS

Marriage Applications

David J. Brown, 21, of Decatur, and Carolyn Jo Aumann, 21, of Decatur.

Gayle Edward Ainsworth, 22, of Monroeville, and Judith Ann Lane, 19, of Decatur.

Gerald Frederick Switzer, 22, of Indianapolis, and Marabelle Sue Wolfe, 19, of Pleasant Mills.

Dancy William Sheppard, Jr., 22, of Ashland, O., and Donna Jane Leibolt, 21, of Jeromesville, O.

Estate Case

In the George H. Glassburn estate, a schedule o determine inheritance tax was filed with reference to the county assessor.

20 Years Ago
Today

Sept. 1, 1939—Neil Currie, Jr., manager of the Fort Wayne works of the General Electric Co., which includes the Decatur plant, is transferred to Schenectady, N.Y., as assistant to W. R. Burrows, vice president in charge of manufacturing for the company.

The Rev. Homer J. Aspy has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church in Decatur, and is planning further study at the Northern Baptist seminary at Chicago.

J. A. Zerfel, prominent retired farmer, died at his home here after an extended illness.

Carl Gerber and family have moved from Fifth street to their new home on Mercer avenue.

Adolf Hitler annexed Danzig and sent the German army across the Polish frontier.

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Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Star Performance
7:30—Honeymooners
7:50—Science Fiction Theatre
8:30—To Tell The Truth
9:00—Adventure Showcase
9:30—Spotlight Playhouse
10:00—Andy Williams
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Jam Session

WEDNESDAY

Morning
7:30—Experiments Theatre
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:00—CBS News
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Our Miss Brooks
9:30—Star Performance
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—Guiding Light
1:00—Ann Colone
1:30—News
1:50—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better or for Worse
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 & Andy
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Sea Hunt
7:30—Wednesday Playhouse
8:00—Keep Talking
8:30—Trackdown
9:00—Millionaire
9:30—I've Got A Secret
10:00—Armstrong Circle Theatre
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Talk of the Town

WKJG-TV
Channel 33
TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Indiana State Fair
7:00—Steve Canyon
7:30—Jimmie Rodgers
8:00—Roy Rogers
8:30—Bob Cummings
9:00—David Niven
9:30—Rescue 8
10:00—Whirlbirds
10:30—News and Weather
10:45—Sports Today
10:50—The Jack Paar Show

WEDNESDAY

Morning
7:00—Today
7:30—Doug Re Mi

MOVIES
— DRIVE-IN —
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