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Increased Enrollment Is Reported As Public, Parochial Schools Open

The 1959-60 school year opened in Decatur for the city school system, the Catholic and Lutheran schools today with a total of 1,613 enrolling in city schools, 811 in the Catholic schools, and 52 in the Zion Lutheran school.

W. Guy Brown, city school superintendent, recorded the enrollment at Lincoln school, Northwest school, and the Decatur high school, while Sr. M. Almeda, principal, registered the Catholic enrollment. The Rev. Richard C. Ludwig, superintendent, provided the Lutheran total. The total city enrollment for all three is 2,476 pupils.

The city school enrollment dropped off very slightly as 1,627 enrolled last year in the city schools.

City Summary

A summary of the total shows that 205 enrolled in kindergarten while the 1958-59 figure was 198, or an increase of seven. From grades 1-8, a loss of 33 pupils was noted as 1,034 enrolled today while 1,067 registered last year. In the high school, 374 enrolled with the increase from last year being 12.

A breakdown by grades in the city schools gives grade 1, 122 pupils, or 16 less; grade 2, 121 pupils, 18 less; grade 3, 141 pupils, 17 more; grade 4, 132 pupils, 18 less; grade 5, 138 pupils, or an increase of one; grade 6, 126 pupils, 28 less; grade 7, 145 pupils, 35 more than last year, and grade 8, 109, or six less.

In the high school, 112 freshmen reported with only 94 being recorded last year. The sophomore class, however, dipped from 163 in 1958 to 90 this term. An upsurge in the junior class puts an additional 14 in that class as 95 are enrolled today. The seniors total 77, or seven less than 1958.

Show Increase

Decatur Catholic high school and St. Joseph's elementary school showed increases in both sections as a total of 811 enrolled today, with 636 in the grades and 175 in high school. Sr. M. Almeda, C. S. A., reports that 566 were in the grades last year, while the high school had 150.

Grade Breakdown

The rundown by grades gives 99 in grade 1, while 77 enrolled last year; grade 2, 72, a loss of 30 from last year; grade 3, 101 today while the 1958 figure was 82; grade 4, 82 with a drop of six; grade 5, 88, an increase of five; grade 6, 78, an increase of six; grade 7, 71, an increase of 23, and grade 8, 46, the same amount as last year.

The DCHS enrollment was 47 freshmen compared to 43 last year, while the sophomore class increased by two to 44. The junior class has 43, the same as last year, but the senior class increased from 22 to 41, for a total of 175 in the high school. This is an increase of 25 from last year.

In the Zion Lutheran four grades, a total of 52 have enrolled this morning, according to Rev. Richard C. Ludwig, superintendent. A total of 12 in the first grade, 12 in the second and third, and 16 in the fourth.

The increase from last year is seven, while the two-year increase is 35 as only 17 enrolled in 1957.

Spiritual Emphasis Services Nov. 8-15

The members of the Associated churches met on Tuesday evening in Decatur discussing the spiritual emphasis services, which will be conducted here from Nov. 8 to 15.

All local organizations are requested to note these dates, and keep them open for the services. Also, the Sunday school parade will be conducted at Decatur on September 26. Further information on both events will be forthcoming.

Child Is Dragged 12 Blocks By Milk Truck

CHICAGO, Ind. (UPI)—James Boyd, 2, was injured painfully Tuesday when he was dragged 12 blocks by a milk truck.

Fred Singer, Valparaiso, the truck driver, said he did not know the boy had climbed on the truck and caught his arm between the body and bumper when he tried to get off.



EXCHANGE STUDENT — Terje Viborg Strom, 17, of Moss, Norway, pictured above, will be the exchange student in Decatur this year.

Veteran Central Soya Employees Honored

Eleven Central Soya employees were honored Tuesday night for 25 years of service with the company, during the annual service award banquet, Tom H. Allwein, plant manager, announced this morning.

Gold watches were presented to the 11 men, all of whom have been with the company since its first year of existence, by H. W. McMillen, chairman of the board. They are the first to be so honored.

25 Year Awards

Those receiving the awards were: Thomas C. Smith, analytical lab superintendent; Raymond Mertz, of the steam power plant; Adrien Girard, Arthur Miller, Arlie Bollenbacher, of maintenance; Edward Vian, Jesse Essex, of the solvent plant; Luther Clase, of the engineering department; Kenneth Reed and Joseph Brennan, of the elevators; and Augustus Dailey of the feed mill.

Allwein presided at the dinner, held at the Decatur Youth and Community Center, and the invocation was given by assistant plant manager Chalmer Bollenbacher.

Following the dinner Joe W. Seibold of the Decatur plant and Fred Tangeron of Bluffton teamed up with a group participation entertainment program.

McMillen Speaks

D. W. McMillen, Jr., president of the company, spoke on a survey of sites for the camps, which will be modelled on the Civilian Conservation Corps camps for unemployed youths during the depression years of the 1930's. Rockefeller said he hopes that some existing facilities can be converted into camps, possibly by next January.

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New York Seeking To Curb Juvenile Crime

NEW YORK (UPI)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller sparked today a statewide crash program providing for the construction of youth labor camps and expansion of detention facilities in an effort to turn the rising tide of juvenile crime.

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House Passes Gas Tax Hike

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House gave final congressional approval today to a 1-cent boost in gasoline taxes starting Oct. 1. The bill now goes to the White House. Lawmakers of both parties said President Eisenhower was certain to sign it into law.

The measure temporarily raises to 4 cents the present 3 cents a gallon federal tax on gasoline and diesel fuels. The higher levy would remain in force 21 months until July 1, 1961, and bring in almost one billion dollars in additional revenue.

The legislation wipes out the threat of a drastic nationwide cutback in federal superhighway construction.

The House wound up congressional action by unanimously accepting, without debate, amendments added by the Senate last Saturday to the bill which previously had passed the House.

Final passage of the bill marked a partial victory for Eisenhower in a battle with Congress with the odds stacked heavily against the President winning even a skirmish.

He had asked Congress to boost

the federal gasoline levy 1½ cents a gallon, to 4½ cents, for a five-year period, to beef up the depleted fund which finances interstate highway building.

The initial reaction of Democratic leaders was that a tax increase was out of the question. But after months of groping for some other solution, they finally gave Eisenhower at least half a loaf.

INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday. Scattered thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight and south Thursday. Turning cooler northwest tonight, considerably cooler north Thursday. Low tonight 67 to 73. High Thursday 73 to 85 north, 82 to 92 south. Sunset today 7:04 p.m. Sunrise Thursday 6:21 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Generally fair and pleasantly cool except extreme south, where it will be partly cloudy and warm with scattered showers. Lows Thursday night 53 to 65. Highs Friday 75 to 85.

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Traffic Continuing Bloody State Toll

United Press International Traffic accidents continued to reap a bloody harvest in Indiana Tuesday as Hoosier motorists apparently relaxed their holiday driving caution.

At least eight persons were killed or died Tuesday of injuries sustained in highway crashes, bringing to 18 the number killed in the past five days and raising the Labor Day weekend toll to at least 12.

The 12 total was only one short of the number mentioned in predictions and two short of the number killed in the 78-hour holiday period last year.

Meanwhile, Indiana State Police provisional totals showed the 1959 death toll crept past the 700 mark during the weekend. Twenty-two deaths were added to the fatality list last week, raising the death toll to 702 compared with 614 a year ago.

The 22 deaths compared with 24 for the corresponding week in 1958, the first time in weeks that the 1959 toll was lower than the 1958 toll in a seven-day period.

Baby Is Killed

The latest accident victim was Nellouise Burns, 19 months, daughter of the Roy Burns, R.R. 1, Akron. The baby was killed near Akron on Ind. 14. Tuesday night when a car driven by her father went out of control as it crossed the Erie Railroad tracks, skidded and overturned twice and smashed into a roadside pole.

Burns, 37, and his wife, Muriel, Burns, 37, were riding with Julius Grater, 72, Indianapolis, when Grater tried to make a U-turn and was struck broadsides by a car behind him driven by Edwin Roberson, 37, Greenfield.

Burns to Death

Five-year-old Cynthia Ann Arnold of near Peru was killed Tuesday as she attempted to cross U. S. 31 to greet her brother, Thomas, 12. State police said the little girl was struck by a car driven by William Fahlen, 64, Indianapolis, a state deputy attorney general. Cynthia's father was killed less than two years ago in traffic near the same spot.

A fiery truck crash in Indianapolis killed Ernest Jackson, 52, Indianapolis, Tuesday. Jackson was driving a loaded asphalt truck on U. S. 100 when it collided with another asphalt truck. Split gasoline set both vehicles afire and Jackson burned to death before rescuers could pull him from the wreckage.

James A. Wicker, 24, Anderson, died in St. John's hospital at Anderson of injuries suffered when his auto went out of control on a Madison county road late Monday.

William Major, 30, New Castle, Pa., died in St. Joseph county hospital at South Bend of injuries sustained when his big truck blew a tire last Friday in Starke county and hit a tree.

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County Council Launches Study Of 1960 Rates

The first day of the two-day session of the county council passed with little excitement caused by the expected budget parings. While nothing definite came from Tuesday's meeting at the offices of county auditor Ed Jaberg, the real action is slated for today's all-day session.

Several of the county officers appeared at the meeting voicing their reasons and causes for increases in their budget, but the council gave no indication that the additional appropriations would be upheld.

Preliminary cuts from budgets were made but the signatures of the council members were not affixed to the documents, leaving room for alterations today.

The council also heard the objections of Carl Lichtenberger, of St. Mary's township. Lichtenberger complained about the seven cent increase in the bridge cumulative fund from the 1959 rate of eight cents to a proposed 15-cent rate. Lichtenberger said that he knew funds were needed to build new bridges, but did not go along with the five-year duration of the proposal.

He further asked why every agency must go along with an increase, causing what he called "a never ending cycle." He was told that the county has spent \$11,000 on one bridge and 730 miles of stone roads which must be maintained and improved. This cites the need for the increase in the bridge fund.

The high school figures are 65 freshmen, 61 sophomores, 56 juniors, and 54 seniors, while last year, 72, 58, 57, and 47, respectively.

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