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WIN FIGHT TO SAVE DEADWOOD—Fire fighters from three states are winning their battle against a Black Hills forest blaze which surrounded the historic wild west town of Deadwood, S. D. The town's 4,000 residents split up, the men joining the fire-fighting line and women and children fleeing to safety. Authorities said they are winning the battle to save the town.

Bids Accepted On New School

Geneva Lady Dies Wednesday Evening

The Southeast elementary school in Decatur took a big step toward reality Wednesday night, as the Decatur school board received bids and tentatively awarded contracts for the construction of the building. Dr. James Burk, Herbert Banning and Jack Heller, members of the board, W. Guy Brown superintendent of schools, John L. DeVos, attorney, and Carl Bradley, architect for the new building, met with about 40 bidders and interested citizens in the high school building.

The three low bids were awarded contracts, subject to approval of the special appropriation by the state board of tax commissioners. General contract bid of \$219,500 by the Bultemeier Construction Co. of Decatur, received the contract. Haugk's of Decatur received the contract for the heating, plumbing and ventilation with a bid of \$84,100, and McKay Electric of Fort Wayne was the low bidder for the electrical contract with \$21,640.

One alternate bid in the general construction contract was accepted by the board. This was a reduction of \$1,000 for laminated wood arches in the multi-purpose room in place of steel beams. As the braces are exposed, the board felt that the wood, while structurally as strong as steel, would save \$1,000 and also furnish added beauty to the room.

Some Not Read
The total of the three bids was \$324,240. A recent appropriation was made from the cumulative building fund for \$338,300 for the construction of the building. All of this money is available at the present time, and no bonds will be needed for the construction or furnishing of the building.

Three of the electrical bids were opened, but not read, as the bidders had failed to notice that the legal advertisement called specifically for a cashier's or certified check and did not include a bond. One of the electrical contracts was not read, as the bidder had failed to sign the non-collusion affidavit.

A total of 20 bids were received by the school city, with 16 of them being read. The general construction bidders were: Baker-Schindler, Defiance, O.; Bultemeier; Irmscher, Fort Wayne; Weigand, Fort Wayne; and Yost of Decatur. Six bids were also read for heating, plumbing and ventilation; Arnold, Fort Wayne; Hattersley, Fort Wayne; Haugk; Hoover, Marke; Lake, Celina; and Yost. Three other bids were received, but not

SCHOOL BIDS

General Construction

Firm	Base Bid
Baker-Schindler	\$244,000
Bultemeier	219,500
Irmscher	263,700
Weigand	253,061
Yost	237,882
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Firm	Heating, Plumbing and Ventilation
Arnold	\$55,800
Hattersley	56,757
Haugk	53,800
Hoover	53,625
Lake	58,416
Yost	40,782
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Firm	Electrical
Arnold	\$22,979.00
Hattersley	22,796.00
Henry	23,675.00
McKay	21,640.00
Cin-Dee	23,517.50
Yost	33,000.00

Yost bid for total job — \$349,492.

School Bus Safety Meeting Next Week

The annual school bus safety meeting will be conducted Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams Central school as an orientation for new bus drivers and a refresher for the experienced drivers. Supt. Gail Grabill said today that procedures and regulations governing the operation of the school buses will be discussed.

Sgt. Bill Hunter, safety director of the state police post at Ligonier, and Cpl. Steve Woodworth, school bus inspector of the state police at Ligonier post, will be the main speakers and instructors at the evening session.

Howard Haab, of the Indiana school bus drivers' association, will also speak to the group, as will sheriff Merle Affolder of Adams county.

The meeting is mandatory by law, which was approved recently by the state legislature. School board members, trustees and other administrative personnel besides the drivers are invited to attend.

Inspection Sept. 16
Wednesday, Sept. 16, the annual school bus inspection by the Indiana state police will be conducted at two sites in Adams county. Grabill said.

The inspection is mandatory by law, which was approved recently by the state legislature. School board members, trustees and other administrative personnel besides the drivers are invited to attend.

Readers Interested
After reading the bids, the board will be asked to consider them. Bradley, of Bradley and Bradley architects, and his consultants, felt that while the bids were a little higher than anticipated, they were quite good. After discussion, the board moved to accept the three low bids.

The Southeast elementary building will add seven new rooms to the city's fast expanding school system. This will provide closer facilities for the kindergarten through sixth grades in the south part of the city, and will release the pressure on the Lincoln school and the Northwest school.

Brown and the school board expressed their thanks to all bidders, the architect and consultants, Miss Iverna Werling, Brown's secretary, and particularly to a group of interested citizens from the south part of the city. The later group has met with the board on several occasions to help with the plans for the building, and will join in one final meeting before construction starts, to select the brick and tile colors.

Construction should get underway this fall, and the board hopes to have the new building completed in time for the opening of the 1960-61 school year. The cooperation of the city administration in the construction of the Grant street sewer was cited by the board for this help.

The inspection complies with the rules and regulations of the state specifications for school buses. All vehicles must meet these high standards or will not be permitted to transport school children on their daily trips to school.

Jefferson Club To Hear John R. Walsh



John R. Walsh

John R. Walsh, Indiana secretary of state, will be the principal speaker at the September meeting of the Jefferson club next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Marine room of the Berne auditorium, Roger Singleton, president of the club, said today.

Walsh, a 1934 graduate of the Indiana university school of law and a former congressman, is well known here, having spoken several times.

A leading contender for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator in 1962, Walsh spoke at the Indiana Democratic editorial association meeting at French Lick two weeks ago, and greatly impressed the audience.

A veteran of World War II, Walsh served as congressman from the fifth district, and is a practicing attorney in Anderson. He was the successful Democratic candidate for secretary of state in 1958.

At the Decatur city parking lot, (east of the A&P store parking lot) the following schools will start their school bus inspection at noon Wednesday, Adams Central, Preble, Root, Union, and St. Mary's townships.

All Democrats interested in hearing Walsh are urged to attend the meeting of the Jefferson club, founded to include all Democrats who wanted to become more familiar with the party leaders.

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School Bus Hit By Train, 7 Die

OAKLAND, Md. (UPI) — A Baltimore and Ohio Railroad passenger train slammed into a school bus stalled on a grade crossing today, killing seven children and injuring at least five others seriously, police reported.

Oakland city police said the train, the Diplomat, eastbound from St. Louis to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., hit the bus broadside at the Paul Street (Md. 560) crossing as the children were frantically rushing out the exits.

About a dozen of the 26 high school and grade school pupils riding the bus were still in the vehicle when the collision occurred.

The bus driver, Leroy Campbell, Deer Park, Md., was helping children off the bus when the train smashed into it. He was injured. The injured pupils were taken to Garrett County Memorial Hospital in Oakland.

The collision occurred at 7:26 a.m., c.d.t., at a crossing in Mountain Lake Park, Md., 3 miles east of Oakland. The crossing has no gates but is protected by flasher lights.

The pupils were enroute to the Southern High School and the Denney Road Elementary School in Oakland.

The bus was knocked 40 feet to the side of the track, police said.

Festival Opening Is Delayed To Tonight

The Red Men's fall festival, scheduled to open Wednesday night, was unable to do so because of several misunderstandings concerning streets to be used and lack of power facilities. Officers of the Red Men lodge stated today that the festival will definitely open this evening at 7 o'clock and will run through Saturday night.

Survivors are four other daughters, Mrs. Minnie Brown, of Huntington, Mrs. Orie Grabill, of Houghton Lake, Mich., Mrs. Mildred McConkey, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Eileen Reed, of Richmond; a son, Richard Cecil Dull, of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Cary Johnson, of Van Wert, O., and Willis Johnson, of Glenmore; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Brown, of Ohio City; 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cowan and Son funeral home in Van Wert, the Rev. S. F. Kochenberger, of Wren, O., officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenbrier cemetery in Willshire, O. Friends

may call after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

INDIANA WEATHER

Fair and quite cool tonight. Friday sunny and a little warmer northwest. Low tonight 42 to 50. High Friday mostly in the 70s. Sunset today 7:03 p.m. Sunrise Friday 6:21 a.m. Outlook for Saturday: Generally fair and pleasant. Lows 40 to 50. Highs 75 to 83.

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County Council Prunes Tax Rate Eight Cents; Levy Still Big Boost

Schools Are Now Open, Safety Appeals Issued

Because of the opening of school and the great number of cars on the highways of the city and county, Sheriff Merle Affolder and city police chief James Borders issued a joint safety announcement this afternoon cautioning all motorists to exercise extra care in driving to safeguard against any school children or bus accidents.

More than 5,000 county and city children are attending school this year, some for the first time, and motorists must take into consideration that the children sometimes forget, but the motorist must not, the announcement said.

Promise Quick Prosecution

The speed timer and radar will be in operation a great deal of the time checking on speeding vehicles on city and county roads, especially during the early morning school hours, and late in the afternoon. Violators of school safety procedures on the highway will be hastily prosecuted, they stated.

About school buses, vehicles in both lanes of the highway must

Achievement Trip To Lois J. Gerke

Miss Lois Jean Gerke, of route 5, Decatur, won one of the Stark Wetzel & Co. 4-H achievement awards Wednesday at the state fair in Indianapolis, being named one of the 16 girls in the entire state for the award. The Gerald Strickler family and Roland Liechty also took several top awards in the cattle and beef divisions of judging yesterday.

Sandra Strickler, of Decatur, took fourth place in the Hoosier gold medal Aberdeen-Angus calf contest with a heifer calved between May 1 and August 31, 1958. There were 15 top awards in this division. Her sister, Carolyn, won third place in the same division of cows with a heifer calved between Jan. 1 and April 30, 1958. The girls' father, Gerald, took fifth place with a bull calved between Jan. 1 and April 30, 1958.

Liechty walked away with five separate awards in the dairy cattle class. He had a third in the cow under three years old category, a sixth in the dam and daughter class, a sixth in the Holstein cow under three class, a 12th in the senior heifer judging, and a seventh in the get-of-sire junior class. He is from Berne.

Wives of the carriers will be entertained by a fashion show, and a program of Swiss music. A musical will entertain them during the afternoon.

Many tours, including one of the Central Soya plant, are included in the program. A top national speaker and an outstanding display will also be featured.

A key to the city tops the display, which will be in the Chamber window for several weeks before it is shown over the state. Several hundred rural carriers and their wives are expected to attend the meeting.

Local Lady's Mother Dies Last Evening

Mrs. Florence Birdie Dull, 79, of Glenmore, O., the mother of Mrs. Eric McConnell of Decatur, died at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Anna Chilcott, Fort Wayne, of a coronary occlusion after an illness of four months.

Mrs. Dull, a member of the Greenbrier E.U.B. in Christ church of Glenmore, was born April 6, 1880 in Van Wert county. She was the daughter of George and Charley Egler Johnson. On May 30, 1866, she married Benjamin Dull, who died in 1950.

Survivors are four other daughters, Mrs. Minnie Brown, of Huntington, Mrs. Orie Grabill, of Houghton Lake, Mich., Mrs. Mildred McConkey, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Eileen Reed, of Richmond; a son, Richard Cecil Dull, of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Cary Johnson, of Van Wert, O., and Willis Johnson, of Glenmore; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Brown, of Ohio City; 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

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The figures for this year and last are: grade 1, 16, an increase of 11; grade 2, nine, or four less; grade 3, 14, an increase of five; grade 4, 13, one more; grade 5, 12, a loss of four; grade 6, 19, a gain of four; grade 7, 32, a gain of nine, and grade 8, 26, a gain of 18.

In the high school, 12 freshmen, 27 sophomores, 31 juniors, and 20 seniors enrolled while the 1958-59 figure was 26, 32, 14, and 20, respectively.

The national society's policy had been declared several years ago, when the society found that the public contributed more money to an independent crusade against cancer than it did through federated funds. Furthermore, in the federated campaigns, the cancer society lost much of its identity and part of the educational power it has when it has its own house-to-house drive.

Under the new policy, no new unions with federated funds were

The 1960 county tax rate will probably be \$1.28 per \$100 of taxable property, or 41 cents more than last year, as the county council closed its two-day session Wednesday at the courthouse. The council snipped five cents from the requested 68-cent budget of the county officers, cut one-cent from the court house fund, cut the welfare fund by one cent, and eliminated the one-cent hospital fund, but the overall county rate still soared well over the 87-cent figure of last year.

Cooperation Needed

The full cooperation of all motorists is requested and necessary to keep Adams county and Decatur free from school children being injured in vehicle mishaps. Those children who drive to school are also warned to exercise good thinking and caution when on the highway. The traffic laws apply to all drivers, not only to adults.

The sheriff and the chief of police extend best wishes to all pupils for a rewarding 1959-60 school term. Parents of all school-age children are also asked to instruct their children the three most common, good habits of pedestrians and motorists alike—stop, look and listen.

Achievement Trip To Lois J. Gerke

A large poster, including photographs of Decatur, showing the events that will take place here during the 1960 state convention of the Indiana rural mail carriers association, is now on exhibit at the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

The poster will be taken to each county in the state by Bernard Green, president of the Indiana Rural Mail Carriers Association.

Designed by the Adams county rural carriers, the poster is the first of several promotional ideas to build attendance at the three-day convention here next summer, Tom Miller, president, said today.

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Hospital Head At Statewide Meeting

Thurman I. Drew,