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Lutheran Schools List Enrollments

The total enrollment of the five county Lutheran schools for the 1958-59 school year is 349, with St. John's Lutheran school of Preble township the largest.

Zion Lutheran (Friedheim), also in Preble township, has 81 enrolled this year, while St. Paul's in Preble has 53. Immanuel Lutheran in Union township has 58 and St. Peter's in Root township has 59, with 22 in the primary grades and 37 in the 4-8 grades. The sixth Lutheran school, Zion Evangelical of Decatur, which was counted with the overall city-total, had 52 enrolled.

The Rev. Edwin A. H. Jacob, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, reported the enrollment of the Preble township parochial school and noted the teaching staff for the 1958-59 school year.

The eighth grade was finished this year according to the proposed plan of the school which was dedicated in 1956. The total enrollment for this year is 98, the highest in the school's history. Once in 1910, with 200 communicants in the parish, 90 children enrolled and again in 1936, with 250 communicants, 92 pupils attended classes.

William E. Uffelman, principal, is teaching the 6, 7, and 8 grades, while Marvin Meyer teaches the 3, 4, and 5 grades. Mrs. William Justice, formerly a teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran church in Root township, is teaching grades 1 and 2.

Starting its third year of a lunch program, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Gallmeier, of route 1, Decatur, the manager has two volunteer assistants from the parish on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Cancer Society Names Steering Committee

The second of the Adams county chapter of the American cancer society's re-organizational meetings was conducted Thursday night at the Med-Dent Building, Inc., of Decatur, with a steering committee being named to carry out further plans. Discussion centered on the best methods to perform the task at hand.

Robert L. Biddlecomb, field representative of northern Indiana, told the group the function of the single-unit operation in setting up a fund drive. Biddlecomb also showed a film, "The Other City," representing the number of cancer deaths, which effectively depicted the force of cancer in terms of a complete city rather than the usual flat, cold statistics, which does little to impress most persons.

Meet Oct. 13

The next meeting of the chapter will be conducted at 8 p. m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Med-Dent building. This meeting will serve as the building block for the chapter as the steering committee will present names of those individuals who have shown an interest in the cancer society, either by previous affiliation or by being directly or indirectly associated with the dreaded affliction.

The group turned down other suggestions for reorganization and settled on the steering committee after considerable discussion. One suggestion was that a local woman's club take the reins of the chapter as a group project, while the other was that an election be conducted at the next meeting with a nominating committee presenting names of those who

U.N. Probers Studying Laos

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI) — U. N. investigators studied reports on the Communist threat to Laos in secret today in preparation for their departure for the beleaguered Indochinese kingdom Saturday night.

Three members of the four-nation investigating committee created early Tuesday at a veto-spurning session of the Security Council were closeted here for four hours Thursday night.

They will meet again today and Saturday, when they expect to confer with Laos' foreign minister Khampan Panya, before leaving for Laos.

The fourth member of the committee, Japan's Shinichi Shibusawa, is in Tokyo. He will join the other investigators in Bangkok on their way into Laos.

At Thursday's meeting, Shibusawa was elected chairman of the committee. Tunisian ambassador to Paris Habib Bourguiba Jr. was elected vice chairman and Argentinian Brig. Gen. Heriberto Ahrens and Italian Minister Ludovico Bartirrioli di San Pietro were designated to prepare the committee's report to the Security Council.

The investigators had been expected to leave for Laos today, but they delayed their departure because Panya will not reach New York until Saturday.

The other "crisis appeal" confronting the U.N. — the Dalai Lama's request for action against the Communist conquerors of Tibet — lay dormant.

Ladies Guests Of Decatur Rotarians

Col. Jim Healey, Rotarian from Albany, N. Y., and a pioneer in radio broadcasting, was the speaker at Thursday night's Rotary ladies night program at the Decatur Youth and Community Center.

George Thomas, club vice president, introduced the speaker.

Healey's topic was "Sputniks, Luniks, and Lunatics."

He said that atomic power, like everything that God has created, was essentially good and need not be feared.

He warned against hysteria and pointed out that every age has had its new weapons which caused fear.

The bow and arrow frightened the cave man and the discovery of guns worried the archers.

Healey said there were 57 important discoveries made by men by accident while "they were on their knees."

Nobel, who discovered dynamite, was afraid his discovery would be misused. Rene Laennec, the French doctor who invented the stethoscope, did so accidentally while watching his son after he himself had become deaf. Sir Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin was also an accident.

Healey paid high tribute to Decatur's Youth and Community Center and said it was the finest he had seen for a community of this size anywhere.

Terje Wilborg Strom of Moss, Norway, was introduced to the club by his American "parents," Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heller. President Schmitt welcomed him to Decatur and to the club's regular meeting.

The club will meet at noon next Thursday along with the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Lions club to honor D. W. McMillen on the 25th anniversary of Central Soya company in Decatur.

Robert Durbin Dies At Wisconsin Home

Robert Durbin, 75, former president of Decatur, died late Wednesday afternoon at his home in Strum, Wis., after an illness of two years of heart trouble. The Durbin family moved from Decatur about 20 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, six

children, all of Wisconsin, and two

sisters, Mrs. John Cook of Decatur, and Mrs. Ida Wable, south of Decatur. Funeral services and

burial will be held in Strum Saturday.

INDIANA WEATHER
Fair and cool tonight. Saturday fair, warmer north. Low tonight in the 40s. High Saturday 78 to 84. Sunset today 7:01 p. m. Sunrise Saturday 6: 28a. m. Outlook for Sunday: Partly cloudy, cooler north, turning cooler south. Lows 42 to 52. Highs 70 to 80.

Six Children, Mother Die As Train Hits Car

WASECA, Minn. (UPI) — A mother and her six children were killed today in a car-train collision here as they were driving to the Sacred Heart Parochial school.

Six of the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmerman, Waseca, were killed outright. The mother, 39, died about three hours later.

It was the second train - auto accident in as many days in mother and her six children were killed. On Thursday, seven children were killed at Oakland, Md., when a passenger train struck a stalled school bus, and 19 other pupils were injured.

Another child, Robert Szyszka, 15, was hit by flying debris and injured as he was walking past the crossing to school.

The dead were Jimmy Zimmerman, 4; Kathleen, 12; Michael, 10; Constance, 9; Barbara, 7, and Jan, 2. They were all the children in the family.

The station wagon in which the family was riding was hit broadside by the locomotive of a Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad freight train. The station wagon was demolished.

The vehicle was pushed about a half block by the train and smashed into the freight depot loading platform and against a standing boxcar.

The mother and four of the children were thrown out of the vehicle.

The crossing is on U. S. 14, and the vehicle apparently came straight down the highway to the crossing. It was believed the railroad crossing flashing signal was operating at the time.

City Petitions To Appoint Appraisers

City attorney John L. DeVoss appeared for the city officials today in Adams circuit court, petitioning the court to appoint three appraisers for the city-owned electric power property, which is slated for sale to I&M, if the city voters approve the move in the Nov. 3 election.

The city, in accordance to law, is proceeding with consummation of the sale of the electric property

upon the terms of the resolution

passed when 2,269 registered voters

requested a new and different

vote after the voters defeated a

previous attempt to sell at the

April 14 special election.

The appointment of the appraisers at an early date is desirable

and practical besides being essential to holding the election, the petition stated.

The petition asks that three disinterested persons, not residing in the city, evaluate the electric

property, making a true and just

evaluation, and to file the appraisal

al with the court.

Fall Festival Opens Here Last Evening

After a spurious beginning on Wednesday, the Decatur fall festival, sponsored by the Red Men's Lodge, got underway last night to a jammed pack crowd, comprised mainly of the teenage set. A cool and crisp night kept the throng milling along Court street, stopping occasionally for a bit of cotton candy or a ride on the tilt-a-whirl.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, the festival was late getting on the road because an emergency lane was not left open in compliance with fire safety regulations. The locations of the ferris wheel and merry-go-round had to be shifted to make this lane possible. The rides and other carnival events opened last night about 8 o'clock to the delight of the hundreds of children who waited patiently for one of the bright spots of any summer — the carnival.

Besides the merry-go-round, ferris wheel, and tilt-a-whirl, other sources of sporting entertainment are available with refreshment stands ready to serve the thirsty and hungry.

The festival will continue tonight and all day Saturday for Decatur area residents.

A special kiddies matinee Saturday from 1 to 5 p. m. will be conducted with the special merchant tickets still being honored for the rides, which also include the little cars for the young toddlers. Those merchants wishing additional tickets should call the Black Funeral Home.

The election board is comprised of Cal Peterson, Mrs. Edith Beer, and Richard D. Lewton, county clerk.

Amish Group Asks State Approval Of School Near Berne

School Population In City Exploding

Mrs. Harvey Lawson Dies This Morning

Mrs. Lula May Lawson, 68, lifelong resident of Blue Creek township, died at 11:55 o'clock this morning at her home three miles southeast of Salem. She had been ill for the past 19 months.

In 1950, Decatur had two public schools, Lincoln and Decatur junior-senior high school, with a total enrollment of 1,141. There were 275 pupils in St. Joseph's grade school, and 120 at the Catholic high school, for a total of 395 Catholic parochial students. There was no Decatur Lutheran school.

Parochial Up 200%

Today, Decatur's three public schools, including the new Northwest school, have a total enrollment of 1,613; the Catholic schools have mushroomed to 811, more than twice the 1950 figure; and the new Lutheran school, with four grades, has 52 pupils.

Decatur, with a total of 2,476 students, has 39% of the enrolled students of the county in its three school systems. There are more than 6,200 students in the county this year.

Six Lutheran Schools

Six Lutheran schools in the county maintain separate grade schools. St. John's, north of Decatur on U. S. 27, is the largest, with 98 pupils, six more than last year. Zion Lutheran at Freidheim is second, with 61. The others are: Immanuel, 58; St. Paul's, 53; Decatur Zion, 52; St. Peter's, 59.

Decatur 10,000?

Is Decatur's population exploding as fast as its school-age children? If so, the population of Decatur in the 1960 census should be more than 10,000.

In 1950 the population of Decatur was 7,271. There were 1,536 pupils, or a 4:73 ratio. If the ratio is the same today, with a total of 2,476 pupils, the population would be 11,711. Both school figures reflect a number of rural students in the public, Catholic, and Lutheran schools. Most estimates of the Decatur population run between 8,200 and 9,000. Any figure above the 10,000 mark would place Decatur in the fourth class group of cities with Huntington.

Other Cities

Adams county's total of more than 6,200 school children compares very well with other counties in this area. Mercer county reported only 4,256 when its schools opened, and Whitley county reported 3,492.

Decatur's 2,476 school-agers compare with 1,869 in the Winchester-White River consolidated school; 1,799 at Portland; 1,763 at Hartford City; and 1,607 at Kendallville.

The others, however, are all attending the public schools, while in Decatur 863 of the total are parochial students.

Discuss Plans For Decatur Election

The county election board met briefly Thursday afternoon at the court house, making preliminary plans for the forthcoming city election Nov. 3. Von Livingston, attorney for Indiana and Michigan, sat in on the proceedings, learning that the calendar for city power election will be the same as the general election calendar.

The election board will meet again later next week to arrange the make-up of the election ballots and set the dates for the legal notices of the election.

Sept. 4, the estimate of the number of absentee ballots was made by the board and sent to the state office. Sept. 20, the final figure will be sent to the state, with the ballots being made available upon receipt from the printers. Anyone seeking an absentee ballot for the Nov. 3 election should register for the same at the county clerk's office as soon as possible.

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It was a morale booster for Democrats as Congress moved toward adjournment expected within the next few days.

The session-time battle with the President over housing legislation ended on a conciliatory

Governors Ask Settlement Of Steel Strike

NEW YORK (UPI) — Members of the national governors' conference moved today to take advantage of President Eisenhower's apparent willingness to discuss with them means of ending the 59-day old steel strike.

The President sent a telegram to Gov. David L. Lawrence of Pennsylvania, the state hardest hit by the strike, indicating that he might meet with the conference's executive council to discuss the plight of states affected by the strike and possible avenues of settlement.

Lawrence and nine other Democratic governors of states hit by the walkout of 500,000 workers and the resulting layoff of 150,000 more asked Eisenhower last week for an opportunity of telling him of the critical damage being suffered.

But the tone of Eisenhower's message indicated that he believes there is little that either he or Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell can do at present that they have not already done. He noted that he had "repeatedly urged both sides in the dispute to reconcile their differences in the best interest of all the people of the United States."

The Anthony Wayne council Explorer Scout group will hold its first council-wide function, a record hop, a week from Saturday at the Decatur Youth and Community Center.

Bob Chase, WOZO disc jockey, will MC the program. One novel feature of the dance is that while boys will be charged 75 cents, girls will be admitted without charge. The dance will start at 7 p. m. and last until 10 p. m. The Decatur explorer post will be in charge of decorations for the dance, which will draw explorer groups from all parts of northeast Indiana.

Sens. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) issued a joint statement in Washington Thursday asking Eisenhower to set a one week deadline for ending the record strike. If the steel industry and the United Steelworkers of America are unable to reach a settlement in that time, the President should set up a fact-finding board to make settlement recommendations, the senators suggested.

An Amish school located just north of Berne will seek state approval today for its ten students from Geneva, Adams Central and Berne to continue their education in private after the eighth grade level, and until the students reach the age of 16.

Approximately five Geneva students, one Berne student, and four Adams Central students, all freshmen or sophomores under 16 years of age, failed to report to their regular schools on opening day.

An investigation by county school authorities established that both groups of Amish in Adams county have decided that it is against their religion to send their children to public schools past the eighth grades.

School Board Named
Noah Wengert, Jacob Girod, and Jacob R. Schwartz have been named by the Amish to a three-man "school board," and have appointed Sam Girod, 22, a graduate of the eighth grade at Adams Central, to be the teacher at the new school.

The "school" will be held at the home of C. P. Neuenschwander, Berne, which is located one mile north of Ber