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Lutheran Schools List Enrollments

The total enrollment of the five county Lutheran schools for the 1959-60 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 1959-60 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.

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 Shibazawa, is in Tokyo. He will join the other investigators in Bangkok on their way into Laos.

At Thursday's meeting, Shibazawa was elected chairman of the committee. Tunisian ambassador to Paris Habib Bourguiba Jr. was elected vice chairman and Argentine Brig. Gen. Heriberto Ahrens and Italian Minister Ludovico Baritieri 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.

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 which a 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 Szyska, 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.

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 Wilbog 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 resident 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 6:23 a. m. Outlook for Sunday: Partly cloudy, cooler north, turning cooler south. Lows 42 to 52. Highs 70 to 80.

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 consumation of the sale of the electric property upon the terms of the resolution passed when 2,269 registered voters requested a new and different sale 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 this appraisal 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.

Amish Group Asks State Approval Of School Near Berne

School Population In City Exploding

The Decatur school population has exploded in the past nine years, increasing more than 61%, from 1,536 to 2,476, or averaging more than 104 additional students a year since 1950.

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 Friedheim is second, with 81. 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 compares 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 them at the county clerk's office as soon as possible.

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

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.

Born in Blue Creek township July 13, 1891, she was a daughter of John and Valera Sipe, and was married to Harvey F. Lawson Aug. 3, 1910.

Surviving in addition to her husband are one son, Harry R. Lawson of Blue Creek township; one grandchild; two brothers, Harry Sipe of Decatur, and Jesse Sipe of Willshire, O., and one sister, Mrs. Homer Buchanan of Willshire.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the Mt. Hope Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Leslie Jordan officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwick funeral home after 1 p. m. Sunday. The body will lie in state at the church after 12 noon Monday until time of the services.

Explorer Scouts To Hold Hop Sept. 19

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, WOW 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 northeastern Indiana.

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."

Lawrence sent his two top labor aids to Wilmington, Del., for a meeting this morning with Gov. J. Caleb Boggs, chairman of the governors' conference. They will ask Boggs to invite Eisenhower to meet with the executive committee which includes five Democratic and four Republican governors.

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.

Deadlocked On Interest Rate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Senate-House deadlock threatened today to torpedo congressional plans to authorize higher interest rate on government savings bonds.

The bill, which earlier seemed sure of being enacted before Congress adjourns, was stalemated in a Senate-House conference committee. Negotiators assigned to iron out differences between measures passed by the Senate and House have refused to yield an inch.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) said he was not too hopeful of agreement. But the negotiators were under strong pressure to compromise. Final approval of the legislation would clear the way for the Treasury to pay higher interest on government series E and H bonds, including those owned by an estimated 40 million Americans.

The Senate - House deadlock caused growing concern among Democrats who triumphed Thursday for the first time over an Eisenhower veto.

Congress overrode the President's veto of a \$1,183,309,093 public works appropriation bill carrying funds for several hundred water development projects throughout the country. The dispute was over 67 unbudgeted projects which the President opposed. The House overrode the veto by 12 votes, the Senate by eight votes.

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 note. The House, by voice vote, Thursday sent to the White House a compromise bill which Eisenhower had agreed to accept although it contained some of the provisions contained in the first two housing measures bills which he vetoed.

Another adjournment barrier was removed Thursday night when Senate - House conferees agreed on a two-year extension of the government program for dispersing of farm surplus abroad.

The compromise bill to extend the program included discretionary authority for operating 250 million dollar-a-year food stamp plan in this country.

Adjustment Board Will Meet Monday

The seven-man tax adjustment board was completed earlier this year when Judge Myles F. Parrish appointed the four additional members. Mayor Robert D. Cole, William Krutzman of the county council, and Omer Merriam of the school trustees, all Democrats, were on the board by virtue of selection of their groups or in the case of the mayor, by being the mayor of the county's largest city.

To equalize the bipartisan committee, which meets Sept. 14 at the court house to review the budget, the judge appointed Charles Langston, of Decatur, Menno I. Lehman, of Berne, Clarence Shepherd, of Geneva, and Louis Reinking, Sr., of Preble township. All but Reinking are Republicans.

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 Wenger, 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, which is located one mile north of Berne, and one-half mile east of the Tile Mill road.

To Indianapolis Today
The Amish school board and two or three other Amish parents went to Indianapolis today to meet with the Indiana general commission on education and state superintendent of public instruction William E. Wilson.

County superintendent Gail Grabbill has been asked to appear at the meeting, also, and he will be present for the meeting. A group from Allen county will also appear.

Earlier Petition
The Amish group petitioned earlier this summer to have their own vocational farm school under the permit law. This was denied on the grounds that the proposal did not meet state standards.

Now the Amish hope to institute the so-called Pennsylvania farm vocational school program. They are asking that the program be started in this state under the provisions of the acts of 1913, chapter 24, as amended, which provides for the regular vocational agriculture, home economics, and farm shop programs in the schools of the state.

Not Standard Yet
Grabbill pointed out that at present the Amish school facilities, equipment and teacher do not meet the minimum state and county standards, and that unless approval is given by the state, the children will be asked to return to school until they are 16 years of age. If they do not voluntarily return, the parents will be served notice under the attendance laws, and will be legally required to send their children to school, or face jail terms and court action.

Mrs. Mildred Foley, county attendance officer, reported that she picked up lists of the absentees, and checked with some of the parents. The first Amish group that she visited told her that it was very much against their belief to send a child to the public school past the eighth grade, but that before the eighth grade they approved of public schools.

Three Indiana Men Honored At Banquet

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Three Indiana men were honored Thursday night at the annual banquet of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents here.

Given distinguished service awards were Clarence L. Spuller of Rush County; Ralph E. Watkins, Dearborn, and Alfred H. Gesell, Fayette.

Late Bulletins

PARIS (UPI) — Prime ministers of the French Community of Nations today unanimously endorsed President Charles de Gaulle's secret peace plan for Algeria.

MIAMI (UPI) — The sixth tropical storm of the season grew suddenly into a hurricane today, but its menace was largely to nothing but empty ocean.



TRAIN HITS STALLED SCHOOL BUS—Workers clear the tracks after a St. Louis-to-Baltimore passenger train struck this school bus after it stalled at a crossing in Mountain Lake Park, in mountainous western Maryland. Seven of the 28 children aboard the bus were killed and 19 were injured, two critically. The crossing was marked by bell and flashing lights, which were operating at the time of the accident.