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## Amish School Problem

The Amish children who graduated from the eighth grade but who are not yet 16 were not in school at Geneva, Berne, and Adams Central this morning.

There was little doubt but that the Amish leaders who were in the superintendent's office at Indianapolis Friday completely misunderstood what they were told. When the state told them that they "had no jurisdiction" over the matter at the present, the local leaders thought that they meant that neither the state nor local authorities can require the children to attend an approved school.

This is not true. The county superintendent has full authority to prevent any child from attending any school that has not met county and state standards. This authority will be enforced by court order, if necessary.

## County Deputies

The Adams county council was one of a number of county councils which cut allowances for a deputy clerk or deputy sheriff. In Jay county, the sheriff has given notice that he will fight the cut; he maintains that the law says the county shall pay deputies if appointed by the sheriff under the statute.

At Hartford City the Blackford county council also cut out the appropriation for a second sheriff's deputy. Here in Adams a request for a full-time third deputy in the clerk's office was cut back, as only \$1,000 was approved.

The law reads that county officials (naming them) "may appoint deputies, when necessary or when required, if provision shall have been made for paying such deputies for their services from the funds of the state or of the county or from fees received for their services." It then limits the number of sheriff's deputies so that counties between 20,000 and 40,000 population by the last census may not have more than three deputies.

Many county officials will be watching the Jay county case; if the attorney-general rules that the law reads "shall appropriate," then many more may appoint second and third deputies.

We believe that the idea of a "watchdog" like the county council is a good one, if the council seriously considers the problems of the officials, and limits them only when they ask for something that they do not need.

No request was made in Adams county for a third deputy sheriff, the office here having two deputies already. Whether the county will need a third deputy depends on the residents—if parents continue to allow their teen-age children to run at random at all hours of the night, no doubt a third deputy will be needed to help curb the rising rate of crime and traffic accidents. It's directly up to us whether the third deputy will be necessary.

## PROGRAMS

### Central Daylight Time

9:30—Treasure Hunt  
10:00—The Price Is Right  
10:30—Concentration  
11:00—The Big Game  
11:30—It Could Be You  
Afternoon  
12:00—News and Weather  
12:15—Farm and Farming  
12:30—Yesterday's News  
1:00—Editor's Desk  
1:30—Faith To Live By  
2:00—Indiana State Fair  
2:30—Blondie  
2:45—Young Dr. Malone  
3:00—From These Roots  
3:15—Truth or Consequences  
3:30—County Fair  
4:00—Burns and Allen  
4:30—Bongo  
4:45—Brenkley Report

Evening  
7:30—Peppermint Theatre  
7:45—Willy Wonka  
8:00—CBS News  
8:15—Captain Kangaroo  
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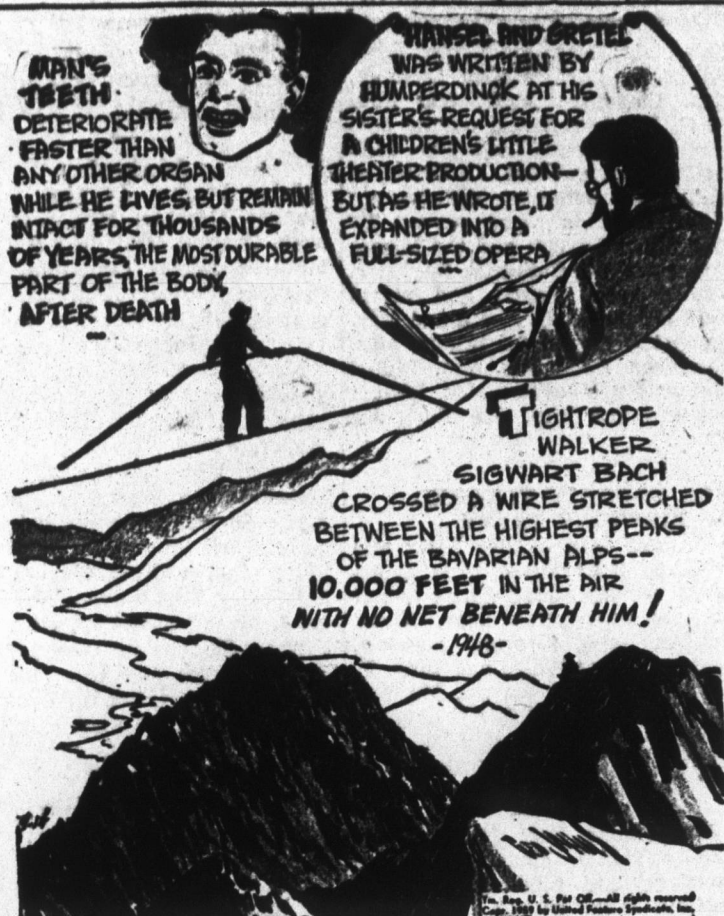
Evening  
6:00—Fun 'n' Stuff  
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting  
7:30—Silent Service  
7:45—All-Star Wrestling  
8:00—Peter Gunn  
8:30—Goodyear Theatre  
8:45—The Arthur Murray Party  
9:00—Restless Gun  
10:00—Wells Fargo  
10:30—News and Weather  
10:45—Sports Today  
11:00—The Jack Paar Show  
TUESDAY  
7:00—Today  
7:30—Khrushchev Arrival

### WKJG-TV Channel 33 MONDAY

Evening  
6:00—Gateway to Sports  
6:15—News Jack Gray  
6:30—The Weatherman  
6:45—Silent Service  
7:00—All-Star Wrestling  
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### MOVIES

—DRIVE-IN—  
"Pork Chop Hill" First Feature  
Mon. at 8:30



## Rev. Droegemueller Is Honored Sunday

A surprise celebration was prepared by St. Peter's Lutheran church, route 3, for their pastor, when they celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Rev. Fred W. Droegemueller in the holy ministry in the 9 a.m. worship service Sunday. The Rev. O. C. Busse, retired U. S. Army chaplain and former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Preble, preached the sermon and conducted the worship service for the anniversary occasion. The upper-grade children of the parish elementary school sang "Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend" by Christopher Wordsworth under the direction of Theodore Grotrian, director and organist.

The entire anniversary celebration was under the direction of St. Peter's church council and their wives of which Robert Fueling, 2728 Paza Drive, Fort Wayne, is chairman; Walter Busick, route 1, Monroeville, vice-chairman; Charles Crosby, route 3, treasurer; and Don Scherer, route 1, Hoagland, secretary.

The Rev. Fred W. Droegemueller was born in a parsonage in Adrian, Mich. He received his training for the ministry at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in June, 1919. His first charge was at Alliance, Neb., where he also served three other mission stations. In 1924 he accepted a call to Wisconsin, where he again served four congregations, at Gleason, in Summit township, Elm City, and a Latvian mission in Gleason. From 1932-1950 he served congregations Birnamwood and Eland in the same state. While serving congregations in Wisconsin, he also served nine years as counsellor of congregational circuits, helped organize and served on the district's stewardship committee, and served three years on the board of directors of the North Wisconsin district. He has been pastor of St. Peter's church since 1951.

The church council provided flowers for the altar during the worship service in honor of their pastor. Other members of the church council who also helped with planning and arranging the anniversary are Hugo Boerger and Alfred Busick, both of route 3, elders; Paul Bleeke, Elmer Franz, Herbert Hobrock; and Gust Witte, all of route 3, deacons; and Elmer Gerke, Herbert Boerger, and Walter Franz, all of route 3, and Richard Franz, route 1, Monroeville, trustees.

The congregation honored their pastor with an anniversary meal at noon in the school basement. Mrs. Alfred Busick and Mrs. Hugo Boerger were co-chairmen. Theodore Grotrian was master of ceremonies of the program which followed the meal. Among those extending congratulations was the Rev. Harry H. Behning, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran church, and counsellor of the ten-congregation circuit, to which St. Peter's belongs. The Rev. A. A. Fenner of Zion Lutheran church, Friedheim, and the Rev. Arnold Krentz of Fort Wayne, roommate and classmate, respectively of the

## Magazine Salesman Is Under Scrutiny

A magazine salesman who has solicited sales in the northern part of the county was under scrutiny today following a report late Saturday.

The man apparently took \$19 of a \$20 bill given to him by an elderly lady for a three years subscription to a farm magazine. When approached by a relative, the salesman gave the money back.

Apparently the salesman stopped to get a list of elderly widows in Williams (Bingen) before calling on the farm homes. The salesman voluntarily reported to the sheriff's office, and left a list of the homes on which he planned to call.

Residents in the area were warned that salesmen who act suspiciously, or do not give change, should be reported immediately to the sheriff's office.

## Fred Meier Receives Degree At Michigan

Fred P. Meier, of 427 Bollman street, is one of 1,245 University of Michigan students receiving degrees at the end of the 1958 summer session. Meier, former teacher at Monmouth high school, received his master of arts degree.

## 20 Years Ago Today

Sept. 14, 1939—Pres. Roosevelt has called Congress to meet in special session Sept. 21, presumably to act on arms shipment embargo. The newly-named Lincoln school, Adams and Fifth streets, will be formally dedicated Thursday morning, with French Quinn, local attorney and authority on Lincoln, as the speaker.

Government payments to 1,200 Adams county farmers for cooperating in the 1938 soil conservation program totaled \$55,555. Cal E. Peterson will reopen his men's clothing store at Second and Madison streets Friday. All merchandise in the store was destroyed by the K. of C. building fire last spring.

Chet Kleinknight, local G.E. employee, has started construction of a new home at Jefferson street, near Fifth.

Rev. Mr. Droegemueller at Concordia College, reminiscence of those days. Among the letters of congratulations was one from Rev. Droegemueller's mother, who is 91 years old. There were also letters from his brothers, the Rev. Immanuel and Martin Droegemueller, pastors St. Paul Lutheran church, Janesville, Wis. Mrs. T. D. Schieferstein, route 3, president of the ladies aid, presented a gift to Rev. Droegemueller in the name of the aid.

The Droegemuellers have two children, a daughter, Florence, the wife of William O. Denninger, 3622 Knoll Road, Fort Wayne, and principal of Mt. Calvary Lutheran school, Waynedale, and a son, Clarence, of Albuquerque, N. M. Some time previous to the anniversary celebration, St. Peter's church renovated the floor of the church, removing the old carpeting, and put in a new asphalt tile floor. The ladies aid furnished the carpet down the center aisle, in the chancel, and in the sacristy.

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## Japanese Girl Tells Of Experiences Here

Hiroshima to Hoosierland is a long way—but Miss Keiko Shimizu has come that far in realizing a dream she has had for a long time.

Before she entered school at Taylor University, Upland, to study home economics, she has been visiting for the past several weeks with two Decatur families: the Leonard Solidays on South Fifth street and the Rev. and Mrs. F. Hazen Sparks in Stratton place.

She has answered many questions while she has been here, she comments. Miss Shimizu comes from Hiroshima, Japan, the first of the two strategic cities the atom bomb was dropped on near the end of World War II. Somehow, after briefly talking with this student who has come halfway around the world to study in America, one goes away with the feeling that the world can be a good one—if people try to understand each other and to help each other.

**Premontion in March, 1945**  
Keiko Shimizu (her name is pronounced as if spelled kay-koh shee-mee-zoo) was born shortly before World War II in Hiroshima, a highway and railway junction and a trade center—and, during the war, a strategic city—on the southern part of Japan. The family moved to Tokyo in April of 1945, she relates, explaining, "Somebody felt some thing"—perhaps a premonition of danger.

The first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima August 6, 1945.

Of the approximately 90,000 buildings, 62,000 were totally destroyed, 6,000 of them seriously damaged. Among the ones damaged but not destroyed was an apartment house which some of her relatives were living in at the time. The closest relative she lost was an uncle on her mother's side, she recalls.

The Shimizus returned to Hiroshima after a hard year in Tokyo, the March following the bombing. Trying to support his family—Keiko, her mother, and two younger brothers—and other relatives, Miss Shimizu's father contracted tuberculosis in 1949, the year she began junior college. Her mother became a home economics teacher, teaching cooking, and her uncle and cousins found work. The family went to live with an uncle for a year. Later, Miss Shimizu became a teacher herself, teaching English-speaking people the Japanese language.

**"Not a Joyful Celebration"**  
Now Hiroshima is 80 to 90 per cent rebuilt, Miss Shimizu recalls, having seen her home just before she left for the United States. In her province, the architecture is almost all new style. Most of the help for the people came through the churches, she says, adding that this helped with orphanages, schools, and some hospitals.

Each year on the sixth of August, she explains, the people have a memorial service commemorating the A-bomb anniversary. Hiroshima has the service in Peace Park, which contains an A-bomb museum, with data and pictures, of the aftermath. Peace Park's landmark is a large steel dome, part of a large industrial hall which was damaged in the bombing.

But the people who celebrate the A-bomb anniversary in this way are making it too much a celebration, and make too much a fuss over it, Miss Shimizu says, explaining how her father feels about the event. The people who do so are the ones who have not actually experienced the bomb, he says. He does not attend the services, Miss Shimizu says, explaining that the family spends the day at home in a quiet way, for the day is not one for a joyful celebration.

**Writing to Other Side**  
In the spring of 1949, after her father became ill, Miss Shimizu recalls, he began writing letters to a family on the opposite side of the globe, the Leonard Solidays in Decatur. A correspondence lasting ten years began with her father writing at first, and explaining what was in the letters to Miss Shimizu, who later began to write herself.

In one letter, she recalls, she expressed the desire to come to the United States to go to school, for she had an aunt who went to Tennessee to study. Miss Shimizu had attended a Christian girls' school and then went on to Toyo Awa Junior College for two years.

In Japan, although the main religions are Buddhist and Shinto religions, the Christian demonstrations are united into one church.

At first, the Rev. Sparks explained, the union did not seem to be a good thing, as the emperor effected this in about 1943.

Now the United church of Japan lives up to the adage "small but mighty." Although the Christians are in the minority there, many times they are the citizens with the most education, citizens who get into high places in business and government, largely through the Christian universities and schools there.

Through the church Miss Shimizu realized her dream to come to the United States, for she is sponsored by the Methodist church of Adams county; with these churches and their pastors supporting her education here: the First Methodist church, F. Hazen Sparks, pastor; Geneva Methodist church, Geneva, Lloyd D. Wyatt; Geneva parish, Edison Beihold; Monroe Methodist church, Willis Gierhart; Monroeville and Maple's Methodist churches, Walter Meacham; Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Tabor Methodist churches, George Christian; and the Pleasant Mills and Salem Methodist churches, Leon LaCoax.

Miss Shimizu, who came to the United States from Tokyo through Washington state, two days and two nights from Chicago by train, will be going back west—to the university town, Upland. How does she feel about beginning college in this country? She smiles, and the Rev. Sparks tries to help explain it: "Perhaps a little shaky in the boots. . . . Yes, she may be a little worried—but not too much. For this final trip to Upland means the beginning of a dream come true—and the end of a trip from Hiroshima to Hoosierland."

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