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# Several Children Die As Tremendous Blast Rocks Texas School

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI)—A tremendous explosion shattered the Edgar A. Poe Elementary School shortly after 10 a. m. today, killing several students and a man who may have tossed a bomb into the school.

A newsman who reached the scene shortly after the explosion said he counted "at least six dead," including a white man about 30 years old.

The school is attended by white children only. None of the schools in Houston is integrated.

The sheriff's office said that it was told that "someone threw a bomb on the school basketball court."

Bodies of three children were lying in the yard of the school when police first arrived at the scene.

Hundreds of frantic people were running around trying to find their children.

One of the dead was said to be the woman principal of the school who tried to wrest the suitcase containing the explosives from the scene.

A newsman for a Houston television station was about a block from the school when the bomb went off. Larry Rasco, the station's news editor, quoting the newsman, said the bomb was thrown on a basketball court, rather than into the school itself.

The newsman, who gathered his account from persons on the scene, said a man walked into the principal's office and tried to sell her something.

The principal told him she wasn't interested and tried to run him off. The man opened the suitcase he was carrying, according to the newsman, threw the bomb out, threw it and started running.

The bomb went off before the man could get out of range, killing both him and the principal.

## Japanese Princess Reported Pregnant

TOKYO (UPI)—Princess Michiko, wife of Crown Prince Akihito, is pregnant, the imperial palace announced today. The 24-year-old commoner-born princess and Akihito were married last April 10. The announcement said an examination last Thursday disclosed she was four months pregnant.

## Inform Amish Send Children To School

The parents of 30 Amish ninth-grade students in Adams and Allen counties are being informed today that their children must attend approved schools or they will face court action.

In Adams county, attendance officer Mrs. Mildred Foley visited Adams Central, Berne, and Geneva for the daily attendance report, and a full report on any absent students.

Five students at Geneva, one at Berne, and four at Adams Central who have graduated from the eighth grade but are not yet 16 have not yet attended school this year.

4 Hours A Week

Monday, county superintendent Gail Grable went to the "back porch school" at the home of C. P. Neunschwander north of Berne, only to learn that no pupils were there; the "school" is to be open four hours on Fridays, from noon until 4 p.m.

It was reported that some of the four girls who attend Adams Central actually broke down and cried when they learned that their parents would not permit them to return to school this year.

Jack Lee's Problem

In Allen county, Carlton Giant, the county attendance officer, reported that about 20 students ready for the ninth grade failed to attend classes. The seventh and eighth grade pupils, awaiting "certification" of their one-room cement-block school, are in school.

Of the pupils affected, about one-half attend Wood Lane, the school over which Jack Lee, former Geneva principal, is now principal. The other 10 attend Harlan and

## Commissioners In Regular Session

The board of county commissioners met in regular session Monday in the offices of county auditor Ed Jaberg, receiving the boiler inspection report of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. and discussing plans to improve the boiler facilities of the court house.

Although the report showed that no major repair was necessary for the court house boiler, minor repairs are necessary to keep the facilities in a functional condition.

The commissioners appointed Haukgs Heating and Plumbing to make the necessary repairs of the boiler.

They also discussed county highway matters with superintendent Lawrence Noll. A report that the county was going to blacktop the 4-H road, just south of the county garage had been circulated, and a request from 4-H club members asked that the entire strip of road be blacktopped. The commissioners stated that only the entrance to the county highway garage was slated for blacktopping in that immediate vicinity.

The commissioners then adjourned after handling routine matters such as the local residents at the Irene Byron hospital, who requested special services.

## Funeral Rites Held For Light Infant

Graveside services will be held this afternoon at the Decatur cemetery for Tammy Leigh Light, stillborn Monday night at the Adams county memorial hospital to Darvon D. and Sharon Anne Nern Light, 703½ North Second street.

The Rev. Richard C. Ludwig officiated at the services, conducted by the Zwick funeral home. Surviving in addition to the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Nern of Antwerp, O. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Light of Decatur route 6; the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nern of near Woodburn, G. A. Light of Decatur, Mrs. Della Pease of Fort Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shoaf of Monroe, and a great-great-grandmother, Mrs. John Nern of Fort Wayne.

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## Nikita Arrives In Washington

### Lauds Lions Club For Aid To Blind

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Premier Nikita Khrushchev, beaming, waving his hat and gesturing to President Eisenhower with his hands, arrived today for a fateful 13-day visit that could turn the course of the cold war—for better or for worse.

The Soviet leader's mammoth TU-114 turbo-prop arrived almost an hour behind schedule. Confusion was compounded when the great craft had to be turned around on the gunway so that Khrushchev emerged on the other side of the plane from the color guard that was lined up for him.

Eisenhower went around the plane and greeted the Soviet leader at the foot of a specially built 27-step ramp.

The President shook hands heartily with Khrushchev, with his wife, Mrs. Nina Khrushchev, and with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Accorded Full Honors

Khrushchev wore a dark gray suit and carried a black hat. On his lapels were two gold stars.

Mrs. Khrushchev was dressed in a blue print suit and was wearing a black hat and black shoes.

Khrushchev's plane landed at 5 p. m. and 10 p. m. Ed Highland will check out the brooms.

Blind Suddenly

Cole, who five years ago was the personnel director of a large factory in Indianapolis, woke up one morning to find himself totally blind from glaucoma, a very painful disorder of the eye.

Married, and the father of two children, Cole had to begin immediately the readjustment necessary for a blind person to meet the necessities of everyday life.

He lost his job and his house, on which he was unable to meet payments, before he was able to learn enough to readjust to a blind life.

Indiana ranks 44th of 48 states in caring for its blind citizens, he explained, but in spite of that an understaffed agency attempts to train the blind for a profession while also making two-thirds of its expenses, a very difficult feat.

Both men made brief and formal opening statements at the airport.

Eisenhower read a brief, carefully prepared message of welcome in which he expressed hope that his talks with Khrushchev "may contribute to better understanding."

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## First Meet Held On School Organization

The first county meeting to discuss the mechanics of the school re-organization act of 1959 and the proposed study committee, which will survey educational facilities in the county, took place Monday night at the Hartford Center gym with more than 100 interested persons attending.

Eugene Burry, Hartford township trustee, was the main speaker for the educational program, while Judge Myles F. Parrish also spoke briefly and answered questions with Burry about the act and the study committee.

School superintendent Gail Grable and the judge have planned similar meetings throughout the county to enlighten those parents and interested persons on the function of the re-organization act and the study committee.

Last night, the meeting lasted about three hours, with a great deal of interest being exhibited by those attending. No animosity was shown by the audience toward the proposed actions, prompted by the new law, as most were generally interested in learning just what the law meant to the individual school district in the county.

Cause of the malfunction was not available.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—The Army failed early today to fire its intermediate range Jupiter rocket, three hours after a scheduled Vanguard rocket launching was postponed.

The double missile failure came only hours before Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrives in the United States to personally tell President Eisenhower of Russia's successful moonshot, Lunik II.

A malfunction prevented the Jupiter from leaving its pad, spokesman for the Atlantic missile test range said. The malfunction occurred shortly after ignition, causing the engine "to cut off automatically while still on the launching pad."

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## Muncie Council Votes For Daylight Time

MUNCIE, Ind. (UPI)—The City Council voted Monday night to keep Muncie on daylight saving time all winter for the first time in three years.

The council, in a surprise move, passed a "fast" time ordinance after hearing favorable testimony from representatives or organized labor, the local chamber of commerce and the ABC Bus Co.

Muncie had been returning to "slow" time each winter in accordance with a 1957 state law, but prior to that law had observed year-around "fast" time for three years.

## Boy Dies Crossing Road To School Bus

PERU, Ind. (UPI)—A 7-year-old boy was killed and another pupil was injured seriously today when they were struck by a skidding car as they crossed a highway to board a school bus.

The car also struck the bus, containing 50 other pupils.

Indiana state police said that Jeffery Chalkley, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Chalkley, R. R. 4, Peru, was killed in the accident on U.S. 31 a mile south of Peru.

Injured seriously was Phyllis Jean Moy, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moy, R. R. 4.

Troopers said the school bus, driven by Alvin Metger, 51, R. R. 4, had halted to pick up 11 children standing in a group on the opposite side of the highway. One child had crossed, and Jeffery and Phyllis were halfway across when a car driven by Miss Marilyn Schroll, 19, R. R. 4, approached.

Troopers said the northbound car skidded as it approached the southbound bus, hit both children, then struck the bus. They said the cause of the skid was not immediately determined but the sun may have blinded the driver.

Police said none of the 50 children on the bus, nor any of the eight pupils waiting to cross the highway, was injured.

The boy was killed outright. The girl was taken to Dukes Memorial hospital at Peru with a possible skull fracture, broken left shoulder and facial lacerations.

## Red Cross Meet Is Held Here Last Evening

Three of five new Red Cross board members and three of five new blood program chairmen were introduced to the Red Cross county board, and Dr. Harry C. Harvey, M.D., director of the Fort Wayne regional blood center, spoke briefly to the largest board meeting in several years, Monday evening.

Wilbur Petrie, chairman of the board, introduced Mrs. Henry Heimann, Talmage Campbell, and Joseph Anderson, the three new regional board members present. Also on the board, but not present, were Robert Meyer, deputy sheriff, and Walter Stoppagen, of the Deacon General Electric plant.

Mrs. Heimann has served for several years as chairman of the Washington township fund raising program. Campbell is a new resident of the area, having come from Geneva. Anderson is from Geneva.

New Chairmen

The Rev. Harold J. Bond, new chairman of the home service program, was unable to be present. Mrs. Cletus Miller, a registered nurse who was formerly chief nurse at the Fort Wayne blood center, was introduced as the new blood program chairman, succeeding Mrs. Ed Bauer, who has served for seven years.

Mrs. Harold Eagle has returned as head of the staff aides; Mrs. Lee Fleming was introduced as new chairman of the canteen workers in the blood program, and Mrs. Louis Zwick will head the volunteer workers in the blood program.

Blood Center Explained

Following the service awards, Dr. Harvey explained the operation of the Fort Wayne center, and what could be done to improve its services.

Dr. Harvey explained that if a county resident needs blood in another area, exchange is very simple. First, the county chapter fills out the top half of a form verifying that it has a blood program, and the person needing blood is a county resident.

Then this is sent to the hospital where the patient is using the blood, preferably by a relative of the patient who can make certain that the hospital promptly fills out its part of the form. As soon as the hospital verifies the amount of blood used by the patient, the form should be forwarded to the Fort Wayne blood bank.

The hospital giving the blood to an Adams county patient may then draw, at its own convenience, the blood supplied. The blood is shaped out on instructions from the using hospital.

County Ranks High

Dr. Harvey complimented the canteen workers for the long hours they must put in each time the blood unit visits the county.

He noted that two years ago the county furnished 88.8% of its blood quota; this was up to 92.8% a year ago, and 96% this past year. Adams county has every chance of making its quota the next year, he pointed out.

In the Fort Wayne blood center area, only seven groups were above Adams county in percentage of quota last year, and four of these were Ohio groups. Only Huntington county, Kendallville, and Goshen in Indiana were above Adams county. There were 35 groups below this county on the chart.

The blood needs of the 1,322,519 people in the region amount to 37,500 pints a year, or 30 pints per 1,000 people.

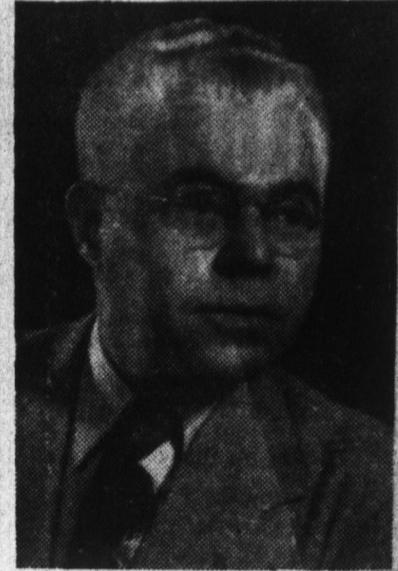
## Training Programs For Scout Leaders

The first in a series of training programs of leaders or those interested in Girl Scouting, will be held Thursday from 1 until 3 o'clock in the Girl Scout room at the Youth and Community Center. The training will help in planning Brownies to intermediate and senior girl scout programs.

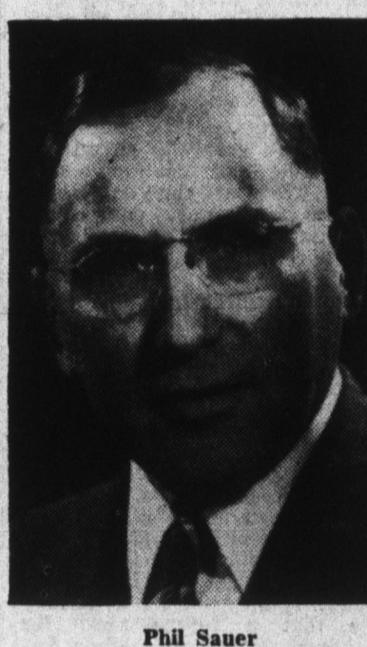
## Honor Red Cross Veterans



Leo Kirsch



R. E. Glendening



Phil Sauer



Richard Macklin

Twelve Adams county citizens were honored Monday night by the county Red Cross and given service awards for from 30 to 5 years of service on the board of directors. First aid instructors were also honored.

R. E. Glendening, assistant cashier at the First State Bank, and county chairman of the Red Cross from 1951 to 1954, was honored for 30 years of active service to the Red Cross. Glendening served on the campaign drives when they were called "war drives" during the Second World War. He served as treasurer for several years, and as vice chairman before becoming chairman. He is still active in an advisory capacity.

E. M. Webb Serves

E. M. Webb, superintendent of schools at Berne, was also honored for 25 years of service. A board member, Webb was the 1943 chairman of war bond purchases for the chapter; he served as county chairman on the resignation of Avon Burk. He was vice chairman several terms, and Adams county chairman two terms. The chairman of the Berne fund campaign since 1938, he is still active in an advisory capacity.

Four members were honored for 10 years or more of service, including Miss Bernice Nelson, Phil Sauer, Mrs. H. P. Engle, and Miss Glennys Roop.

Miss Nelson Awarded

Miss. Nelson was home service chairman in 1947, and together with Judge Earl Adams and Mrs. W. A. Lower formulated the original home service policies. A board member, she has served as secretary for many years.

Phil Sauer, also a board member, is disaster chairman, and served also as fund campaign chairman.

Mrs. H. P. Engle has been a board member since 1949 and has been staff aid chairman from the beginning of the blood program.