

SOCIETY CLUBS

COOK OUT HELD BY MERRIER MONDAYS

The September meeting of the Merrier Monday's club was held at the home of Mrs. John Barger recently with Mrs. Dale Fruechte as co-hostess. After all of the members had arrived, a cook out was held in the back yard of the hostess.

The regular business meeting was called to order by the president, after which devotions were given by Mrs. Roger Ripley. Roll call was answered by the group telling a pet peeve. Mrs. Robert Mankey read the treasurer's report and the club constitution was read by Mrs. Dee Myron Byerly.

After a citizenship lesson was given by Mrs. Leo Sheets, group singing was led by Mrs. Clint Reed. Mrs. Leroy Koltz was in charge of the lesson.

An election of officers was held and the officers are: vice president, Mrs. Leroy Koltz; secretary, Mrs. Dale Fruechte; treasurer, Mrs. Junior Arnold; publicity chairman, Mrs. Dick Longenberger; alternate leaders, Mrs. Loren Liechty, and Mrs. Robert Mankey; song leader, Mrs. John Barger, and health and safety, Mrs. John Bluhm.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses after the meeting and secret gift prizes were received by Mrs. Longenberger, Mrs. Irvin Worthman, Mrs. John Barger, Mrs. Don Moser, Mrs. Reed, and Mrs. Gene Bluhm. Mrs. Arnold received the lucky tray.

PARTIES HONOR VISITING WOMEN THIS WEEK

A party was held Sunday evening at the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gaunt, honoring Mrs. Ella Beltz of Shawana, Wis.

Attending the celebration were Mrs. Ella Beltz, Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelly and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Stevens and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wagner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelly and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. David Myers and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bucher and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaunt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gaunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Braun, Mr. and Mrs. John Gribbler and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butler and family, Mrs. Leona Bienz and son, Mrs. Katherine Bucher, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gaunt and son.

Tuesday, a dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Myers for Mrs. Ella Beltz of Shawana, Wis., and Mrs. Walter Beltz of West Lafayette. A number of the same guests were in attendance.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The opening meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First

Methodist church was held recently at the home of Mrs. Nathan C. Nelson.

Following a pot luck supper, the Rev. H. F. Sparks installed the following officers: president, Mrs. Walter J. Krick; vice president, Mrs. Erman Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Robert Blaney; treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Chase; secretary of promotion, Mrs. Walter Elzey; missionary education, Mrs. George Helm; Christian social relations, Mrs. Asa Pollock; spiritual life, Miss Etta Mallonee; literature, Mrs. Russell Owens; supply work, Mrs. Frank Rowley; local church activities, Mrs. Lloyd Neil; membership, Miss Wilma Andrews; publicity, Mrs. Nathan C. Nelson, and coordination, Mrs. H. F. Sparks.

Devotions were given by Miss Mallonee followed by the singing of the Guild theme song by Mrs. Asa Pollock. Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Johnson had charge of the lesson, after which Mrs. G. L. Brayton told of her trip to Europe this summer.

Mrs. Robert Mills will serve as hostess for the October meeting.

GUEST NIGHT IS HELD BY BETHANY W.S.W.S.

The Women's Society of World Service of the Bethany E.U.B. church held its annual guest night Thursday with approximately 150 ladies attending from the Trinity, Calvary and Union Chapel churches of Decatur, Berne Trinity, Geneva First, Craigville, Lancaster and Toccoa, Linn Grove Calvary and Old Salem, and Petroleum churches.

Mrs. K. J. Stone presided for the meeting that had devotions led by Mrs. William Dellinger. A solo, "Jesus Smiled On Me," was sung by Mrs. Margaret Marbaugh of Fort Wayne. Guest speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Thomas of Anderson. She told stories of several native Christian women and their influence and he followed with an illustrated message showing the work of reaching for Christ by the people of Sierra Leone, Africa. He spoke of its being a country of contrasts between western civilization with high buildings and motor cars along with pagan beliefs and practices.

At the close of the talks, a social hour was held in the church basement.

Ruth and Naomi Circle members of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church will meet at the church Wednesday at 12 o'clock for a carry-in dinner. Members are to bring a covered dish and their own table service.

Tuesday at 8 o'clock, members of the K. of C. Auxiliary will meet in the K. of C. hall. Mrs. Carl Stiegmeier will be hostess for members of the St. Anne study club Thursday at 1 o'clock.

The Roadside Council will have a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Alta Laisure at Monroe, Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

A regular meeting for members of the Olive Rebekah lodge will be held Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock in the Odd Fellows hall. Three Link will follow.

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Series Of Fires In Indianapolis Hotel

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Authorities said today a series of fires in the Continental Hotel, none serious, was set deliberately.

About 500 guests, some of them bedfast, were evacuated Thursday night when thick smoke filled portions of the eight-story near-downtown hotel.

No injuries were reported. The fires, mostly in elevators and linen closets, were set by burning piles of newspapers, "Somebody maliciously set these fires," said manager Robert J. Carroll.

Police and firemen donned masks and carried elderly residents of the hotel to the lobby. Some of the hotel patrons were bedded down on cots while authorities searched for more fires and the person responsible for them.

Although police guarded all exits, no arrests were made. However, a full-scale investigation was launched.

One elevator was put out of commission when power lines were cut.

Long Legal Battle To Steers' Office

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Action in the long legal battle involving the Marion County Commissioners shifted to the office of Indiana Atty. Gen. Edwin K. Steers late Thursday.

Steers, representing Governor Handley, issued a lengthy document supporting his motion to dismiss a Marion Superior Court suit mandating Handley to call a special election to choose successors on the commission.

The hassle began last Aug. 5 when Commissioner Eph W. Vird died. The remaining two commissioners, J. Wesley Brown and Lester (Bull) Durham, were unable to get together in naming a successor.

After more than a month of delay, during which time Marion County affairs were in a state of turmoil, Durham was hospitalized and Marion Circuit Judge John L. Niblack subsequently removed him from office for "incompetence." Niblack then ordered Brown to name successors to Durham and Vird and Brown appointed William A. Boyce and French M. Elrod as commissioners.

On Wednesday, State Sen. Nelson Grills, an Indianapolis Democrat, asked Superior Judge John F. Linder to order Handley to call a special election to name successors to Vird and Durham.

In his reply to the Grills suit, Steers said the court lacked jurisdiction to take action in the case. "The Governor of the State of Indiana cannot be compelled by mandate to perform even a purely ministerial act," Steers said. "The official action of the Governor, whether called a ministerial or an executive duty, can neither be coerced nor restrained by the courts, and the only exception recognized in Indiana is in those instances in which the duty to be performed is that of a board or commission upon which the Governor serves merely as a member."

Indiana statutes require that the circuit court clerk must certify to the governor all vacancies, except those by resignation, in which it is the governor's duty to call a special election, Steers said. Grills "neither asserts nor can he assert that the vacancies to which he refers in his complaint have at any time been so certified" to Handley, he said.

Steers also pointed out that the Indiana Constitution divides functions of government into three separate departments—judicial, executive and legislative. "No person charged with official duties under one of these departments shall exercise any of the functions of another, except as provided in the Constitution itself," he said.

Steers said if any department of government fails to perform its duty "the remedy is not properly found in the attempt of some other department to perform such duties."

Adams Central Music Club Meets Monday

A special meeting is being called for the Adams Central Music loyal club Monday evening after the regular P.T.A. meeting. Harold Moser, president of the group, states that the election of new officers and the annual reports will be the main portion of the meeting, which will be held in the vocal music room.



Mrs. Harold Vanhorn

—Photo by Anspaugh

Vanhorn-Thatcher Vows Repeated September 5

Palms and candleabra decorated the front of the Evangelical United Brethren church at Rockford, Ohio, when Miss Virginia Alice Thatcher became the bride of Harold Vanhorn. The couple exchanged vows at 6 o'clock September 5, before the Rev. Russell Clark. Traditional wedding music was provided by Miss Connie Rhoades, organist, and James Habegger, vocalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Thatcher of Rockford, are parents of the bride, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Vanhorn, former Decatur residents, now of Cromwell.

The bride was escorted down the white carpeted aisle by her father. She selected a ballerina length gown of chantilly lace and tulle over satin. The molded bodice was appliqued with lace in the front and back, and featured a Queen Anne collar embroidered with sequins and pearls. Brief sleeves topped the gown, and Miss Thatcher wore matching lace mitts. Lace appliques were also used on the very bouffant skirt. A rhinestone and pearl studded crown held the bride's finger tip veil of illusion. To complete her attire, a bouquet of red roses was carried by the bride.

Attending her sister as maid of honor was Miss Irene Thatcher. She selected a blue dress made of nylon and taffeta. Feature of the fitted bodice was a sabrina neckline that came to a deep V in the back. Her full street length skirt had a large bustle bow. Miss Thatcher's eye length veil was caught to a blue velvet crown studded with pearls and she carried an arrangement of white carnations.

Another sister of the bride, Miss Darlene Thatcher, was a bridesmaid, and flower girl was the niece of the bride, Miss Joyce Ann Thatcher.

David Vanhorn attended his brother as best man and guests were seated by Gene Thatcher, brother of the bride, and Frank Weidman, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. The rings were carried by Dennis Johnson, nephew of the bride. White dinner jackets, black trousers, and carnation boutonnieres were worn by the men of the bridal party.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Thatcher selected a blue dress with white accessories and a white rose corsage. A blue dress and white accessories were also chosen by the mother of the bridegroom and she wore a white rose corsage.

Approximately 150 guests attended the reception held in the church basement following the ceremony. Blue and white colors were used throughout the room and the serving table was centered with a five tiered cake in blue and white and topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom. Servers included Mrs. Larry Hileman, sister of the bride, Mrs. Tom Lister, sister of the bride, Mrs. Kenny Vanhorn, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Carl Shaddt, aunt of the bridegroom.

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Articles Inform Public Of Services Of Lawyer

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles presented as a public service by the Adams county bar association. These articles are not intended to answer individual problems which require specific advice.)

RIGHT OF CONTRACT

We've all heard the political orator was eloquent over the freedoms of speech and religion, but we seldom hear anyone get excited over the equally important right of contract.

To most of us the word "contract" brings to mind a ponderous written document full of stuffy "whereases" and irritating "parties of the first part". Yet, every Hoosier has made hundreds of contracts without realizing it: purchase of groceries, the hiring of a baby sitter, the subscription of the daily newspaper, all constitute contracts.

A contract is merely an agreement between two or more parties to do or not to do a particular thing, with each acquiring a legal right to have the other keep the agreement. A simple example will illustrate. Your neighbor's teenage daughter asks if she might sit for you at 50 cents an hour. You say "Yes, come over Saturday night." Your neighbor's daughter and you have entered into a contract.

In most instances contracts need not be in writing. When you drive into a gasoline station and say "Fill 'er up," you've made a binding oral contract. Thousands of people throughout the state are employed under valid oral contracts.

However, certain contracts are required by state law to be in writing. For instance, no contract for the sale of land can be enforced unless the contract or some note or memorandum of it is in writing, signed by the person whose performance is desired.

Even if the law does not require that a particular contract be written, it is wise where practical to reduce the terms of agreement to writing. Oral contracts are often extremely difficult to prove.

The important thing to remember in preparing a written contract is to put it all in writing. Be sure every promise or provision agreed upon is included. Refuse to be led astray by remarks such as "We don't have to put that in, it's understood anyway." These may be famous last words. If it becomes necessary to sue, the court will only look at the written words and generally you will not be permitted to prove that important provisions which you failed to place in writing.

A contract should not be signed until all its terms and provisions are fully and completely understood. Never rely on the other person's explanation, or sign a form which has not been completely filled in. Above all, be extremely wary of persons who are in a hurry and insist that it is unnecessary that you read what you are signing. Your lawyer can do little to help you once you've signed on that dotted line, but he may be able to help you avoid a great deal of trouble and expense if you consult him before you sign.

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Doggett Loses On Motion To Dismiss

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Former state highway official Harry A. Doggett, Greensburg, lost on his motion to dismiss a bribery indictment but won a hearing on another motion in his 1955-56 Indiana highway scandals case late Thursday.

Special Judge Horace C. Holmes, Tipton, set a tentative hearing date of Oct. 29 on Doggett's plea in abatement.

Doggett, assistant highway right-of-way director under Highway Chairman Virgil (Red) Smith during the administration of ex-Gov. George N. Craig, was charged with accepting a bribe in connection with a high-profit Lake County right-of-way deal. He allegedly paved the way for an \$81,000 profit gained by three top officials of the Carpenters Union.

The delay between hearings was understood to be related to the Oct. 19 trial date of Cecil P. McDonough, former highway purchasing director, who was indicted on charges of accepting bribes from a highway department equipment supplier. Both Doggett and McDonough were represented by the same attorney.

Smith was tried and sentenced to two prison terms for his part in the highway deals. He is free pending appeals of both convictions to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Maurice Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters Union; O. William Blaker, vice president, and Frank Chapman, treasurer, have filed two motions in connection with the indictment against them. One of the motions attacks the indictment and the other seeks to require that the Marion County prosecutor open his files to them on the case.

Special Judge Norman Brennan said he would pick up the file on the Hutcheson-Blaker-Chapman case today and have a decision by the middle of next week on whether he will be able to rule on the motions without further hearings.

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