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## Conservation Needs Studied

Nearly 50 farmers and agricultural leaders met Tuesday night and began the preliminary steps in a survey of conservation needs for the changing population in the next 15 years.

Milton Spence, work unit conservationist, presided, and explained that many necessary formalities were part of the first program, and the real work will begin next session. The group chose to meet again at Adams Central October 20 at 7:30 p. m.

Each member present came forward and gave his name, and placed a pin on a large county map, representing his farm or place of residence. The map showed the different types of soil structure present in the county, indicating the 11 problem areas.

### Rural Changes Here

Leo N. Seitenright, county agent, then explained the need for looking to the future. The population was 162 million in 1953, and will be 212 million by 1975. There will be fewer farmers, and with a 29% increase in population, a 40% increase in efficiency and land use will be necessary.

Seitenright explained that a county extension-sponsored program three years ago indicated a great population shift in rural areas, from farm homes to non-farm homes. For example, there were 4,890 suburban or non-farm homes and 10,503 farm homes in rural Adams county in 1940. By 1950 there were 6,282 suburban and only 8,840 farm homes. By 1960 the county will have 9,000 suburban and only 6,700 farm families, a complete changeover.

### Population Change

Indiana is expected to grow about 34% in population, which is higher than the national average anticipated. California is expected to grow 91%.

Fred Houtsel, assistant in the soil conservation office, then took over, and showed a series of slides taken in Adams county, showing erosion problems, and then a series showing what had been done to combat erosion.

### Arts of Cultivation

Following this, Spence passed out work sheets, and the group went to work. The first thing brought up was the interpretation of land use figures. A chart showed that there are 220,725 acres of land and 75 acres of water (Rainbow Lake) in the county, and that 8,290 acres are in urban or built-up areas, and 584 in additional ponds and rivers, leaving 211,851 acres of farmland in the inventory area.

Then a list of figures, taken from the farm census of 1954, was presented, along with a series of figures compiled by the SCS from a 2% random sampling method perfected by Ohio State.

The group debated at length, and at last decided to accept in total the SCS figures, reasoning that the census figures were based upon hurried estimates given by busy farmers who probably figured all the fields they could, and then

### Railroads, Unions Begin Negotiations

CHICAGO (UPI) — The nation's railroads began contract negotiations with three unions of operating employees Tuesday by proposing a 15-cent hourly pay cut. The railroads had already made the same proposal to 11 off-train employees.

The operating unions are demanding pay raises of 12 per cent and continuation of the cost of living escalator clause.

## Living Costs Show Decline In August

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government reported today that living costs declined in August for the first time in six months.

Lower prices for groceries offset increased costs of non-food items to account for the drop.

The Labor Department's consumer price index fell 1 per cent to 124.8 per cent of average 1947-49 prices.

However, the report noted the August figure was the highest ever for the month, eclipsing the 123.7 mark set last year.

Lower prices of fruit and vegetables, meat, poultry and fish led the decline. Prices of housing, clothing, transportation, medical care, haircuts and beauty treatments increased last month, the department said.

H. E. Riley, department price expert, said the sharp decline in food prices was greater than he anticipated. Local crops of fruits and vegetables were plentiful.

Despite the drop in the index, about 125,000 aircraft workers will receive pay raises of 1 to 2 cents an hour because of past increases in the government's yardstick.

Their pay is adjusted quarterly and the rise in living costs since May accounted for their pay boosts, Riley said. Wages of these workers are geared to changes in the index.

### Season Layoff At G.E. Plant Due Next Week

The annual seasonal layoff at the Decatur General Electric plant, delayed nearly four weeks this year in spite of the steel strike, will take place next Wednesday, U. S. union officials announced here today.

They reported that approximately 15 per cent of the work force would be affected including men whose service dates extend back to February 15, 1955, and women back to October 25, 1954.

The random sampling maps of quarter sections used in the survey were closely examined by those present.

### Mrs. Anna Schultz Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Anna Isabel Schultz, 70, wife of Julius Schultz, died of a heart attack at 7:35 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home on rural route 4. Although she had been in failing health for several years, death was unexpected.

She was born in Champaign, Ill., Nov. 11, 1888, a daughter of William and Mary Bernard, but had lived in Adams county most of her life. She was married to Julius Schultz Jan. 27, 1915.

Mrs. Schultz was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, the Third Order of St. Francis, Rosary society and St. Ambrose study club.

Surviving in addition to her husband are four daughters, Mrs. Francis (Mary) Geimer, Mrs. George (Naomi) Tricker, Mrs. Homer (Vera) Rauch, and Mrs. Fred (Julia) Heimann, all in or near Decatur; one son, Ray Schultz of near Decatur; 26 grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. John Kintz and Mrs. Albert Rumschlag, also of near Decatur. Two sons and three brothers are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a. m. Friday at the St. Mary's Catholic church, the Very Rev. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p. m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited by the Third Order of St. Francis at 7:30 p. m. Thursday and by the Rosary society at 8 o'clock.

### Senator Hartke Is Fort Wayne Speaker

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UPI) — Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) said Tuesday night the United States is still struggling to make an economic comeback from the recession but there is no reason why "we should throw up our hands in despair."

The former Evansville mayor told the Great Lakes Exhibit of Business Opportunities that "our nation is currently recovering from the after effects of a recession . . . which was a bad one."

Even now," Hartke said, "5.5 per cent of the work force of our nation is without employment. This, compared with an unemployment of only 2 per cent in the United Kingdom, is an uncomfortable, to say the least, reminder that we have not fully recovered our economic health."

The take home pay of the average factory worker dropped by 90 cents over the month to \$79.75 a week for a man with three dependents. Even though consumer prices were lower, the drop in average earnings was great enough to reduce his buying power by about 1 per cent.

Average food prices decreased .9 per cent, cutting the food index nearly 3 per cent below the all-time peak set in July, 1958.

### Late Bulletins

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department designated the Air Force today to be America's future space force. This was a jolt to the Army and Navy.

MIAMI (UPI) — Hurricane Gracie bypassed Nassau with its 100 m.p.h. winds today and stayed well off the Florida coast.

### Relief Sewer Plans Approved By State

The stream pollution control board has officially notified the city of Decatur that the plans and specifications for the proposed southwest relief sewer, on which the new school will be located, have been approved, Mayor Robert D. Cole said today.

The project will consist of the construction of approximately 7,127 feet of pipe, ranging in size from 24 inches to 42 inches in diameter, and appurtenances. The dry weather flow will be intercepted by an eight-inch interceptor sewer.

Plans and specifications were prepared by Consoer, Townsend and associates, Chicago, and were submitted for approval Aug. 3. Approval was granted Sept. 18. The approval is void if construction is not begun before October 1, 1960.

On the same day A. C. Offutt, M.D., state health commissioner for the Indiana state board of health, also granted approval. This clears the way for the beginning of construction following the letting of bids next week.

### INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler preceded by widely scattered showers extreme north, fair with little temperature change central and south tonight. Sunset 6:41 p. m. Low tonight 55 to 64 north, 64 to 68 south. Sunrise Thursday 6:34 a. m. Mostly cloudy and cooler north, partly cloudy and continued warm south Thursday.

High 65 to 78 north, 75 to 87 south. Low Thursday night 55 to 65. Outlook for Friday: Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers or thunderstorms north, partly cloudy and continued warm south. High 70 to 75 north, 80 to 85 central and south.

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