

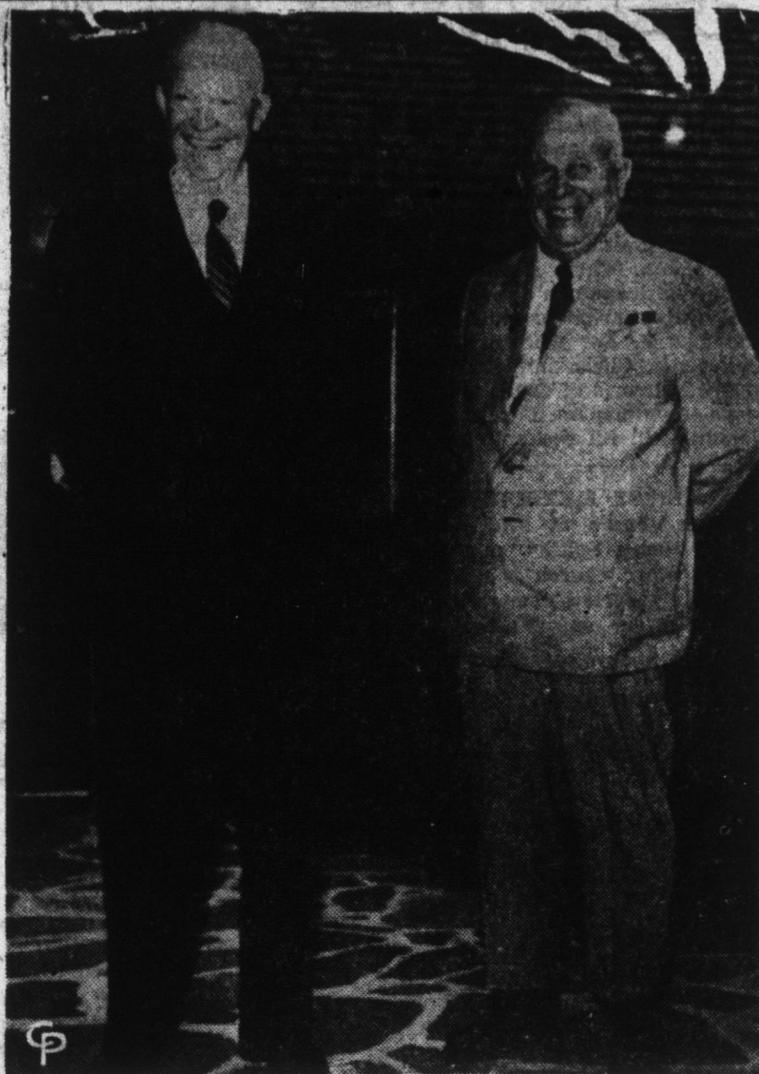
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KHRUSHCHEV AT CAMP DAVID—President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev smile pleasantly for photographers in front of Aspen Lodge at Camp David, Md. Khrushchev, winding up his tour of the United States, will confer for two days with President Eisenhower before returning to Russia.

Tells Of Poor Power Service

"For five years we rural electric users have been pleading for decent electric service, a fair rate, and the end of the policy by which we must pay for our transformers and give them to the city without avail," Fred Schamerloh, president of the rural consumers association, told a meeting of the association for the betterment of Decatur at a breakfast held this morning.

"We first addressed our pleas to former Mayor John Doan and his city council, Don Gage, Adolph Kolter, Joe Murphy, Al Beavers and Ed Bauer. It was necessary for us to institute a legal action before the public service commission to even get a single new line, and we never obtained generally good service, fair charges or the end of installation payments," he continued.

Rates Regulated

"The so-called citizens committee has charged that the sale of the electric plant will take the rates out of the hands of the local politicians," Schamerloh added. "If this is so, it cannot be for the worse. The rates are unfair now. However, we all know that the public service commission already has control of the rates, and the only chance the farmers have of receiving fair rates is for the voters of Decatur to approve the sale of the plant," he concluded.

Jacobs Answers

Louis Jacobs, local retail druggist and president of the Betterment of Decatur group, pointed out to those merchants and businessmen present that the purpose of the group was to soothe over the hard feelings in the community brought about by the half-truth campaign which misled some voters and confused others, keeping them from the polls, at the spring election for the sale of the electric utility.

Jacobs pointed out that the farmers, manufacturers, and businessmen represented by the three groups, represent more than 70% of the users of electric power from the local system, and all feel that better service, fairer rates, and the growth of industry and commerce here depend on the sale of the local plant for more than \$2 million to reduce local taxes and to provide steady, standard electric service to all the community.

Committee Alert

Jacobs pointed out that the economy-minded businessmen on the group had completely examined the proposal, and all counter-proposals by the citizens committee opposing the sale, and found no comparison. The betterment group is perfectly convinced that the money will be used to discharge Decatur's diesel plant debt, water softener debt, and other bonded indebtedness, and that every penny of the funds can and will be accounted for by the administration which carried out the mandate of the voters. "No one," he emphasized, "has more interest in economy and honesty in govern-

Improvements Made In County Schools

A survey of county schools for additions and improvements done Adams Central, Monmouth, and over the summer shows that Pleasant Mills and Jefferson township have done major renovations and additions to the physical school facilities.

At Adams Central, principal Herman Frantz announced that all the doors and trim of the school's relatively new interior have been repainted besides adding a new classroom for vocational agriculture. Five electric typewriters, two 60-passenger buses, and a 40-gallon coffee urn for the cafeteria were new equipment added. The cafeteria, by the way, serves 950 pupils, more than the enrollment currently at the school.

Miss Sally Beer and Mrs. Dorothy Schneid are the new teachers at the Monroe school. Monmouth's improvements listed by principal Charles Rix include 36 new study hall desks and folding chairs, a new paint cabinet for the work shop, seven wall lockers, and several pieces of science equipment.

The cafeteria, a study hall, and three classrooms were painted, while considerable ground work was done on the baseball diamond, including the backstop and the track. A skyride with six swings was also added to the athletic facilities.

The new teachers added, besides Rix as the new principal and English teacher, include Don Elder, coach and driver education, Mrs. Virginia Elder, first grade, and Mrs. Veronica Linn, library and art.

The school also added new bus drivers to the transportation system. They are William Aumann, William Sosdorff, William Fritzing-

Carl Fisher Dies Suddenly Friday

Carl B. Fisher, 64, retired General Electric employee, died suddenly of a heart attack at 11:40 o'clock Friday morning at his home in Rome City. He had not been ill and death was unexpected. He was born in Decatur July 23, 1895, a son of Thomas and Lucy Moyer-Fisher, and lived in Decatur his entire life until moving to Rome City six years ago.

Mr. Fisher was a member of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Fern; two sons, Jack G. Fisher of Medina, O., and James C. Fisher of Fort Wayne, and four grandchildren. One brother and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Gillig & Doan funeral home, the Rev. L. T. Norris officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today until time of the services. Masonic services will be held at 9:30 o'clock tonight at the funeral home.

Light To Moderate Rain Over Indiana

United Press International Light to moderate rain fell on most sections of Indiana today and an autumn warm spell remained firmly entrenched.

Precipitation ranging from a trace to about three-quarters of an inch fell during the 24 hours ending at 7 a.m. today, and light rain was falling after dawn over most parts of Hoosierland.

Temperatures hit the 80s again Friday and probably will do so again today and Sunday. Top readings Friday ranged from 82 at Lafayette to 87 at Indianapolis, although two border cities were higher—Louisville 90 and Cincinnati 91.

Precipitation included a trace at Fort Wayne, .08 at South Bend, .25 at Indianapolis, .26 at Lafayette, .27 at Evansville, .34 at Terre Haute, .56 at Vincennes and .79 at Newberry.

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Meeting Scheduled

All of the petition carriers are invited to a meeting of the association for the betterment of Decatur at the Community Center at 8 a.m. next Saturday to tell the story of the 2,269 petitioners for reconsideration of the sale.

Schamerloh added that his group is now planning a series of meetings to discuss fully the problems involved, and ways that the local farmers who are customers of the company can explain to the voter-owners the position of a large number of the power buyers.

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