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AWAIT OFFICIAL RULING

Fred Kirsch May Be "In" As Councilman

The Berne city election still is several weeks away, but it is possible that Fred Kirsch, local druggist, already is "in" as councilman from the southwest ward. Kirsch is a Republican.

Edgar Lehman, who filed as the Democratic candidate from the same ward, is planning to move to Florida in the near future and well before the November election. The ballots for the Berne city election were printed last week, before the printers were informed that Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are planning to leave Berne, and Mr. Lehman's name appears on the ballot as the Democratic candidate from the Southwest ward.

An official ruling on the mudle is awaited from the state election commissioners, but the general opinion is that Mr. Kirsch has won a seat on the city council. Richard Lewton, county clerk, says that election laws state that only in the case of the death of a candidate can another name be substituted on the ballot after Sept. 1. The deadline to file for office is Sept. 1.

FUNERAL TODAY FOR SAMUEL E. HITE

PROMINENT DECATUR BUSINESS MAN, 88, DIES

Decatur, Sept. 28.—Samuel E. Hite, 88, one of Decatur's most prominent retired business men, died at 6:45 o'clock Friday evening at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

Mr. Hite, who had been in failing health for the past two years, suffered a stroke last Saturday night at his home, 323 South Third street and was taken to the hospital, where his condition had been critical since his admittance.

He owned and operated Hite's grocery, on Winchester street, for many years until his retirement in 1950, when he turned management of the store over to his only son, Charles E. Hite.

Prominent in many business activities in Decatur, Mr. Hite had been a director and vice president of the Citizens Telephone company for many years.

He was born in Allen county March 10, 1871, a son of Samuel and Anna Hite, but had lived in Decatur for years. His wife, the former Phoebe Yager, preceded him in death.

Mr. Hite was a member of the First Baptist church and the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Surviving are the son, Charles E. Hite of Decatur; one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Warren, also of Decatur; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Willis D. Hite of Fort Wayne, and two sisters, Mrs. Grace Wanner and Mrs. Lillie Carto, both of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Gillig Doan Funeral home, the Rev. Stuart Brightwell officiating. Burial was in the Decatur cemetery.

MORE THAN 500 AT CHICKEN BARBECUE

About 510 people attended the Berne-French FFA chicken barbecue at the school cafeteria Friday evening. The chicken was prepared by FFA boys, and management and employees of the Globe Hatchery and the Berne Hi-Way Hatchery. An excellent meal was served.

LICENSE SUSPENDED

Leland W. Sprunger, Geneva R. R. 2, has had his driver's license suspended from August 17, 1959, to February 17, 1960, following a charge of speeding. The suspension was made by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The Weather

Partly cloudy and warm to-night with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Tuesday partly cloudy with showers ending and becoming cooler. Low tonight 65, high Tuesday 74 and back down to 54 Tuesday night. The outlook for Wednesday is partly cloudy and cooler.

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Khrushchev Hints Berlin Pact Likely

Soviet Leader Ends U.S. Trip, Returns Home

Washington, Sept. 28.—Nikita S. Khrushchev hinted that he and President Eisenhower found some common ground for discussing the critical issue of Berlin in their historic two-man summit meeting which ended yesterday.

But the Soviet premier, in the final speech of his United States trip, clung to the Russian position on the question of divided Germany. And he told the West Moscow's demands should be accepted to "extinguish the spark smoldering in West Berlin."

Khrushchev hinted at progress on the Berlin question at a televised news conference he held, in high good humor, after his return from his talks with the President at Camp David, Md.

An hour later, in a television address, he repeated the Soviet insistence upon peace treaties with both Communist East and federal West Germany as a way out of the dangerous situation confronting Europe and the world.

Smiling broadly, the Soviet premier said at his news conference that he and the President, in discussing Berlin, had found "much in common." He would go no further, saying that was "enough for a press conference."

But, a few hours prior to his takeoff for home after a spectacular and often hectic U.S. tour, the Kremlin boss gave the impression that the official final statement on the two-man summit talks had not revealed all that had taken place.

The end of the momentous meetings at the President's mountaintop retreat brought these developments:

1. The two leaders issued a joint communiqué saying they agreed their difficulties should be settled by peaceful negotiation.

2. They decided that negotiations on the status of West Berlin will be reopened. This may mean another foreign minister's meeting, or a meeting at some other level.

3. Eisenhower and Khrushchev agreed the President's visit to the Soviet Union, originally scheduled for fall, should be postponed until spring. Khrushchev said later this was because the weather would be better then, but the postponement probably means a full-blown new crisis over West Berlin can be deferred at least until after the President's visit.

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BIRTHS

Pvt. Galen and Joyce Isch Baumgartner are the parents of a son, Bradley Jay, born Friday at the Martin Army Hospital in Fort Benning, Ga. He weighed seven pounds. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Isch and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner.

STEEL STRIKE BEING FELT AT PORTLAND

Portland, Sept. 28.—The 73-day-old steel strike has begun to affect local industry and might, if it continues much longer, seriously affect production in the city's largest steel-using plant, the Portland Forge & Foundry.

Lee Hall, president of Portland Forge, said that "it (the steel strike) is getting serious with us just like it is with others."

and both city tickets here were filled before the date for the primary election last May.

Should the state election commissioners rule that in an instance such as this where a candidate moves away before election, new ballots could possibly be printed, or a new name could be placed on a label and pasted

over Mr. Lehman's name on the official ballot, such action is expected to be taken here.

However, according to County Clerk Lewton and local political leaders, it is generally believed that it is too late to name a substitute candidate for Mr. Lehman.

Dr. Harry Hebble, of Decatur, Democratic county chairman, has asked the state election commission for a ruling on the matter and until an official ruling is received, the outcome is not known. But many local people believe Mr. Kirsch will not find it necessary to spend much money in this campaign as it looks like he already is elected.

There wouldn't be much point, observers point out, in voting for Lehman, if he is not going to reside here. Of more importance is the fact that if he moves out of the city, he is not eligible to serve on the city council even suggested, to fly back here for every council meeting.

MAKE PLANS FOR SCHOOL WORKSHOP

EARL DAWALD, HAROLD LONG AMONG THOSE AT MEETING

Robert Doan of the Decatur Northwest school, Earl Dawald of the Monmouth school and Harold Long of the Geneva-Wabash Twp. school attended a meeting in Fort Wayne, Saturday, where plans were completed for the Elementary School Workshop to be held in conjunction with the 1959 Northeast Division of the Indiana State Teachers Convention October 22 and 23. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Fort Wayne Community Schools administration building with Ray Owens, general chairman, presiding.

In Appreciation—Rev. C. A. Schmid, Evangelical Reformed church.

Music—"Sing and Rejoice"—Will James, High School A Cappella Choir.

Introductions—Superintendent E. M. Webb.

In Appreciation—High School Principal Claren Neuenschwander.

In Appreciation—Elementary Principal James Yoder.

Music—"Circinella"—Krone, "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"—Murray, High School A Cappella Choir.

Address—Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander, First Mennonite church.

Music—"Psalm 150"—Lewandowski, High School A Cappella Choir.

Benediction—Rev. C. A. Schmid.

Open House.

Open House At Local School This Evening

Program To Precede Inspection Of New Facilities

A good-sized crowd is expected to attend "open house" of new Berne-French school facilities this evening. Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander, pastor of the First Mennonite church, will give the main address of the evening and the Berne-French a cappella choir will sing.

The program will start at 7:30 p.m. and this will be followed with open house of the new facilities.

The additions to the school were built by the Bultemeier Construction Company of Decatur and were finished early last spring. Supt. E. M. Webb and other school officials invite the public to attend.

The new facilities include office rooms, commercial rooms, home economics rooms, music rooms, cafeteria, and the enlarged gym and stage.

The program for the open house service is as follows:

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Evangelical Reformed church.

Music—"Sing and Rejoice"—

Will James, High School A Cappella Choir.

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E. M. Webb.

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To Make Plans For County Church League

The directors of the Adams County Church Athletic Federation met Friday evening and discussed plans for the 1959-60 basketball league.

A meeting is planned for Monday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Monroe Methodist church. Any church interested in entering a team in the league should have a representative present at this meeting and be prepared to pay the \$60 entrance fee that night.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Don Yager, Berne, or Rev. Emmet Anderson, Decatur.

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FFA Boys Attend Training School

Last Wednesday evening the members of the Adams Central FFA chapter attended the officers training school at Geneva. At 5 p.m. each officer attended a separate meeting. At 6:30 p.m. the girls from the class of 1961 of Geneva served the meal. At 8 p.m. the regular business meeting was held.

The following Adams Central FFA boys attended: Tim Ringger, president; Dwight Moser, vice-president; Jerry Funk, treasurer; Garry Bluhm, reporter; Larry Funk, secretary; Glen Yager, sentinel; Martin R. Watson, advisor; Jerry Schwartz, assistant treasurer; Roy Mazelin, assistant reporter; Jerry D. Gerber and Richard Habegger were the delegates.

MORE THAN INCH OF RAIN FALLS HERE

Rain totaling 1.06 inch fell here Saturday and Saturday night. Heavy rain fell Saturday night during a series of thunderstorms. More rain is due this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Very warm weather prevailed over the week end, with the mercury in the 80's and today is warm and humid.

Cooler is expected Tuesday and Wednesday. The Saturday storms hit several states with heavy rain and a few tornadoes were reported in Missouri and other areas.

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R. W. SPRUNGER HURT

Roger W. Sprunger of this city received a severe gash in the top of his head in a mishap at Portland Saturday noon. Sprunger, a trucker, was unloading coal and while tinkering with a motor which runs a 30-foot belt to unload the coal, metal plates from the top of the trailer fell on his head. Seven stitches were required to close the wound.



Increase In Federal Gas Tax To Cost Adams County Motorists An Additional \$98,000

New York, Sept. 25.—In the 21 months beginning October 1st, Adams county car owners will contribute an additional \$98,700 to keep the interstate highway construction program rolling on schedule.

That is the estimated amount, based on present car operation figures for the county, that will result from the new one-cent rise in the cost of gasoline.

The average driver will have to dig a little deeper in his pocket—about 15 cents deeper—each time he takes on a tank load of gas.

Only until June 30, 1961, however, at which time the Federal gas tax is supposed to drop back to its previous rate of three cents a gallon.

During the 21-month period the highway fund will be enriched to the extent of some \$960 million. This will partially com-

Suggestions Given On How To Avoid Corn Picker Mishaps

Lafayette, Sept. 28.—When corn harvest begins, corn picker accidents are never far behind, reminds F. R. Willsey, Purdue University farm safety specialist.

Both are off to an early start this year since corn is maturing earlier than usual in most of Indiana.

By having the picker and other equipment in top condition many accidents can be prevented, Willsey says.

A smooth running picker will not clog as often as one poorly adjusted or in need of repair. It is clogged pickers or those in need of repair, according to the specialist, that cause the operator to leave the tractor with the power take-off in motion—the greatest cause of corn harvest accidents.

Willsey urges that all safety shields be secured in place as soon as the picker is attached to the tractor.

After the harvest starts, the specialist suggests the picker operator "drive at a proper speed for your picker and the condition of the corn. Keep on the row and stop as soon as trouble starts. Don't wait until serious clogging results. And, don't pick in bad weather unless it is absolutely

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Prayer Meetings For This Week Announced

Local prayer meetings for the week of Sept. 28-October 2 for the Billy Graham Indianapolis Crusade as well as for local needs will be held in the following homes:

Tuesday, 8 P. M.—Thomas Burke, E. Water St.

Wednesday, 9 P. M.—Larry Liechty, W. Clark St., and Edward Nussbaum, N. Jefferson St.

Thursday, 8 P. M.—Frieda Lehman, Lehman St.

It is urged that as many as possible attend these prayer meetings.

Daily crusade radio programs are heard Tuesday through Friday on WLS, 11:15-11:30 A. M.

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING ON TUESDAY

The September meeting of the Berne Cub Scouts Pack 3067 will be held Tuesday evening at the Wells County Game Preserve. The boys, accompanied by their den mothers, will leave at 5:30 p.m. and will enjoy a recreation period. Parents and families will join them at 7 p.m. for the pack meeting. Refreshments will be served.

BIRTHS