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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 muddle 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 Gilling 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 tonight 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.

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

## 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 communique 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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## BIRTH

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."

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 should he decide, as some wag 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.

At Saturday's meeting it was announced that the exhibits for the workshop will go up after 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, October 21, and will be taken down after 12 noon on Friday, October 23.

Subject areas to be covered at the workshop are art, arithmetic, language arts, science and social studies. This year for the first time areas have been assigned by counties. Adams county schools have been assigned the social studies area. Robert Doan of Decatur Northwest is chairman of the program committee and Earl Dawald of Monmouth is chairman of the exhibit committee. A meeting of the exhibit committee will be held this evening at the office of Adams County School Superintendent Gail Grabil, in Decatur.

## 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-pres.; 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 Sunday 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.

## 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:

Invocation—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—"Circinnella"—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.

## 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. Emmit Anderson, Decatur.

## Youth Rally Held Here On Saturday

James Harvey, missionary to Brazil, South America, emceed the Youth for Christ rally which was held at the First Mennonite church last Saturday. Leroy Sprunger directed the singings.

Accompanists on the organ and piano respectively were Mrs. Eugene Lehman and Donna Nussbaum. Matt. 6:26 to 34 was read by Jim Blum, followed by prayer by the emcee. Musical numbers were a trio from the Pleasant Mills high school composed of Dick Johnson, Gary Millington and Larry Merriman, accompanied by Carolyn Luginbill; a flute trio, Marjorie Liechty, Judith Stucky and Jocelyn Schwartz, accompanied by Donna Lou Meril. lat, and a boys' quartet composed

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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.



THE PASTOR of the First Mennonite church, Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander, will give the principal address at the "open house" program at the Berne-French school this evening. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the school gymnasium. This will be followed by open house of the new school facilities.

## Adams County Farm Outlook Meeting Oct. 6

### Will Be Held At Monroe; New Features Are Added

County Agricultural Agent, Leo N. Seltentright, said today the annual Adams county farm outlook meeting will be held in Monroe on October 6.

A new feature has been added to this meeting this year. In addition to discussing 1960 prospects for soybeans, cattle, hogs, milk, corn, eggs, broilers and turkeys, special attention will be given to the income situation facing farmers for the next three to four years.

Farm output is continuing to go up faster than the demand for food. Effect of this situation on the incomes of farmers and other businesses closely related to farming will be even more critical in the years ahead than in recent years, Seltentright says. He urges everyone interested in farming to attend this important meeting.

## 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, No. Jefferson St.

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

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

## 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

Carl and Gladys Lee Pennington of Geneva are the parents of a boy born Saturday. He weighed eight pounds and fourteen and one-half ounces.

Adam and Marcella Sprunger Liechty are the parents of a daughter, Audrey Marie, born Saturday at the Adams County Memorial hospital. She weighed five pounds and six ounces. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Liechty of Brinsmade, North Dakota and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Sprunger.

## 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 compensate it for money removed prematurely last year when the Government sought to fight the depression by speeding up the road program. It will be enough to permit the work to proceed at nearly the scheduled rate.

For the car owner in Adams county who travels 10,000 miles in the year and registers 15 miles to the gallon of gas, the extra cent will add up to \$6.60 a year, or 11.67 in the 21 months.

For the driver who does 15,000 miles a year, getting the same number of miles to the gallon, his bill at the end of the 21 months will be \$17.50 more than it is now.

From every car operator, no matter how much he drives, the Government will be taking 33 percent more than at present.

How about after June 30, 1961, when the extra tax goes off? Will the road program be able to sustain itself financially? Thanks to an additional \$2.5 billion that will be funneled into the highway fund between 1961 and 1964, it will. This money, representing a large part of the automobile manufacturers' taxes on cars and parts, will be diverted to it for the purpose from the general treasury.

Despite the heavy tax load on gasoline, there seems to be no cutting down in the use of cars. Adams county filling stations recorded a healthy \$2,844,000 in sales last year, as against \$2,727,000 in 1957.

## IVAN AUGSBURGERS RECEIVE VISAS

### WILL LEAVE BERNE ON OCTOBER 23rd FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Augsburger and daughter Maxine, Saturday, received their visas for their return to the Dominican Republic where they are missionaries. The Augsburgers have been home on furlough for more than one year and have resided in Berne during this time. They expected to return to the Dominican Republic in August but a delay was experienced in obtaining the visas.

Rev. and Mrs. Augsburger and daughter expect to leave Berne October 23rd and fly from Miami, Florida, to the Dominican Republic on October 27.

Ivan Augsburger, Jr., who resided in Berne with his parents, was motored to New York state several weeks ago where he is attending a mission school. He is not returning to the Dominican Republic at this time.

## CARL B. FISHER, 64, IS TAKEN BY DEATH

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.

## Improvements, Additions Made To Several Adams County Schools During The Past Summer

Several schools in the Adams county school system made major improvements or additions to their school plants during the past summer.

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.

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 Sussdorf, William Fritzinger, Fred Fuelling, W. A. Miller, Richard Scheuman, Raymond Reinking and Donald

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## Mishaps Keep Police Busy Over Week End

### Eight Hogs Only Fatalities; Utility Pole Felled

A series of traffic mishaps occurred in Adams county over the weekend, according to county and state authorities. The only fatalities were hogs, eight of them, killed when a big semi turned on its side east of Decatur.

This accident happened Saturday night. The truck was owned by L. B. Smith and Son Trucking Company of Millcreek, Pa., driven by C. F. Thompson of that city. He was driving east on State Highway 224. Two and one-half miles east of Decatur, Thompson stopped to check the load. The load shifted on him and a wrecker was called to right it. A chain attached to the semi and to the wrecker broke and the load toppled over. Of the 134 hogs, 126 escaped and roamed around the premises but they were rounded up and reloaded.

At 12:30 p.m. Saturday a mile south and nearly a mile east of Monroe, on county road 32, a panel truck driven by Clinton Allen Teeters, 22, of Pennville and owned by the Hampton Baking Company of Redkey, went out of control and crashed into a fence. Thirty-two feet of fence on the John Schwartz, Monroe R. R. 2 farm, was torn down, with damage to the fence being estimated

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## REEF, RUMPLE NAMED APPRAISERS

### NAMED BY JUDGE MYLES PARRISH TO APPRAISE UTILITY

Decatur, Sept. 28.—Judge Myles Parrish of Adams circuit court appointed three Adams county men as appraisers on the valuation of the Decatur electric utility system.

The appointments were made at the request of city officials, as proposed sale of the utility to the Indiana Michigan Electric Co., will be voted on by Decatur voters at the city election Nov. 3.

Named as appraisers are Harley J. Reef of Jefferson township, a former county commissioner; Henry I. Rumble, also of Jefferson township and a member of the board of trustees of the Adams County Memorial hospital, and Mark Morin, attorney and resident of St. Mary's township.

As requested in the city's petition, none of those named is a resident of Decatur nor a customer of the city utility or Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.

The city also asks that the appraisers complete their report prior to election date.

This will be the second time in less than a year that Decatur voters will vote on the proposed sale. The proposal was voted down last April by a close margin, but a petition circulated later by proponents of the sale was signed by well over 50 percent of the city's qualified voters, asking that steps be taken for another attempt at sale. Indiana & Michigan, who offered to purchase the electric system previously, then filed an amended purchase offer, somewhat lower than its first offer, mainly through elimination of purchase of some of the utility's equipment.

## NEW CUB SCOUT DENS BEING ORGANIZED AT MONROE

New Cub Scout dens are being formed in Monroe in addition to the five dens already operating. Parents of boys who have just turned eight years of age, or any boys between the ages of 8 and 11 who are interested in Cub Scouting may contact Rev. Gierhart of the Monroe Methodist church for a den assignment.

## Bulletin

Mrs. Curney Shoemaker, 73, of Hartford township, died this afternoon at the Clinic hospital in Bluffton. She was the former Aldine Lehman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman,