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LOLLYPOPS FOR POLIO—These six Decatur boys will lead the sale of lollipops in the city's business district Saturday as another special project in the annual March of Dimes campaign to raise funds for the care of polio-stricken residents of Adams county, and for the research programs of the National Foundation. Pictured, left to right, are: Timmy Hain, Chuck Martindale, Allan Bender, Paul Wolf, Barry Burnett and Jack Stauffer.

Rent Micro-Filming Equipment For Use

The first part of next week the rented micro-filming equipment will be installed in the office of the Adams county recorder, Mrs. Mabel Striker said this morning.

Mrs. Striker and her deputy, Miss Rose Nesswell, will be instructed in the use of the micro-filming machines by representatives of Recordak Corp. of New York, also early next week.

The equipment has been rented for a period of three months at the relatively inexpensive cost of \$90 a month. Primarily, the task is being undertaken to insure better fire protection for the recorded instruments. Once the filming is complete, the reproductions will be housed at the local bank in a vault.

The film will be on a 16mm roll and can be shown with relative ease. Many counties in the state have already completely turned to micro-filming as court house space becomes less available.

The best feature of the micro-film project is the economy of it. For \$270, the recorder will permanently record all the records in her office. One recorder's book and she must use about 2,300, costs

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Fresh Outbreaks Of Asian Flu In U. S.

By United Press International

Fresh outbreaks of Asian flu swelled across the nation today, causing high absenteeism from schools, jobs and in the entertainment industry.

The Asian bug, which as a wide-eyed foreigner to U.S. shores two years ago caused scores of deaths and laid millions on their backs for a few days, was not nearly as widespread as in 1957.

But it had caused a "low grade epidemic" in Southern California and threatened serious outbreaks in the Detroit area, where anti-flu vaccines were running low.

Some states reported a higher than normal incidence of influenza-type cases, and across the country the damp, cold season was taking a heavy toll of school children, teachers and civic officials.

Hits Hollywood An estimated half-million Los Angeles area residents were stricken with Asian flu and other viruses. Dr. Malcolm Merrill, state health officer, identified the disease as Asian influenza, but county health officer Roy O. Gil-

bert said half a dozen viruses probably were involved.

Actors, actresses, crew members and even producer-director Alfred Hitchcock were laid low with bloodshot eyes and fevers. Work on more than five TV shows and Hitchcock's movie, "Psycho," was delayed or postponed by flu attacks.

In the Detroit area, Albert Pisa, president of the Detroit Board of Health, said doctors were ordering about five times as much vaccine as a short time ago and supplies were running low.

High Absenteeism Detroit's city-county health director, Dr. Joseph Milner, said teachers have been absent from school at double the normal rate. A spot check indicated that factory absenteeism was 2 per cent above normal. Milner said 40,000 persons in the Detroit area were stricken with some type of flu.

The first two cases of Asian flu were reported in Iowa Thursday. State officials said large numbers of people were suffering from an unidentified virus in the Davenport area and believed the flu was spreading in Iowa.

Thousands were ill in a Texas flu outbreak, but state health department official Dr. Howard E. Smith said the illness was at "status quo."

Fannie Hitchcock Dies Unexpectedly

Censor Cuts In (Some of Spiridonov's remarks were deleted by Soviet censors who also cut in on the Moscow-London telephone line when reference was made to the "fantastic, formidable" weapons mentioned Thursday by Khrushchev.) Spiridonov said he regretted that millions of persons in the world were still working on "sterile" jobs producing arms or in military service.

Nikita Zalivkin, deputy head of the department of labor and wages of the U.S.S.R. state planning committee, wrote today in the newspaper *Leninskoye Znamya* that demobilized sailors and soldiers would be found jobs in the national economy.

Workers In Demand

He said industrial and clerical workers were in demand everywhere, especially in Siberia, the Urals, the Far East, Kazakhstan and the north country in ore mining, coal, timber and construction work. He also said the savings in cutting the armed forces would construct 10,000 buildings.

All Moscow newspapers printed the full text of Khrushchev's speech, with Komsonol'skaya Pravda, the young Communist organization paper heading: "Russia Dictates: Disarmament! Peace!"

The Soviet Tass news agency said meanwhile the U.S. State Department statement on Khrushchev's disarmament resolution "attempts to cover up a reluctance to take reciprocal disarmament steps."

Russian Army Cut Approved

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Supreme Soviet today unanimously approved Premier Nikita Khrushchev's proposal to cut Soviet armed forces by 1,200,000 men, thus putting it into effect.

Both houses of the Russian parliament approved the new law after Khrushchev again took the rostrum to note that "all people who spoke on my report and on the draft law expressed their approval."

"Allow me to express my gratitude," he added, voicing his thanks for the confidence given him by the Communist Party Central Committee and the government.

Khrushchev also asked the Supreme Soviet to approve a resolution calling on all the world's parliaments to follow Russia's lead in cutting their nations' armed strength.

Denies Economic Trouble

Both houses formally approved the resolution and then ended the first 1960 session of the Supreme Soviet.

The vote on the Khrushchev arms-cut law was made by a show of hands in both houses. There was no dissent.

Adoption of Khrushchev's proposal came after Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko charged that the Western powers were trying to delay disarmament and only "the Soviet Union is leading the disarmament effort."

"Instead of preparing for disarmament talks by building an atmosphere favoring it," Gromyko said, "some people seem to be doing the opposite."

"There have been 660 meetings on disarmament by various United Nations organizations without bringing any result."

Gromyko denied the troop cut was brought about by "economic difficulties."

Ivan Spiridonov, secretary of the Communist party in the Leningrad area and the first speaker called on the United States to fol-

Eight Chicago Police Officers Arrested In Roundup Of Theft Gang

Karl F. Johnson Is Surveyor Candidate



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Karl F. Johnson, of route 3, announced today that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for surveyor of Adams county, subject to the May 3 primary election.

Johnson is the first Republican to announce for office this year.

A registered professional engineer, No. 7580, Johnson is married and the father of four children. A 1944 graduate of Decatur high school, which he attended for two years following 10 years at Monmouth, Johnson is 33 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is the former Kathleen Noll, of Pleasant Mills.

Following high school graduation in 1944, Johnson entered the U.S. Navy, and served until 1946. After service, he entered Purdue University, and was graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1950.

From 1950 until 1955 he served as a mine engineer with the Ken Coal Company, Beaver Dam, Ky., and from 1955 until 1957 he was an engineer with Yost Construction company in Decatur.

In 1958 Johnson was appointed county surveyor in Huntington county by the county commissioners of that county to fill the unexpired term of the deceased surveyor.

In 1959 he served as project engineer of bridge construction with the Indiana state highway department.

Johnson is a member of the American Legion, Elks, and is a Mason, Royal Arch, Commandery, and Shriner.

The national threat of another outbreak of the Asian flu epidemic that sent millions of Americans to bed for at least one day four years ago coincides with the local Red Cross plans for classes in home care of the sick and injured.

Scheduled for an organizational meeting Jan. 18 at the Decatur fire house at 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Wanda Oelberg said this morning that all interested women should attend. After a convenient time is set, the classes will be conducted by Mrs. Arthur Miller, a registered nurse.

Mother and Daughter Teams

The only requirement to enroll in this course is the will to learn the rudiments of home nursing.

Mother and daughter teams have

often worked out quite well, and

are requested to attend the organizational meeting. Anyone 14 years or older can qualify for the course.

Professional nurses will handle

the training of all such courses all

over the country. Efforts have

recently been doubled to train lay

persons who could assist doctors

and nurses in hospitals during such

outbreaks. The main aim, however,

of the local Red Cross training is

for home nursing.

The U.S. public health service

recently reported that the greater

amount of persons trained in home

nursing the less the hospitals will

have to burden themselves. Many

of these cases, they point out, can

easily be handled at home if a

competent person will care for the

patient.

Unemployment last month was

a half million lower than a year ago.

The job picture had been de-

scribed in advance by Labor Sec-

retary James P. Mitchell as show-

ing a "good improvement" over

the previous month.

The unemployed number was

3,670,000 and employment reached

65,640,000 in November.

Mitchell said settlement of the

steel dispute cleared the last ma-

roil cloud from the economic hor-

izon. He predicted 1960 would be

"extraordinarily good" economi-

cally. He made the forecast at a

news conference Thursday before

leaving for a rest in Florida.

He predicted employment would

continue to climb to new record

levels in 1960 because of more

than a million newcomers seeking

jobs.

The level of joblessness in the

coming year will be "satisfactorily

low" and eventually may fall

below three million he said.

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Severe Storm Sweeps Across Great Lakes

By United Press International
A crippling snow storm, dropping up to 11 inches on northern plains states, swept eastward across the Great Lakes today.

Schools and roads were closed

wholesale in Kansas, Colorado,

Nebraska and Iowa as one of

the season's worst storms piled up

high drifts under the lashing of

winds up to 50 miles an hour.

Four tornadoes, spawned by the

clash between northern cold and

southern warmth, caused damage in

Texas, Oklahoma and Louisian-

a.

New snows in Wisconsin threat-

ened to send the Rock River rising

again at Rockford, in northern

Illinois, where 50 residents of a

low-lying island were forced from

their homes by flood waters.

The storm was expected to drop

four more inches of snow in cen-

tral Wisconsin today before driv-

ing into northern lower Michigan.

The Northeast, just recovering from a nine-inch snowfall, was

pelted by freezing rain which pro-

duced hazardous driving from

southwestern New England to

Western Pennsylvania.

Thursday's snow storm dropped

10 inches in Kansas, six to 11

inches from northern Colorado

through Nebraska and two to 11

inches across Iowa before moving

into Wisconsin.

The floods, ice and snow were

blamed for seven deaths — one

each in Iowa, Illinois, New York

and Texas and three near Har-

row, Ont.

Heavy winds piled the snow into