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## The Covered Bridge

Under the heading, "Must This Bridge Go?" the Old Fort Bulletin, a publication of the Allen county-Fort Wayne Historical Society, has brought to the attention of its 1,171 members the plight of the Pleasant Mills covered bridge.

The question regarding the bridge is, should the old structure be torn down after a new bridge is completed, or should it be allowed to stand as a historical landmark? Tearing the bridge down will, of course, be considerably more expensive than leaving it stand. The Adams county historical society is interested in seeing it maintained, as are many hundreds of local people who have signed petitions to save it.

In answer to the question, "Must This Bridge Go?", with a picture of the bridge, the article continues, "No, we hope—and so do residents of Adams county and members of the Adams county historical society. The bridge, built in 1880, is one of two covered bridges in the county, and one of the dwindling number of them in the state. The bridge spans the St. Mary's River on State Road 101 at Pleasant Mills, near Decatur. The state highway department has ordered the bridge razed after the construction of a new bridge nearby. Attempts are being made to save the bridge, and it is pointed out that maintenance cost over the years would be less than the cost of razing the structure."

The local historical society has pledged itself to help take care of the bridge if the state allows it to be turned back. The commissioners have voted to accept it, if that happens. Only the state highway department remains to be convinced.



John G. Heller

## John G. Heller In Traveling Seminar

John G. Heller of 330 S. 3rd St., vice-president of the Decatur Daily Democrat, is among 30 United Presbyterians touring Cuba January 15-25. He is a member of the tenth traveling seminar which the board of national missions of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., has sponsored in Cuba since 1949. The end-of-the-year tour puts the friendship of mainland and island churchmen on a person-to-person basis.

On their eleven-day bus tour, the traveling Presbyterians will visit churches, schools, and other missions in Havana, Matanzas, Cardenas, and other cities and towns. Their leader will be the superintendent of Presbyterian church work in Cuba, the Rev. Francisco Garcia, of Havana.

The seminar is the fourth major delegation of United Presbyterians to visit Cuba in the past three months. In mid-December, the denomination's moderator, Dr. Arthur L. Miller of Denver, Colorado, made an island-wide tour, and both women's friendship caravan and a 28 man preaching team held meetings in major cities and towns.

After his ten-day visit to Cuba, Dr. Miller issued a special report noting that in spite of news accounts of troubled U. S.-Cuban relations, visitors to the island "find a balmy climate and a friendly people."

About 10,000 persons are on the rolls of United Presbyterian churches and Sunday schools receiving mission aid. About 4,000 students attend United Presbyterian mission schools in Cuba.



## County Rural Youth Will Meet Tuesday

The Adams county rural youth club will meet Tuesday night at the Farm Bureau Co-op building in Monroe. The meeting will open with mixers led by the recreation leaders, Carolyn Moore and Roger Habegger at 7:30 p.m.

The educational feature for the meeting will feature the parliamentary procedure team from the Adams Central FFA chapter coached by Martin Watson. Tim Ringger is president of the chapter. The team will show the proper parliamentary procedure to use in conducting a business meeting and also answer questions from the group.

A safety feature will be given by Gloria Koenigman, who attended the national safety congress in Chicago last fall.

Committee responsibilities for the evening include: registration and name tags, Ted Kipler; group singing, Jane Gerber; devotions, Janice Busick; refreshments, Sally McCullough, Larry Meyer, and Byron Linker.

During the business meeting, conducted by Gary Shoaf, president, results of the membership drive presently underway will be discussed as well as plans for the "Come As You Are Membership" party and other future rural youth activities.

Recreation will conclude the meeting. All rural youth people are urged and invited to attend this meeting.

**Distric Meet Monday**  
Adams county rural youthers will attend the district IV meeting Monday night at Wabash. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the girls' 4-H club building in Wabash.

The meeting will include the awarding of the attendance cowbell to the deserving county and the county scrapbooks of the past year's activities will be judged. The winning scrapbook in the district contest will be entered in the state competition with the top state winners being announced at the Farm Bureau women's conference in late February.

Carolyn Moore will represent Adams county on the district recreation committee which will be in charge of mixers and recreation for the meeting.

During the business session, con-

ducted by Jim Haupt of Wabash county, district president, membership report will be given by Legora Markle, district vice president, of Adams county. Also plans will be announced for the district semi-formal Valentine dance to be held in Wabash Feb. 13 and the district basketball tournament to be held in February. Gary Shoaf of Adams county is district basketball chairman.

Adams county members and rural young people interested in attending are reminded to meet at the county extension office, Decatur, at 6:30 p.m. Monday to go to Wabash.

## Nearly Half Inch Of Rainfall In Decatur

The steady, but light amounts of rain in Decatur last night and this morning added to a total of only .47 inches of precipitation and boosted the St. Mary's river to only 11.86 feet according to Decatur weather observer Louis Landrum.

Thursday's reading of the swollen river was 11.48, a drop from Wednesday's flood threat of near 13 feet. The change in temperature brought about a light touch of snow this morning about 10:30 a.m. as the rain changed to a soggy snow. Police reports indicate that the road conditions however, are not considered dangerous.

## 20 Years Ago Today

Jan. 15, 1940—Dr. G. I. Christie, head of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario, Canada, will be the speaker at the closing dinner of the Purdue agricultural short course in Decatur Oct. 15.

Elmer Nussbaum was elected president of the 4-H junior leaders of Adams county. Other officers are: Hazel Yake, vice president; Lydia Froese, secretary-treasurer; Vera Behold, news reporter; Alice Reinking, song leader.

Mrs. Lettie Peters has retired after 21 years as an employee of the First State Bank.

Simoon Weiland, 92, former Decatur resident, died at his home in Robinson, Ill.

High school basketball results: Delphos St. John's 36, Commodores 24; Fort Wayne Central Catholic 40, Berno 40; Fort Wayne Concordia 49, Monmouth 17; Monroe 45, Hartford 17.

## U.S. Skeptical Over Promised Red Arms Cut

WASHINGTON (UPI)—There is plenty of reason for America's "show me" attitude toward Russian Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's announcement that he will slash the Soviet armed forces. And there is little room for comfort. Even if Khrushchev carried out the 1,200,000-man cut, he still apparently would have the largest military establishment in the world.

Behind U.S. skepticism over the new cut were Allied intelligence reports that Russia has not made anything like the cuts in armed manpower that it previously has announced.

Moreover, in telling the Supreme Soviet Thursday that he would reduce military forces by one-third, Khrushchev gave himself two years to carry out the promise.

**Propaganda Weapon**  
During that time, he could capitalize on the propaganda value of the promise even if later he found some reason not to make good on the reduction.

Another reason for U. S. skepticism is Khrushchev's statement that Soviet military forces now number 3,623,000 men. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization estimates Russia's armed manpower at 4,500,000.

The newest promised reduction brings to 3,040,000 the number of men Russia has said it would cut from its armed forces since August, 1955.

All evidence indicates Russia politically has adopted the massive retrenchment concept originated by the U. S. Air Force after World War II. But militarily the Soviet Union has continued its preparations for all kinds of wars and has built flexible forces for the purpose.

**To Stockpile Rockets**  
For example, at the same time Khrushchev promised to cut Soviet manpower, he said Russia would continue piling up nuclear rockets—a massive deterrent against any U.S. attack.

The Russian leader also spoke of a "fantastic" new Soviet weapon.

If Khrushchev could stalemate or blackmail the United States by rattling his big nuclear weapons, he could use his conventional forces and his tactical atomic weapons to threaten or actually carry out aggression and expand his empire.

In setting Soviet armed forces at 3,623,000 men, Khrushchev evidently did not include the Russian internal security troops and border guards, believed to number upwards of 500,000.

## Indianapolis Man Crushed To Death

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A 46-year-old Indianapolis man was crushed to death today when a fork-lift truck he was operating fell on him as he worked at his job at a truck terminal loading dock.

**INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK**  
INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Live-

stock: Hogs 7,000; fully 25-50 higher; 180-240 lb 12.75-13.50, top 14.00; 240-270 lb 12.00-12.50, few 13.00; 270-300 lb 11.50-12.25; 300-330 lb 11.00-11.50; 330-360 lb 10.50-11.00.

Cattle 400; calves 35; on bought to arrive basis: good steers 24.00; 24-50; good to choice 25.00-26.00; good heifers 24.00; vealers in regular trade about steady; good and choice 31.00-35.00, few 36.00.

Sheep 500; good and choice woolled lambs steady at 16.50-20.00; choice shorn with a few fall shorn strong to 50 higher at 19.00-20.00.

## Twin Boys Are Held On Theft Charges

COLUMBUS, Ind. (UPI)—Sixteen-year-old twin boys were held in Bartholomew County Jail here Thursday on preliminary charges of theft in connection with the theft of automotive parts from a Hartsville junkyard.

**TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' (ABSTRACT) REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1959**  
UNION TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY

Balance	\$ 1,862.49	0.00	0.00	\$ 77.95
Recreration	77.95			
TOTALS	\$23,644.94			\$23,644.94
DETAIL OF RECEIPTS				
Source	Township Fund	Amount		
Taxes - June		\$1003.68		
Taxes - December		\$84.81		
Total Township Fund		\$1088.49		
Total Special School Fund		\$2929.68		
Taxes - June		\$1072.99		
Taxes - December		\$184.03		
State Dist. Transportation		5.75		
State Dist. Highways		8.70		
Gregg Knittle		2.75		
Handie Abbott		2.75		
Total Special School Fund		\$7115.54		
Total Dog Fund		\$1072.99		
Taxes - June		\$497.23		
Taxes - December		\$184.03		
Congregational Interest		12.80		
Harold Marbach		5.00		
Harold Eimerick		23.50		
Raymond Eichenauer		23.50		
Total Dog Fund		\$1769.97		
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Dox Tax from Assessor		\$ 194.00		
Total Dog Fund		\$ 194.00		
Recreation Fund	None			
DETAIL OF DISBURSEMENTS				
Classification of Expense	Gross	Amount		
To and To Whom Paid				
Repair of Buildings &				
City of Grounds				
Richard Marbach		\$ 15.00		
Leonard Roth		25.00		
Transfer of Title				
Maurice L. Beauchot		2462.03		
Decatur School Board		125.00		
Omer Merriman		\$83.59		
L. H. Brunner		2097.52		
Kel River Perry				
Central Board School		35.45		
Insurance				
The Suttles Co.		6.80		
Farm Bureau Mutual				
Insurance Co.		155.90		
Transportation of Children				
Central Bureau		1.50		
Frederick Bittner Jr.		1350.00		
Herbert Wiegman		1250.00		
City of Rochelle		750.00		
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the receipts and disbursements of the above named township; that a complete and detailed annual report together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, and that a copy of such annual report is in custody of the chairman of the township advisory board. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.				
WILBUR H. BLAKEY, Trustee				