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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 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 go-and-see 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, Cárdenas, and other cities and towns. Their leader will be the superintendent of Presbyterian church work in Cuba, the Rev. Francisco García, 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 team and a 28 man preaching team met in their 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.

Deceptive Ads Are Charged To Makers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Federal Trade Commission has accused four manufacturers and their advertising agencies of using "deceptive demonstrations" to promote nationally known products on television and in printed ads.

The products were identified as Blue Bonnet margarine; Palmolive Rapid Shave, a shaving cream; new super strength Alcoa Wrap, an aluminum foil, and Pepto-Bismol.

The commission charged Thursday that demonstrations of these products in TV commercials and in some instances in newspapers and magazine ads "do not prove what they purport to prove."

The alleged deceptions included a moisture-producing substance applied to the margarine to produce "flavor gels" and glass or plastic coating on sand to give the "misleading implication" Rapid Shave's moistening qualities would permit even sandpaper to be shaved.

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The Colgate-Palmolive Co., maker of Rapid Shave, insisted in a statement that its shaving cream could shave sandpaper as advertised. It conceded it did not actually use sandpaper in its demonstration—but only because of lighting and other technical problems.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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1. Heavy Duty Backhoe.

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