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ONE OF THE NUMBERED ONES—Cheryl Mielke, 4, mulls over the answers she'll put on her advance census report form in Washington, D.C. Poster reminds us that the government will count us up in April.

## Record Number Of Business Charters

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—An optimistic business report came today from the secretary of state's office showing Indiana set a record high for issuance of new business charters last month.

The December record is 387 new charters starting life in the state in addition to 46 new foreign corporations and 71 new non-profit. The report from Secretary of State John R. Walsh shows 26 dissolutions during the same period.

Most of the new concerns are in the merchandising business, with 100 chartered. Others include 82 in services, 52 in real estate, 43 in manufacturing and 20 in finance.

Leo J. Stemple, corporation counsel for the secretary of state's office, noted that the December report continues an upward trend. The yearly report for 1958-59 also showed a record number of new chartered corporations and record receipts.

Indiana added 2,997 new chartered corporations for the year, compared to 2,056 for the previous year. Total receipts from the year ending last June 30 were \$1,207,032, with domestic corporation filing fees of \$370,639 the major item. Foreign corporation filing

fees at \$230,318 were second. A year ago, the total receipts were \$783,538 and this included the first year in which filing fees had been doubled from one cent to two cents a share.

Stemple said he felt that while the record figures denote a strong economy, much credit for the hike in corporations goes to a 1958 amendment of the internal revenue code.

"Under this change, a small corporation can report the same as an individual or a partnership. A lot of small businesses are now incorporating who had hesitated to do so before," Stemple explained. "Now a small business can elect to be taxed substantially like a partnership but with the advantages of limited liability and perpetual existence gained through incorporation."

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## Stangland Gives Up Battle For Wheat

ALBION, Ind. (UPI)—Farmer Ethan Stangland said today he will load his nine-year-old tractor on a neighbor's truck and haul it 25 miles to Fort Wayne Monday, ending a six-year battle with the government over excessive wheat production on his 175-acre farm.

Stangland, 58, grew 16 acres above his quota in 1954. He was fined \$394, plus interest and court costs, even though he contended the entire crop was fed to livestock.

The government ordered Stangland to give his tractor to federal agents, who will sell it in order to pay the fine, which Stangland estimates to be almost double what it was in 1954.

Although not convinced he is wrong, Stangland said he is giving up the fight because of lack of funds. He estimated he has paid out between \$1,500 to \$2,000 of his own money and about \$1,400 in contributions from many of his supporters in the battle.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Oct. 19 denied Stangland's last appeal which questioned government power in taking a citizen's property to enforce crop quotas.

Stangland said he was not bitter, but the whole situation showed a "breakdown of the morals of the people which has spread to government."

"We just don't follow the Constitution anymore," he said. "People don't have freedom anymore."

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## Sees Possible Cut in Wheat Price Support

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The president of the nation's largest farm organization says there is a "fighting chance" Congress will agree to a sharp cut in government wheat price supports.

Charles B. Shuman, head of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said Thursday his group would propose a new wheat support program under which government price guarantees would be reduced to about \$1.30 per bushel. The present support rate is \$1.77 per bushel.

The Farm Bureau plan, like the administration proposal for slashing wheat supports by about the same amount, also would involve repeal of all government production controls on wheat.

Shuman said the Farm Bureau proposal would call for holding the government's present stockpile of surplus wheat off domestic markets and some foreign markets to avoid interference with the marketing of farmers' future crops.

Details of the Farm Bureau proposals on wheat supports and expansion of the soil bank conservation reserve were drafted by a meeting of the organization's board of directors here earlier this week.

Some 28 million acres of farmland now are lying idle under government rental contracts in the conservation reserve. Under present law, no additional contracts can be signed after the 1960 crop season.

Shuman said the Farm Bureau would favor extension of authority for new contracts. If Congress approves his group's wheat program, the farm organization would seek expansion of the land reserve to cover a total of 60 million acres.

If the wheat plan was rejected, the Farm Bureau would favor expansion only to about 40 million acres.

Most Democratic congressional farm leaders already have served notice they would reject a similar wheat surplus proposal by the administration.

## Cub Scouts Visit Democrat Office

Den 8 of pack 3061 toured the Decatur Daily Democrat office Thursday afternoon to see how a newspaper is operated.

Den mother Colleen Heller took the group through the plant. The boys who made the trip were: Jim Heller, David Clark, James Hammond, Dennis Lee Myers, Kendrick Birch, and Steve Heller.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Decatur, Indiana, will receive sealed bids at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, until the hour of 8:00 P.M., Central Standard Time, the same being 7:00 P.M. Daylight Saving Time, on the 15th day of February, 1960, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following described equipment:

One new and unused 1960 Automobile, Body Style five passenger coach, Color Black. The car purchased shall be equipped with the best quality seat covers, Heavy duty circuit breaker, fresh air heater and defroster, Constant speed windshield wiper, in door controlled automatic Transmission, V8 Engine, Voltage Regulator, in General, of the low cut in high output type capable of an output of 50 Amps at 700 RPM, and one spare wheel and tire.

The Siren, Rear window red lights on the 1958 Chevrolet shall remain the property of the Police Department, City of Decatur, Indiana.

The bid price shall be the total cost of the above equipment less allowance for the property of the Police Department, City of Decatur, Indiana, which shall become the property of the successful bidder except the equipment named above.

Bidders shall submit complete specifications and information covering their equipment as quoted in the bid.

All bids shall be accompanied with a certified check in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). All bids shall be filed with the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Decatur, Indiana on General Bid Form No. 35, prescribed by the State Board of Accounts of the State of Indiana.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Decatur, Indiana reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
Laura A. Basso, Clerk-Treasurer  
Jan. 15, 22

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL

Corner Monroe and Ninth  
Sunday, 3 p.m.—"Walking Wisely in a Wicked World" is the subject of the public Bible lecture to be given by L. D. Bradley, Circuit supervisor from Brooklyn, New York. The public is invited to attend.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m.—Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject "Prove Yourselves My Disciples." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be John 15:8, "My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit and prove yourselves my disciples."

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Bible study using the study aid, "Your Will Be Done On Earth."  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Theocratic Ministry School followed by Kingdom Ministry Service Meeting.

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## Plastic Covers On Telephone Books

The newest thing in glamorous telephone books can be seen in the window of the Citizens Telephone Co. here. And Mrs. Mabel Murray, commercial office manager, hopes many Decatur home-makers like the idea of putting a little sparkle in an item that usually is a listless gray.

The display ties in with the company's promotion of a plain transparent plastic telephone book cover. The firm has come up with a novel idea that is worth more than a passing glance.

Developed at Nappanee branch of the local phone company by LaMar S. Stoops, an exchange executive, the plastic cover has received nationwide acclaim beyond the most fanciful expectations. Selling the product at 25 cents each, the cover does the primary job of keeping the book usable for several years.

But in the hands of a resourceful housewife, the cover can become a thing of beauty and utility. Emergency numbers can be listed within the cover and easily read. Others have put snapshots of the family youngsters, or other loved ones on the cover. Original paintings have appeared within the confines of the plastic cover, and even a few pin-ups! This, of course was not the work of mother.

The cover also ends the plight of ever-present doodlers. With the new innovation, whisk of a damp cloth will remove any doodling marks made with pen, pencil, or crayon. Greasy finger marks can also be done away with by this clever invention.

Mrs. Murray further added that feature articles on the plastic product have appeared in various industry publications, including several by Stoops. She invites all Decatur customers to stop by and look at the display and to inquire about the plastic covers.

## Runaway Heiress Observes Birthday

PARIS (UPI)—Heiress Gamble Benedict, who is taking a chance on love, got one of the birthday presents today she wanted — a legal opinion that her wealthy grandmother cannot force her to leave her married boy friend.

The New York debutante celebrated her 19th birthday today in the guarded apartment she is sharing with Andre Porumbescu, the 34-year-old former clerk and interpreter with whom she fled New York in December, and their lawyer.

She swore it was only the first of the many anniversaries she and Andre will spend together. There weren't many presents for the elopers who arrived here with their pockets full of dreams rather than cash. They did come out of their romantic haze long enough to sell the exclusive rights to their love story to several publications.

The present that delighted the couple most came from their friend and lawyer, silver-haired Jean Cosaccesco, who is putting them up in his apartment.

Cosaccesco represents the interests of Emigre Romanian royalty here. And when he heard that Gamble's grandmother and guardian was sending a lawyer to Paris he anticipated a courtroom battle might be in the offing. He asked French and American lawyers for their interpretation of the law.

They reported that since the

debutante is over 18 she is free to make her own decisions about her life and love. On the basis of known facts the couple have violated no law even though Porumbescu is married and the father of a 10-year-old girl, Gigi.

Management of the two newspapers was notified last July of the existence of provisional ANG units and a formal request for bargaining recognition was made at that time.

The NLRB heard testimony Nov. 28 and ordered an election held Jan. 14 under the supervision of NLRB Field Examiner Robert Mayberry, Chicago.

The enemies a man makes by being decisive have more respect for him than the friends he makes by being on the fence.

## Fort Wayne Newsmen Vote Against Guild

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UPI)—Editorial employees of the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette and News-Sentinel voted Thursday against having the American Newspaper Guild as their bargaining agent.

Representation by the Guild was voted down in separate elections supervised by the National Labor Relations Board.

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## Four Persons Killed In Indiana Traffic

United Press International  
At least four persons died in traffic accidents in Indiana Thursday, boosting the 1960 fatality toll to 42—an average of exactly three per day.

If the three-day average held up for the entire year, the 1960 toll would be slightly below that of 1959.

A fifth victim died Thursday of injuries received in a crash earlier this month.

Dennis Crocker, 6, Mishawaka, was run over and killed by a car on a city street in his home town. Police said the lad ran into the path of a car driven by Donald Rumsey, 23, Mishawaka.

Mrs. Val Finke, 50, Huntingburg, was killed when her car skidded on rain-slick Ind. 62 about two miles west of Boonville and hit a tree. A passenger, Mrs. Anna Stapleton, 54, Huntingburg, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, in serious condition.

Killed earlier Thursday were Jeffrey N. Hitter, 19, Lafayette, and Mrs. Stella Cayton, 66, Indianapolis.

Frank Blumh, 76, LaPorte, died at Holy Family Hospital in LaPorte Thursday of injuries received when his car collided with another on U.S. 6 near his home town Jan. 9.

## Three Drivers Fined On Traffic Charges

Three motorists received \$1 and costs fines in justice of the peace court after being arrested by state police on various charges.

Gerald E. Grove, 38, of route 6, Decatur, pleaded guilty to driving on the wrong side of the road while not passing. He was arrested on count road 31 at 4:50 p. m. Jan. 12 by state police. He appeared at 4 p. m. Thursday.

Thomas E. Walker, 31, of Lafayette, paid \$1 and costs for speeding on U. S. 224 about four miles east of Decatur. Donald E. Hoile, 31, of Kendallville, paid \$1 and costs for speeding on U. S. 27 about five miles north of Decatur. The case against Muri Duane Yoder, of Berne, for failure to yield, was continued to Jan. 18 at 7:30 p. m.

## Motor Vehicle Tax Collections Higher

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—State Auditor Albert Steinwedel said today that motor vehicle tax collections during the quarter ending Dec. 31 were up almost four per cent from collections in the corresponding period of 1958.

Collections totaled \$36,185,296. Of that, \$24,750,718 represented fuel tax receipts. The remainder was motor vehicle fees.

Collections for all of 1959 increased by 4.7 per cent over 1958. Fuel tax revenue last year totaled nearly 99 million dollars and vehicle fees more than 37 million dollars.

The totals in 1958 were about 94 millions and 36 millions, respectively.

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