

SOCIETY

RICHARD LINN SPEAKS AT NORTHWEST P.T.A. MEETING

Richard Linn, director of the Decatur Youth and Community Center, was guest speaker at the Northwest school P.T.A. meeting Thursday evening. "Northwest Sings" was the theme of the meeting, which opened with community singing led by Mrs. Hubert Feasel, accompanied on the piano by Paul Liechty.

The meeting was then called to order by the president, Mrs. Arthur Beeler. The Rev. C. E. Lykins of the Church of the Nazarene was in charge of the devotions in the absence of the Rev. Gerald Gerig. It was announced that the Cubs, Brownies, and Scouts of the Northwest school will prepare a special founder's day program for the February meeting.

The program was then turned over to Mrs. Robert Christen, who introduced the guest speaker. Linn related how the center grew from the dreams of students in 1948 and 1949 into the fine and functional building it is today. He gave detailed statistics pertaining to the growth of the center and described some of the projects planned for the future. One of the largest and most elaborate exhibits ever to be held in Decatur, he revealed, will be one shown during the Indiana rural letter carriers convention early this summer. Linn concluded his talk by pointing out that the Center belongs to each and every one and urged all to take advantage of its many facilities.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Goodnight Ladies". The hospitality committee served refreshments during the social hour.

OBSERVES 85TH BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Amos J. Lewton, Root township, was guest of honor Sunday afternoon at a surprise birthday party and open house in observance of his 85th birthday. Eighty to ninety

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Miss Myers Betrothed To Roderick K. Bowen

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Myers of Monroe, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Evelyn, to Roderick Keith Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Bowen, Wilshire, O.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Pleasant Mills high school, is employed by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne. Her fiance graduated from Wilshire high school and is employed by the Aerquip Corporation of Van Wert.

No date has been set for the wedding.

neighbors and relatives joined in the festivities.

Relatives from out of town included a son, Louis, from Detroit, Mich., a daughter, Mrs. Florence Funk of Mishawaka, Mrs. Charles Keeler, a granddaughter from South Bend, a nephew, Lawrence Lewton of Huntington, and another son, Lloyd of Marion.

Mr. Lewton resides with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewton.

MRS. GERIG HONORED WITH SURPRISE SHOWER

A surprise baby shower was held recently by the ladies of the Decatur Missionary church in honor of Mrs. Gerald Gerig.

Upon her arrival, the guest of honor was presented with a corsage of pink carnations. Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Ed Summers, Mrs. Eugene Beam, Mrs. Mervin Rupp, Mrs. Beverly Buckingham, and Mrs. Lyle Crow. The prizes were in turn presented to Mrs. Gerig. After she had opened her many gifts, refreshments of ice cream, cookies, coffee, candy, and nuts were served by Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Mrs. Mervin Rupp, Mrs. Harold Idlewine, and Mrs. Jack Rayer. The decorating and game committee consisted of Mrs. Lawrence Gallogly, Mrs. Norman Hart, and Mrs. Ernie Belella.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS AT 4TH DISTRICT MEETING

Several members of the American Legion Auxiliary 43 attended the recent fourth district auxiliary meeting at Unit 82 in Fort Wayne. Those attending were Mrs. T. C. Smith, Mrs. Melvin Luhman, Mrs. Ed Bauer, Mrs. James Baker, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Lloyd Bowman, Mrs. Herman Colchin, Mrs. Howard Eley, and Mrs. R. C. Hersh.

The auxiliary will hold a social meeting Friday at 8 p.m. at the Legion home. There will be a jewelry party the first part of the evening, with cards and lunch following. Members are asked to bring guests.

JUNIOR ARTS GIVE PROGRAM AT WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Juniors Arts Department of the Decatur Woman's club was

in charge of the program for the general meeting held Monday evening at the Decatur Youth and Community Center.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. R. C. Hersh, president. Mrs. B. G. Thomas led the devotions. Mrs. Hersh announced the state federation mid-winter council meeting to be held February 1 and 2 at the Lincoln Sheridan Hotel in Indianapolis. She then read a new year resolution stressing the fact that today is more important than yesterday and tomorrow.

Miss Bertha Heller, chairman of the nominating committee, read the slate of officers nominated to fill a two-year term, which were then voted on by the general body.

The new officers are as follows: Mrs. Leo Curtin, president; Mrs. Reid Erikson, first vice president; Miss Frances Dugan, second vice president; Mrs. Harry Daley, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Cowens, treasurer.

The program, given by the Junior Arts girls, was a skit entitled the "Jackie Paar Show." The cast

MRS. KRUSE NEW PRESIDENT OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Zion Lutheran Missionary Society met recently with thirty-one members present. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. Raymond McDougal gave the prayer. Mrs. John Kies, outgoing president, presided over the first part of the meeting, and in turn introduced the new president, Mrs. Norman Kruse.

Yearly reports of the various committees were heard, and new committees for the coming year were announced. Important business of the day included the apportioning of money earned in 1959 to various funds and charities.

Mrs. Paul Busse, Sr., won the attendance prize, and the contest during the social hour was won by Mrs. Louis Jacobs and Mrs. Paul Busse, Sr.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. Norman Kruse, Mrs. Henry Krueckeberg, Mrs. Harry Sheets, and Mrs. Kenneth Schnepp.

Locals

The Christian Companion class of the Trinity E.U.B. church spent Saturday evening at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, where they attended the Komet Hockey game. Approximately 30 members were present.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Burner have returned to their home at 422 Stratton Way after completing four months of service at the First Christian church in Muskegon, Mich. Rev. Burner served as interim minister there until a new pastor could be called and installed. Starting Sunday, he will serve as minister for the Ada, Ohio Christian church until their new pastor arrives.

Elmer Dwarachter, former Decatur resident now living in Fort Wayne, is convalescing at the Veterans' hospital, Fort Wayne. His mailing address is ward 4 "E" in care of the hospital.

Word has been received of a change of address of Pvt. Joseph F. Kohn, now stationed in Fort Sill, Okla. His new address is: BR 16632075, "C" Btry., Bldg. 3750, 7th Tng. Bn. USATC-FA, Fort Sill, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Harper left today for Phoenix, Ariz. Following a short stay in Phoenix, they will travel to California to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ault, who live in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Pierce Harnish, of Bluffton, father of Mrs. Fred Corah of Decatur, writes from Phoenix, Ariz., that it has been raining so often out there that the cotton crop may not be harvested.

Four Whitley county youths, 16 and 17 years of age, including one girl, have been arrested and charged with shooting out 37 street lights in Columbia City last Saturday.

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TUESDAY

Merry Matrons Home Demonstration club, Mrs. Walter Thieme, 7:30 p.m.

Tri Kappa sorority, Boy Scout room of Youth Center, 8 p.m.

Pocahontas Lodge, Red Men Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Eta Tau Sigma, Mrs. Lawrence Rash, 8 p.m.

Kum-Join-Us class of the Bethany E.U.B. church basement, 7:30 p.m.

Loyal Daughters class of Bethany E.U.B. church, Mrs. George Hamma, 7:30 p.m.

Church Mothers study club, Mrs. Ed Summers, 8 p.m.

Decatur Garden club, Mrs. Don MacLean, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Profit and Pleasure Home Economics club, Mrs. Oscar Miller, 9:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Emmaus Guild, parish hall basement, 8 p.m.

Decatur Home Demonstration club, Catholic Ladies of Columbia Hall, 2 p.m.

Historical club, Mrs. James Borders, 2 p.m.

Ladies Shakespeare club, Mrs. C. D. Teeple, 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Friendship Village Home Demonstration club, St. Mary's and Blue Creek Conservation building, 1:30 p.m.

Installation of Rainbow Girls, Masonic Hall, 7 p.m.

Do-Your-Best Sunday School class of Trinity E.U.B. church, at the church, 7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Needle club, parish hall, 10 a.m.

So-Cha-Rea, Mrs. R. C. Hersh, 7:30 p.m.

Past Matrons club, Mrs. Joe Morris, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

American Legion Auxiliary 43, Legion Home, 8 p.m.

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MONDAY

Pythian Sisters Needle club, Moose Home, 7:30 p.m.

St. Ambrose study club, Mrs. Oscar Miller, 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran church of Celina, O., will try to raise \$250,000 over a three-year period in order to begin building a new church.

Attorney D. Burdette Custer of Decatur, who is a reserve air force colonel, reported a rough trip from Denver, Colo., to Indianapolis Sunday, returning from a business trip there. Col. Custer is in the purchasing contracts division of the Chicago reserve headquarters. The C-119 on which he was a passenger was unable to stop as scheduled in Nebraska or Iowa, and finally landed in Indianapolis.

Snow was reported throughout the state most of the morning. But it was mostly in very light flurries, buffeted by gusty winds up to more than 30 miles per hour. The snow was enough to create scattered highway hazards.

But the situation generally was nothing to compare with snowstorms upstate Indiana normally experiences frequently in the average winter.

Snow to a depth of four or more inches plagued the area, creating road hazards which state highway maintenance officials said were being rapidly eliminated by sanding and chemicals.

Snow still was falling after noon today, but mostly in light flurries around the state.

Flurries were expected throughout the day, locally heavy in a north strip.

Temperatures fell to the low 20s all around the state early this morning, including 20 at Lafayette, 16 at Chicago, 22 at Terre Haute, 25 at Evansville and South Bend, 24 at Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

Lows tonight will be near 10 north, near 15 central, and 14 to 18 south. Wednesday highs will be in the low 20s, and Thursday will be continued cold, the weatherman said.

Wind gusts added to the wintry setting. Wind velocity ranged from 14 at Evansville to 23 at Lafayette, with gusts up to 35 miles per hour at Fort Wayne.

Births

At the Adams county memorial hospital:

Franklin and Marie Rempe Hobrock, route 1, Decatur, are parents of a six pound, nine ounce son, born at 1:05 p.m. Sunday.

At 3:05 p.m. Monday, a baby girl weighing eight pounds, five ounces was born to Henry and Elizabeth Eicher Schwartz, Berne.

A son was born at 6 p.m. Monday to Leonard and Vernelle Haeberger Zurcher, Berne. The baby weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Enos and Maryanne Hiltz Girod, route 1, Monroe, are parents of a son weighing five pounds, four ounces, born at 10:34 p.m. Monday.

At 6:58 this morning, daughter weighing eight pounds, five and three-fourths ounces was born to John and Mildred Deyens-roth Bird, route 3, Decatur.

Both Shannon and all clerical personnel will share in the second place prize money, Davis said.

The contest was sponsored by Miller-Jones to help establish shoe stores as the logical place to purchase hosiery.

Top License Plate Offer Is Now \$85

The top bid of \$80 by Leo A. King, Sr., of route 1, Decatur, lasted only a few short minutes as the Adams County Trailer Sales Co. tacked on an additional \$5, making it \$85 for the new license plate, JA-1960.

According to Mrs. Lavelle Death, license branch manager, the bidding is one of the most competitive in recent years. This year, the proceeds from the license plate bidding will go to the Adams County Cancer Society. The bid price does not include the price of the plates, however.

Bids will be accepted until Feb. 29th with the deadline for the purchase of plates. Any individual or business firm may enter the bidding competition for the worthy cause by calling the license branch office at 3-3803, or the Daily Democrat at 3-2121.

A representative of the Indiana gross income tax board will be in Decatur four times before the tax deadline to assist any resident with problems encountered with gross income tax. The man will set up business hours from 1 to 4 p.m. at the license branch office at 122 N. First street. The dates he will be at the office for local counseling will be Jan. 20 and 27, and Feb. 17 and 24.

The top bid of \$80 by Leo A. King, Sr., of route 1, Decatur, lasted only a few short minutes as the Adams County Trailer Sales Co. tacked on an additional \$5, making it \$8