



Miss Dorene Kay Beery

Miss Beery Betrothed To Larry Rodocker

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Beery, route 2, Decatur, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their eldest daughter, Dorene Kay, to Larry Lee Rodocker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Rodocker, 1616 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne.

Miss Beery is a graduate of Monmouth high school and attended Indiana University Center. She is presently employed in the X-ray department of the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne, where she is a medical secretary. Rodocker was graduated from North Side high school in Fort Wayne and is junior at Manchester College in North Manchester, majoring in business.

The couple is planning an August wedding in the Magley United Church of Christ.

Inspect River Area After Flood Feared

After an inspection of the Wabash river, near county road 25, two county officials said this morning that "there is no immediate danger from the river cresting over the road."

County surveyor Herman Moellering and county highway supervisor Lawrence Noll inspected the area in question after Chester Armstrong, who lives about a quarter of a mile from the sharp bend in the river, had requested that the county commissioners look into the matter.

Armstrong had told the commissioners that he feared the river would encroach on the road right-of-way, endangering school buses and other transportation on that road. A sharp bend in the river just east of county road 31½ puts the bank of the river quite close to the county line road 25 after swelling of the river waters. Armstrong suggests that the county cut away some of the sharpness in the bend, alleviating the possibility of the water reaching the road.

The question, however, which remains to be answered, is whether or not a county has the right to interfere with the path of a river. When this question is resolved, the commissioners say, then the problem can be adequately handled.

Philip Byron Joins In Bank At Elkhart

Philip E. Byron, Jr., Elkhart attorney well known in Decatur, has been named vice president and trust officer of the St. Joseph Valley Bank in that city, effective Feb. 1. His appointment was announced by L. S. Armstrong, president of the banking institution.

Byron's wife is the former Miss Josephine Archbold, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Roy Archbold of this city.

A resident of Elkhart since 1949, Byron will discontinue the general practice of law, will assume direction of the trust department of the bank and will be associated with present members of the trust staff in diversified and expanded services.

He was educated in the schools at Peru and received his LL. B. degree at Indiana University in 1934 and practiced law in Peru until 1940. He was an associate solicitor in the U.S. department of labor until 1942, then served as an officer in the U.S. Navy until 1946. He practiced law in Columbia City until moving to Elkhart 10 years ago. He was recently appointed as a member of the Indiana department of financial institutions.

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SOCIETY

HISTORICAL CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. BORDERS

Mrs. James Borders was hostess Wednesday afternoon for the January meeting of the Historical club.

Mrs. Hersel Nash led the club to open the meeting. Members answered roll call with quotations. Mrs. Blanche Robinson called for current events and read a paper on "Our American Heritage".

After a brief business session, refreshments were furnished.

SALEM GIRLS GUILD HOLDS RECENT MEETING

The Salem Evangelical and Reformed Girls' Guild of Magley met recently in the home of Susan Melmrich. Winifred Mankey served as leader.

The meeting began with the group singing "O Jesus, I Have Promised." The lesson, "Seeing Things Just As They Are," was followed by prayer and a hymn.

A short business session followed the program. Officers for 1960 are: Nyla Girod, president; Janet Shaffer, vice president; Winifred Mankey, secretary; Helen Reppert, treasurer; Ruth Ann Beery, pianist. Mrs. Rolland Scherry and Mrs. Darrell Arnold are counselors. A social hour followed the meeting.

SCOUTS ATTEND OUTING AT HANNA-NUTTMAN PARK

Approximately 72 intermediate and senior Scouts and ten leaders attended the Winter Wonderland carnival Saturday at the Girl Scout shelter at Hanna-Nuttman Park.

Following the flag ceremony, the girls were divided into six groups and participated in games. At noon the scouts enjoyed sack lunches and hot chocolate.

After lunch, the group popped corn over the open fire and viewed colored slides of area day camps. The Brownie outing will be held January 30.

VALPO CHAPEL CHOIR HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Plans have been completed for the visit of the Valparaiso University chapel choir Monday, according to Mrs. Paul Wolf, chairman of arrangements.

The choir will present a concert Monday evening at eight o'clock at the Zion Lutheran church. The 40-voice group will arrive in mid-afternoon and after a short practice session, will be served dinner by a committee consisting of Mrs. Don Burke and Mrs. Arthur Fiedler, chairmen, and the Mesdames Edgar Thieme, Phil Sauer, and Edgar Krueckeberg. Assisting later in the evening will be Mrs. Arthur Schuller, Mrs. Herbert Franke, Mrs. Lloyd Bowman, and Mrs. Ernest Ehlerding.

Families in the Decatur area who will host the choir members on their over-night stay include the Alton Bittner, Henry Krueckeberg, Richard Ludwig, Walter Stoenhagen, Robert Zwick, William Justice, Earl Caston, Jim Wall, Robert Freeby, Lloyd Bowman, Ray Leitz, Frank Braun, Ray McDougal, Clarence Dersch, Chester Kleincknight, Robert Nyffeler, Harold Zwick, Richard Fuelling, Herman Krueckeberg, and Louis Jacobs families.

The choir will leave at eight o'clock Tuesday morning for Evansville. Concerts will also be given in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Florida, Miami, Jefferson City, Mo., and Jacobs family.

Mrs. Herman Krueckeberg is assisting Mrs. Wolf as housing chairman. Mrs. Louis Jacobs is in charge of publicity.

The 125 members of the Decatur circuit chapter of the Valparaiso University guild, from the ten Lutheran congregations in this area, are sponsoring the concert. The public is invited.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT TUESDAY MEETING

Miss Lois Folk installed officers for the coming year at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Merry Matrons Home Demonstration club, held at the home of Mrs. Walter Thieme.

Installed were Mrs. Erwin Fuelling, president; Mrs. Wilbur Thieme, vice president; Mrs. Vincent Wurm, secretary; Mrs. Otto Boerger, treasurer; Mrs. Glen Lehrman, news reporter; Mrs. Louis Krueckeberg and Mrs. William Boerger, leaders; Mrs. Richard Marbach, alternate leader; Mrs. Ed Gerber, health and safety leader; Mrs. Wilmer Grote, citizenship leader; and Mrs. Otto Thieme, song leader.

Mrs. Art Krueckeberg gave the history on the song of the month and the devotions for the evening. The lesson "Our Schools" was presented by Mrs. Louis Krueckeberg and Mrs. Richard Marbach. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and new club books were distributed. Twelve members and one guest were present.

Following games and entertainment, Mrs. Art Krueckeberg assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

RECENT MEETING FEATURES LESSON ON CERAMICS

Handicraft art was the theme of the recent January social meeting for members of the Alpha Sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa. The group met Tuesday evening in the Boy Scout room of the Decatur Youth and Community Center, which had been turned into a ceramic studio for the evening.

Mrs. Joe Morris, local ceramist, was introduced by Mrs. Richard Mies, co-chairman of the evening's program.

Starting with the first step in ceramics, that of preparing the "slip," Mrs. Morris demonstrated the techniques involved with producing a finished product, in this particular case a clutch ash tray.

Prior to the program, the committee had set up the "studio" with water jars, cleaning tools, grit cloths and sponges, which the 27 members later used in completing an ash tray of their own. These ash trays, which had been partially "cured," were cleaned and prepared for glazing by each of the individual members, who later chose colors and completed the glaze process. Mrs. Morris will complete the firing (or baking) of these pieces and they will then be returned to the club women.

Assisting Mrs. Morris throughout the evening were Mrs. Dale and Miss Sandra Strickler. Ice-cold drinks were served by the committee throughout the working period, and at its completion, dessert and coffee were served in the Girl Scout room. Assisting Mrs. Mies as co-chairman of arrangements was Mrs. Richard Johnson. Other committee members included Mrs. John Brecht, Mrs. James Eble, Miss Janice Morris, and Miss Karen Robinson.

Any girls in the sixth grade at the Lincoln school interested in joining a girls' club may phone 3-4492 to obtain further information and details.

Reynolds Electric Awarded Contract

Reynolds Electric, of Decatur, has been awarded the wiring contract for the new building for the Presbyterian church at Bluffton.

The general construction contract was awarded to the M. W. Habegger Co. of Berne, at \$123,890, and the heating, plumbing and venting contract was awarded to Liechty Bros., also of Berne.

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None Would Sign Oath

Some of them, notably Humphrey, said the Democratic Party could do without the South and seemed eager to have it that way. They put elder statesmen of the three southern states on a spot from which they might be expected to take a walk. But the Southerners refused to walk, preferring that the convention throw them out, if leave they must. The dispute was whether leaders of the three delegations must sign a loyalty oath assuring that the convention's nominees would be on southern ballots under the symbol or the name of the Democratic Party.

None would sign, although all explained that state laws guaranteed precisely what the loyalty oath sought to impose. The convention had adopted the oath which meant that non-signers were excluded. On a motion to re-establish the Virginia delegation as voting conventioneers, Virginia was beaten when the roll call ended. Everybody in the suddenly hushed convention hall knew it especially Mr. Sam. Then the old pro began to move.

Mr. Sam Wins

Chairman Rayburn held the voting open. He and others who believed Moody's oath would wreck the party on election day were determined to get all three states back into the convention, or else.

Rayburn decided to reverse the anti-Virginia vote. His teeth gritting in anger, his eyes glaring with cold fury, Mr. Sam whacked his gavel.

Did any state desire to be polled? Was there any delegate unrecorded? Did any delegate or delegation desire to change his vote? Mr. Sam stalled and milked that anti-Virginia majority for wavering votes. Vote changes rolled in by ones, triples and more. The old pro triumphed. The final result was 615-529 for making Virginia a convention member. The northern alliance of the Democratic Party with organized labor, Negroes, Americans for Democratic Action and other splinter groups had been shellacked as in wild and woolly a balloting as the party ever had.

Mr. Sam gavelling down, persuaded the convention to vote down, or he ruled down, every strategy of the left wing. The night of July 24-25 might have wrecked the Democrat Party, but for old pro Rayburn. The Democrats may wish they had him again this year.

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