

SOCIETY

WESLEY CLASS HOLDS

POTLUCK DINNER THURSDAY

Silhouettes of Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington decorated the tables in the dining room of the First Methodist church Thursday evening for the potluck carry-in dinner held by the Wesley Sunday school class. American flags also formed part of the attractive decorations.

During the business meeting, conducted by the president, Mrs. Robert Rice, the minutes of the last meeting were read by vice president, Bill Lister, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Mildred Gay. Reports were made on cards sent to members who were sick.

The group acknowledged members having birthdays in January and February. Heart-shaped cookies, baked by Mrs. Tim Sprague, were given to them as birthday favors. Mrs. George Helm was in charge of the devotions and entertainment in the form of games was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lister.

Hosts and hostesses for the evening were Mrs. George Helm, Mrs. Mildred Gay, Mrs. Walter Krick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lister, and Mrs. Sprague. Decorations were made by Mrs. Sprague.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS AT

RECENT WAFFLE SUPPER

Mrs. Lilah Neil and Mrs. Bertha Lanning entertained with a sausage and waffle supper Friday evening at 6:30 at their home on North Second street.

Guests included Mrs. Anna Vance, Mrs. Bertha Heuer, Mrs. Effie Brodbeck, and Mrs. Ada Lower.

SO-CHA-REA MEETS

WITH MRS. DICK EHINGER

Members of So-Cha-Rea were entertained by Mrs. Dick Elinger at her home Thursday evening for dessert-bridge.

After a brief business meeting, the ladies enjoyed refreshments of coffee and dessert and completed five games of bridge. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Al Scheiner and Mrs. Clyde Butler. Mrs. Harry Sheets was a guest for the evening.

The next meeting will be held February 18 at the home of Miss Virginia Laurent.

The Business and Professional Women's club will hold a dinner meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose home.

Corinthian class of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Dorpus Drum at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Mrs. Paul Daniels will have charge of the study period.

Monday at 6:15 p.m., the Flo-Kan Sunshine Girls will conduct a meeting at the Moose home. All members are urged to attend.

The Washington township Farm Bureau will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Co-operative building in Monroe. Films, door prizes, and refreshments will be featured. A new pet and hobby club is being

formed and children up to 10 years of age are urged to attend.

The Ruth circle of the Presbyterian church will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Spaulding.

Mrs. Jack Heller will be hostess for the Naomi circle of the Presbyterian church at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Presbyterian Mary circle will meet with Mrs. M. A. Frisinger at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Milo Black will be hostess for the Martha circle of the Presbyterian church Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

The Order of Eastern Star will hold a regular stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Hall. There will be no potluck dinner, as was inadvertently stated in Friday's edition of the Democrat.

Mrs. Herman Meyer will be hostess for the St. Dominic study club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Eagles auxiliary will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Eagles hall. A January birthday party will be held.

Admitted: Mrs. Robert Zerby, Geneva; Master Stephen Stoppenhagen, Decatur; Mrs. Andrew Habegger, Berne; Mrs. Chester L. Stevens, Decatur; Mrs. Don Hammond, Fort Wayne.

Dismissed: Master Daniel Droege, Ossian; Martin Fruechte, Decatur; Mrs. David Hinkle, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Joseph J. Schwartz, Berne.

Clubs

Calendar items for each day's publication must be phoned in by 11 a.m. (Saturday 9:30). Phone 3-2121 Sue Estill

SUNDAY

Limberlost Archery and Conservation club, indoor range, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Flo-Kan Sunshine Girls, Moose home, 6:15 p.m.

Washington Township Farm Bureau, Co-op building in Monroe, 7:30 p.m.

Past Presidents Parley of American Legion Auxiliary unit 43, Legion Home, 8 p.m.

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

Decatur Band Boosters, Decatur high school, 7:30 p.m.

Research club, Mrs. O. H. Haulbold, 2:30 p.m.

Literature section of Decatur Woman's club, Mrs. R. C. Hersh, 7:45 p.m.

Welcome Wagon club, Mrs. James Enos, 1017 Mercer Ave., 8 p.m.

Merrier Mondays home demonstration club, Mrs. Jim Arnold, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

St. Dominic study club, Mrs. Herman Meyer, 7:30 p.m.

Eagles Auxiliary, Eagles hall, 8 p.m.

Olive Rebekah Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall, 7:30 p.m.

W.S.W.S. of Trinity E.U.B. church, at the church, 7:30 p.m.

Gals and Pals Home Economics club, Pleasant Mills school, 7:30 p.m.

St. Catherine study club, Mrs. Jack Brunton, 8 p.m.

Monroe Better Homes demonstration club, Mrs. Martin Hoffman, 7:30 p.m.

Dorcas class of Bethany E.U.B. church, Mrs. Martin Zimmerman, 7:30 p.m.

Delta Theta Tau sorority, Mrs. Forrest Dryer, 8 p.m.

Kirkland W. C. T. U., Mrs. Blanche Henchen, 1:30 p.m.

Rose Garden club, Mrs. C. D. Amick, 2 p.m.

Monmouth P. T. A., Monmouth gym, 7:30 p.m.

Psi Iota Xi sorority, Youth and Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Business and Professional Women's club, Moose home, 6:30 p.m.

Corinthian class of Christian church, Mrs. Dorpus Drum, 7:30 p.m.

Ruth circle of Presbyterian church, Mrs. John Spaulding, 8 p.m.

Naomi circle of Presbyterian church, Mrs. Jack Heller, 8 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes study club, Mrs. John Kintz, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Order of Eastern Star, Masonic hall, 7:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Mary circle, Mrs. M. A. Frisinger, 2:30 p.m.

Martha circle of Presbyterian church, Mrs. Milo Black, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Missionary Society of First Baptist church, lower auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant W.S.C.S., Mrs. Florence Susdorf, 1:30 p.m.

Lutheran Institute Will Open Feb. 16

The 10 congregations of the Lutheran church-Missouri synod in the Decatur area will join the churches in Fort Wayne to sponsor the Fort Wayne Lutheran Bible institute which will be held at Concordia Senior college Tuesday evenings from February 16 through April 5.

A total of eight courses are being offered designed to help laymen become better acquainted with their Bibles. Four of the courses are doctrinal. These include: the book of Jeremiah, the book of Romans, devotional reading of the Bible, and American churches, beliefs and practices.

A second set are considered practical in scope. These are: introduction to teaching; witnessing and personal evangelism; the Christian family, and Christian stewardship.

Instructors include faculty members from the Senior College and Fort Wayne clergymen. The first session begins at 7:30 p.m., with chapel at 8:25 and the second session begins at 8:50 p.m. It is possible to take two courses the same evening.

The program is a part of synod's evangelism thrust for 1960. Interested persons may contact their pastors for a detailed description of the courses and an enrollment blank. Richard Mailand is the contact representative for Zion, Decatur.

Borge To Forego One-Man Formal

By VERNON SCOTT

UPI Hollywood Correspondent HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Victor Borge, in TV town to tape his next video spectacular, will forego his one-man show format for a troupe of singers, dancers and a co-star—Jane Powell.

The delightful Dane announced he is "integrating" himself.

"There are many kinds of entertainment that can't be performed by one person," he explained. "Thus, I'm integrating all sorts of people for the show. Instead of solos I'll be taking part in production numbers."

Borge is not one to minimize his talents. He is the first to admit he introduced the "one man show" to this country.

"Many shows have been called 'one-man,' he went on, 'but they were accompanied by other elements—performers, or chestnuts, piano or violin accompanists. They should be billed as 'one-star shows, not as one-man attractions.'"

"Fortunately, I can combine my piano-playing with satire and perform completely by myself. Both elements integrate very well."

Borge is not a comedian by his own definition.

"A comedian is a performer who reads lines or plays a role," he explained. "I'd rather think of myself as a humorist. A humorist is a creator of funny situations."

"But humor itself is not created," he said, waxing philosophical. "It is a medium, a tool, used to create a situation. Humor can be used to heal, to make a point, to start or avoid a revolution. It is found in every walk of life—and it is up to the humorist to see humor and relate it to other people."

"Humor is my whole life, and I cannot help but see the funny side of almost everything. You must feel humor to define, but it is impossible to take it apart and put it into words."

Borge will include much of his own funny business in his NBC-TV one-hour special Friday, March 18, his third show of the year.

Notes from After Thirty

By JACK HELLER

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE

Steve Edwards, John Krueckberg and Ron Feller formed a triumvirate during their high school days, which ended last Spring. The young men were close friends, but the closeness was broken up when they went to college. Steve went south, to Hanover College near Madison, John went west, to Valparaiso, and Ron headed east, to Heidelberg, at Tiffin, Ohio. Last weekend, Steve journeyed up to Valparaiso to see John, and on Sunday the pair went into Chicago to see the "big city." One of their stops was the museum of science and industry. Ron, traveling with the Heidelberg choir, left Tiffin Saturday on a concert tour that included a stop in Chicago, on Sunday. While in Chicago, the choir had some free time, and a guess where the buses took them—to the museum of science and industry. Three very surprised young men had the opportunity to reform their high school triumvirate, if only for a few hours.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

Mrs. Fred Isch got a "surprise" birthday cake for her birthday yesterday. It was baked by her husband and two small children. While Momma was away Thursday evening, Dad and the kids got out the cake pans and went to work. The mixing and baking went well, and it was time to assemble the surprise. The first thing that went wrong was the cake sticking to the pans. Seems Fred didn't grease them too well. While the cake came out a little crumbly, it was reassembled, and didn't look too bad. At least one layer. Little Lisa, who wanted to help, had to get up on the kitchen counter to be at the right level. In her journeys back and forth, one foot happened to land right in the second layer. This indentation was filled with icing, and it did real well, as the icing was a little stiffer than usual. Anyway, it's not the gift, but the thought behind it that counts.

TO EACH HIS OWN

We read with interest a column by Jim Bishop sent in to us this week by a reader of the Cuba articles. Mr. Bishop has no use for Fidel Castro, and probably has a lot more background, for forming such an opinion than I do. Nonetheless, I would like to take issue with him on two of his points. The first, and a fundamental in journalism, is the fact that according to the article sent in, he hasn't been to Cuba for 13 months. To write what the government "is" doing and how the people "are" feeling after an absence of thirteen months is a stretch of the imagination. But

Waves Of Corruption, Thievery In Cities

By EVERETT R. IRWIN

United Press International

CHICAGO (UPI) — Waves of thievery and corruption pounded today at the shorings of morality in a dozen cities across the nation.

They wet the feet of major politicians, engulfed whole bureaus and departments and threatened in some cities to sweep away public confidence in elected and appointed officials.

Investigations were under way into charges of police burglary, bribe-taking, extortion, payroll padding, influence-peddling and various instances of malfeasance and nonfeasance in office, a United Press International survey showed.

"Everyone is investigating everyone else," Michigan Atty. Gen. Paul L. Adams said of a probe of alleged graft in the Detroit police department.

His comment aptly described the situation not only in Detroit but also in Chicago, New York and smaller cities from New York's Staten Island to the shores of Puget Sound.

Scandals hit hardest at the nation's two largest cities.

A cops-turned-robbers story told by an ex-convict and admitted burglar two weeks ago touched off the arrests of at least 17 Chicago policemen, brought about mass questioning and lie-detector tests of officers, resulted in the resignation of Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor and sparked a grand jury investigation.

While Mayor Richard J. Daley's administration was still rocking from the police scandal, a Cook County (Chicago) grand jury indicted 40 traffic court officials, including three judges and the chief clerk, on charges growing out of the handling of traffic tickets.

The investigation was started after newspapers disclosed that thousands of dollars in traffic fines were siphoned off before they reached the city treasury.

Municipal Court Chief Justice Raymond P. Drymalski, one of the judges indicted in the traffic court case, previously was indicted with seven other persons in a \$250,000 ball bond scandal. The defendants were charged with

probably Mr. Bishop has his contacts and sources that keep him up to date. Then, he goes on to say that Batista was a better ruler than Castro because he ruled with an iron fist. He also admits that Batista was a thief and a murderer. How a government run by a thief and a murderer who rules with an iron hand can be rationalized into a better government than one that makes many mistakes but has shown proof that it is helping the people it governs is more politics than I understand. It would appear that one would have to look at the situation from strictly a political point of view, forgetting about the people who are starving, which, by the way, is the way Latin America feels about our foreign policy.

BACK HOME AGAIN IN

During the past year, we have been fortunate in traveling over a large part of this country, and talking with people from many different states. It seems that Hoosiers have the reputation of ranking second only to Texans in their state pride, and it brings forth the question from many people as to what is Indiana.

Indiana, my friend, is a noisy basketball game. It's a poem by James Whitcomb Riley. It is the crossroads of America. It's a checker game in the back room, or a political speech in the front room.

Indiana is a small boy in torn overalls trudging barefoot down a dusty road, heading for the old swimming hole. Or a millionaire chewing tobacco at the state fair. Indiana is a snow-storm in April and a heat wave in December, and the people are just as independent as the weather.

Make no mistake, Indiana is a state, and not a state of mind. It's the hilly lake country in the north, broad fertile farm lands through the center, and beautiful hills in the south. And it's all Hoosier.

Indiana is the center of the count-states group for reassurance. It try, around which the rest of the is the home of conservatives, sprinkled with liberals. Indiana is where every man is an individual, and every one is a Hoosier.

Indiana is a sum of the past, compressed into the present and pointed at the future. To those Hoosiers who have been forced to move away, we extend our sympathies. To those Americans who have never visited us, we extend our invitations.

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Rocking Chairs For Nation's Hospitals

By GAY PAULEY

UPI Women's Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schapper have no children of their own. But their eagerness to see that tots in one hospital receive tender, loving care has started a project which they hope will spread to child wards across the land.

It is the installation of rocking chairs—to provide an old-fashioned supplement to modern hospital treatment.

"Good hospitals prescribe tender, loving care like they prescribe medicine," said Beatrice Schapper, a tiny, energetic woman in her middle years. "But staff people often are too rushed to provide it. An intern doesn't always have time to pick up a baby and bounce him when he wants to be bounced. This is where mothers, when they can, and volunteers come in."

Primarily, she said, the rockers are for soothing the 1 to 2-year olds, many of whom have been or will be hospitalized for months.

Mrs. Schapper is a free lance writer. Schapper has his own employment agency. The couple long has volunteered for assistance in the children's wards at Mt. Sinai Hospital, located only a few blocks from their apartment. "My husband is one of the best diaperers around," said Mrs. Schapper. "But everytime I visited the wards, I would think how much closer one would feel to a child... and how much more comfortable the adult would be... if we had rockers instead of straight back chairs."

When she took her idea to the Mt. Sinai pediatrics staff, they approved of the rocker project wholeheartedly.

"Then," said Mrs. Schapper, "all I had to do was raise enough money to buy the chairs."

"It came, in the form of a \$300 check from Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Keller, a couple successful in business in Pacific Palisades, Calif., and friends of hers from their student days at the University of Wisconsin."

A furniture manufacturer offered rockers at a special rate, and today, 13 are rockin' away in three of the four children's wards at Mt. Sinai.

(The American Hospital Assn. in Chicago had no figures on how many hospitals have similar pro-

grams. But the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, has used rockers for years. Nurses rock the infants while feeding them, and volunteers in a "Mother Bank" each are given a child to care for all day, every day of its stay.)

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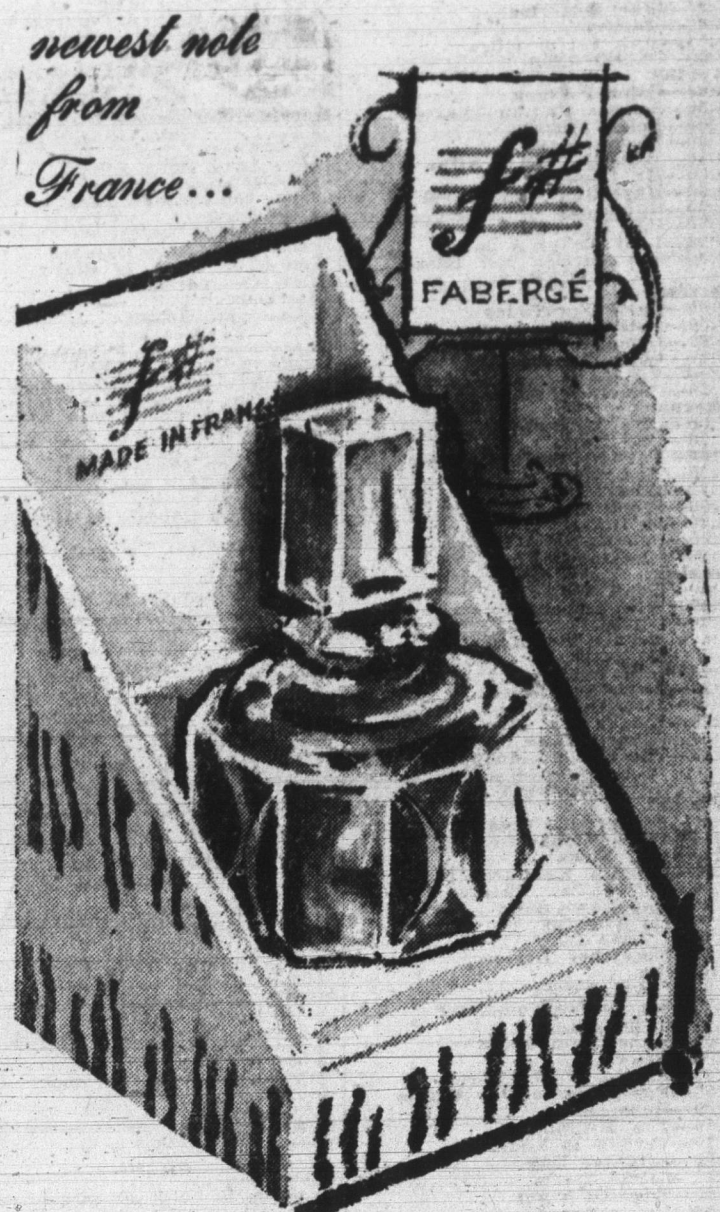
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