

# SOCIETY

## OFFICERS ELECTED, LESSON GIVEN AT CLUB MEETING

The Rose Garden club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Amick.

The meeting opened with a prayer and the conservation pledge, read by the club president, Mrs. Wilbur Stanley. The members then repeated the pledge to the flag in unison.

Mrs. Cecil Gause gave the lesson on "flowering shrubs." She stressed that shrubs functions are three-fold: (1) for screening and landscaping, (2) for foundation planting, and (3) to provide color in the garden.

Following roll call, Mrs. Frank Crist, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved by the group. Election of officers was then held, with the incumbent officers elected for another year. They are: president, Mrs. Wilbur Stanley; vice president, Mrs. Richard Maitland; secretary, Mrs. Frank Crist; and treasurer, Mrs. Harry Hebble.

Announcement was made of the state convention of garden clubs to be held at the Terre Haute house in Terre Haute, April 29 and 30.

The meeting was adjourned with the Mizpah benediction. Mrs. Clarence Smith was awarded a prize for a contest. Assisting Mrs. Amick in serving refreshments was Mrs. Floyd Arnold.

## LOCAL AUXILIARY MAKES PLANS FOR FEBRUARY

Future plans were discussed and completed by the local Eagles auxiliary Tuesday evening at the Eagles hall. The birthday chairman, Mrs. John Morgan, and assistant chairman, Mrs. Clifford Norman, were in charge of the January birthday party.

Among the business topics discussed was the district five meeting at Marion, to be held February 20 at 2 p.m. Transportation arrangements can be made through Mrs. Wesley Morris. A Valentine party will be held at the Eagles hall at 8:30 p.m. February 12. A grab bag will be a highlight of the evening.

The local auxiliary was thanked for its contribution to Manila house, one of the first in Asia which sponsors Y.M.C.A. The local area 2653 extended an invitation to all auxiliary members and friends to attend Saturday night open house for the local polo fund drive.

February 23, the initiation formal will be held with the Van Wert degree team putting on the work and the candidates in honor of the state president, Mildred McCune of Wabash.

## CALVARY E. U. B. LADIES AID MEETS

Mrs. Iona Shifferly was hostess recently for a meeting of the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Ladies Aid.

A song opened the meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Paul Hindenlang, president. Mrs. Harry McCormick offered prayer and the scripture lesson was presented by Mrs. Harry Hamrick. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Hamrick. Twelve members, two visitors, and two children were present.

A reading was given by Mrs. Dessie Johnson, after which the ladies completed their plans for serving food at the Roland Miller sale. The meeting closed with group singing. A light lunch was served by Mrs. Shifferly during the social hour.

## SORORITY CONDUCTS SOCIAL AND BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday evening, members of the Psi Iota Xi sorority held a regular business and social meeting at the Youth and Community Center.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Marian Koontz, who gave a talk on charm. She illustrated to the group the many "dos" and "don'ts" of posture, and emphasized how important correct posture is in feeling at ease and attaining real poise.

Following the talk, a business meeting was held with the president, Mrs. Paul Moore, presiding. Several projects for the future were discussed. It was announced that the next meeting will be a business meeting only and will be held in the Girl Scout room at the Community Center. The social meeting for the coming month will be a theater party March 11. Information on this will be sent to each member.

The evening was then concluded with refreshments served by the committee, Miss Rosemary Gase, Mrs. James Geels, Miss Judy Koors, Miss Ruth Wiegman, Mrs. Paul Moore, and Miss Sue Holt.

## BOOK REVIEW IS PROGRAM FOR LITERATURE SECTION

Thirteen members and one honorary member, Mrs. John Tyndall, of the Literature department of the Woman's club, met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. R. C. Hersh.

Mrs. Jack Knudsen and Mrs. Ed Cook reviewed the book, "How the Queen Reigns," by Dorothy Laird. They pointed out that the queen, the most discussed and most photographed person in the world, is the common bond between all her subjects in the Commonwealth.

Mrs. Ed Cook read a tribute in memory of Mrs. Fanny Dugan, a charter member of the Woman's club and the Literature department.

During the business session, Mrs. Cook appointed Mrs. A. R. Holtzhouse, Mrs. Lewis Smith, and Mrs. David Langston as members of the nominating committee.

Mrs. Hersh, assisted by Miss Bertha Heller, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Knudsen, served refreshments to conclude the meeting.

The V. F. W. Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6236 will conduct a business and social meeting at 8 p.m. Monday at the post home.

Mrs. Tillman Gehrig will be hostess for the Evangelical circle of the Evangelical and Reformed church Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Merry Matrons home demonstration club will meet with Mrs. Irvin Fuelling Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

## Locals

Mrs. Lyle Grimm, route 2, Decatur, who has been ill for some time, has been readmitted to Parkview memorial hospital in Fort Wayne, where she will undergo observation and treatment. She is in room 408.

The condition of O. T. Johnson, of Winter Haven, Fla., is reported much improved. He has been confined in the memorial hospital in that city for the last three weeks, but expects to be released this week. Johnson lived in Adams county for many years, and retired to Florida five years ago.

Miss Angela Andrews of Decatur, employee of the Leland Smith Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne, is reported improving at the Adams county memorial hospital after a recent appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ziner left today for Chicago, Ill., where they will spend two days. Ziner is attending a convention of Culligan dealers, which is held every two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoover, of 515 Mercer avenue, will move Friday to a city near Detroit, where Hoover has been transferred by the Buckeye Ohio Pipeline company.

Irmina Jane Heath, of Convoys, has filed for a divorce in Van Wert circuit court from Charles Wayne Heath of route 3, Van Wert, O., on the grounds of gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty. The parties were married in Decatur, December 28, 1956. They have no children. The plaintiff asks that her maiden name of Waldron be restored.

Larry K. Gerber, 24, of route 4, Bluffton, was ordered released from the Wells county jail Saturday after being fined a total of \$21.75 in city court for reckless driving on that day.

Cathy Schwartz, of Geneva, was dismissed from the Jay county hospital over the weekend.

## Clubs

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

### WEDNESDAY

Pleasant Mills Baptist Women's Missionary society, Mrs. Glen Everett, 7:30 p.m.

American Legion membership banquet, Legion home, 6:30 p.m.

Epsilon Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Elks home, 8 p.m.

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.

Evangelical circle of E and R church, Mrs. Tillman Gehrig, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Phoebe Bible class at the church, 6:15 p.m.

St. Jude study club, Mrs. Ed Kauffman, 8 p.m.

W. S. C. S. of Methodist church, at the church, 11 a.m.

Executive committee of Northwest school, at the school, 7 p.m.

Women of the Moose, Moose home, officers at 7:30 p.m., lodge at 8 p.m.

Queen of Holy Rosary study club, Bernice Adams, 8 p.m.

Decatur Emblem club, Elks home, 8 p.m.

Salem Methodist W.S.C.S., Mrs. Oscar Young, 1:30 p.m.

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 Sudorff, 1:30 p.m.

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

### SUNDAY

Delta Lambda and Xi Alpha Xi chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, Mrs. George Bair, 5:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

Rosary society, K. of C. hall, 8 p.m.

V. F. W. Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6236, Post Home, 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Merry Matrons home demonstration club, Mrs. Irvin Fuelling, 7:30 p.m.

## Lincoln Exhibits At Public Library

With only two more days until Lincoln's birthday, the commemoration of the event has already started at the Decatur public library. Exhibits, books printed in 1852, pictures by Matthew S. Brady, and other antique mementos are on display for residents with an interest in the Civil War and "Honest Abe."

Miss Bertha Heller and Mrs. Martha Heller, librarian and children's librarian, respectively, have arranged the displays for the convenience of local visitors. And Mrs. Heller reports that children's books on Lincoln are really going like hot cakes.

**Topsy and Eva Shown**  
Upstairs in the children's section, a needle point work, which incidentally was purchased in England, of Topsy and little Eva of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," can be seen.

Downstairs, books on the Civil War, written in that era, are on display. They were donated by Mrs. S. E. Leonardson of the antique shop here. She also has other books with "Army Letters" written during the Civil War.

On the same table are single pages taken from the "Harper's Weekly," depicting the prints of Brady, and other historical items of the Civil War and Lincoln's tenure as president. Books on his dramatic debates with Illinois Senator Stephen A. Douglas are also available. The entire library is geared to present the Lincoln story in all its dramatic glory.

**Postal Cards Available**  
An assortment of Lincoln postal cards is also available for those who care to visit the exhibits. Another outstanding feature is a book written in 1867, an original copy, telling of "Woman's Work in the Civil War."

Any and every phase of the great man's life is illustrated. A charcoal sketch upstairs is one of the most striking ever seen. The Lincoln National Life color picture is also there. Lincoln as a boy in Kentucky and Indiana and as a young man in Illinois, or Lincoln as an adult in Washington, or Lincoln as president, can be vividly viewed until his birthday, Feb. 12th, at the library.

## Ex-Hospital Head To Court Friday

William H. Dowling, administrator of the Jay county hospital for about five years prior to his dismissal last Oct. 23, will appear in Jay circuit court Friday at 10 a.m. on his motion to quash 25 grand jury indictments charging him with false claims for some \$29,108.14.

The state board of accounts, in its report Tuesday, indicated that only 22 of the 25 charges are valid. The other three false claims were not paid. Also, there was a discount allowed for cash, which will make the figure for the 22 indictments \$27,625. An additional \$6,986 was also turned up by the board.

Dowling is charged with having set up a dummy corporation, Johnson & Johnson Supply Co., Muncie, and used this to file the claims, collecting the checks himself at the post office address given. There is, of course, a legitimate Johnson & Johnson Supply Co., with a legitimate address.

Dowling is presently free on \$20,000 bond, filed by the mother of the former head nurse at the hospital, who resigned at the same time that Dowling was released.

## Local Man's Father Is Taken By Death

Vance Eugene Curtis, 63, father of Harold Eugene Curtis, of 336 North Ninth street, died suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday at his home in Covington, Ga.

Surviving in addition to the son in Decatur are the wife, another son and four daughters, all living in Georgia, and eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Thursday in Covington.

## Hospital

**ADMITTED**  
Mrs. Sarah Durkin, Decatur; Jacob Baker, Rockford, O.; Sylvan Strahm, Monroe.

**DISMISSED**  
Mrs. William D. Harvey and baby boy, Decatur; Mrs. Matilda Hammond, Decatur; Mrs. Paul H. Gerber, Berne; Darrell Deaton, Monroeville; Laun Miller, Decatur; Elvin Barkley, Monroeville.

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## Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 473 met at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Center. The troop discussed being on TV and practiced their parts. The meeting closed with a song.

Scribe, Nancy Hitchcock

## Nine Teen-agers To Compete For Queen

Nine teen-agers will compete for the 1960 junior corn growers' jubilee beauty queen title Saturday at Purdue University.

W. R. Amick, associate in 4-H work at Purdue and jubilee general chairman, said some 500 farm youths would attend the day-long salute to junior corn champions.

Contestants for the corn queen title are Jane Brosins, 17, Knightstown; Joy Martin, 16, Franklin; Marlene Pearce, 18, route 2, Quincy; Judy Thompson, 15, Marshall; Karen Pfleiderer, 16, Kouts; Caroline Cross, 18, Rushville; Christine Copeland, 16, Waldrin; Carol Kaye Lindeman, 17, South Bend, and Ruth Adams, 16, Columbia City.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Loeb playhouse, Memorial Center, with a concert by the Purdue band featuring Purdue's golden girl, Harold B. Taylor, state 4-H club leader, will welcome the visitors. K. E. Beeson, Purdue extension agronomist, will discuss new crop varieties. A panel of boys will discuss methods used in producing the highest yields in the 1959 junior corn growers contest, and Indiana 4-H champions will be introduced.

A luncheon will be held in the south ballroom of Purdue's Memorial Union at noon. Arthur Mullin of the Indiana Farm Bureau fertilizer department will be toastmaster and Gov. Harold W. Handley will speak. John Stewart, Greensburg, chairman of the junior project for the Indiana crop improvement association, will preside at recognition ceremonies for junior corn growers. The 1960 queen will then be crowned and Purdue's glee club will conclude the day's program.

Delegates from Adams county are Gail Egly, Arlen Gerber, Daniel Lantz, Jr., and Gerald Bulmahn. Leo N. Seltner, county agent, will accompany the group, along with another adult leader.

## Handicraft Workshop In Decatur Friday

Friday is the date of the handicraft workshop to be held at the Youth and Community Center in Decatur, reports Leo N. Seltner, county agent. The workshop is open to anyone wishing to attend to receive further instructions in craft development. The institute is a phase of the national 4-H recreation and rural arts program sponsored by the county extension agents of Indiana, the 4-H club division of Purdue University, and other cooperating agencies.

The workshop will open at 9 a.m. with registration, mixers, songs, announcements, and introductions. At 9:30 a.m. the craft sessions will begin with each person attending going to the craft session of his choice. Following lunch, the workshop will again open at 1 p.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Crafts to be offered during the day include fine arts (crochet, embroidery, etc.), candlemaking, weaving (basic fundamentals, foot-stool project), aluminum, glass etching, wood fiber flowers, leather (billfold or smaller articles), tube and textile painting (all materials, cloth, wood, glass, etc.), and mosaic tile (trivets and trays). Additional information will be available on 4-H crafts, inexpensive crafts, etc.

Instructors will be some of the outstanding workers of handicrafts, with Gordon Jones of the state 4-H club office at Purdue coordinating the program.

All interested persons in handicraft are invited to attend.

## Starling Results In Reading Program

A ten year reading program for children at the Decatur public library has paid off in startling results. The largest total of books ever distributed here reached \$1,652 Tuesday, the first anniversary of the re-opening of the local institution.

Miss Bertha Heller announced that this total surpasses by 20,000 the next previous high for any given year. Celebrating the anniversary with a normal work day, Miss Heller, the librarian; Miss Etta Malonee, the assistant librarian, and Mrs. Martha Heller, the children's librarian, went about their jobs as usual.

The library re-opened Feb. 9, a year ago, after undergoing extensive remodeling on the inside and out. The first day they re-opened, more than 500 books were let out.

Of the total, 24,634 went to adults, while an astounding 57,248 went to children. This more than doubled the adult output. As Miss Heller puts it, "We started the summer reading program 10 years ago because the adults were so far ahead of the children in obtaining books. Well, now it looks like we'll have to start another reading program — for the adults."

She noted that the adult figure has not lessened over the years, but the children's number has so fantastically increased.

## Ohio, Pennsylvania Amish Fight Schools

The battle of the Amish against attending public schools still rages in Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to press releases this week. In Indiana, however, the Amish are currently abiding by the state statutes.

In Kenton, O., the Hardin county Amish are still struggling to keep in operation their two sect schools against opposition from the Hardin county board of education. And in Moriantown, Pa., some members of the sect, proclaiming that "their faith is older than the government," refuse to send their children to a newly constructed \$2,000,000 school.

In both instances, the plea of the Amish is that "the public schools are too worldly."

At Hardin county, the board of education recently won a common pleas court injunction to close the school, but the battle is far from over. The injunction was recently stayed by the appeals court. The claim of the county is that the schools are sub-standard.

Amish Bishop Levi Beechy of Hardin county said that if the sect's school is closed, "we will not send the children to public schools."

"We can leave here," he said. "There is nothing here I cannot leave. I will have to leave it sometime anyway."

Aaron E. Beiler, an Amish spokesman on the Pennsylvania problem, said, "Our religious convictions direct us to stay away from secondary high school attendance. Examples and experience are the best teachers. Shall we ask: 'Why should we be disturbed and molested?'"

Amishmen are fundamental people. They are frugal, cautious, wary of alien ways. They are proud of the name often given them—the horse and buggy sect.

The married men sport a luxurious growth of beard to indicate their marital status. Their dislike for automobiles is well known, although a few have strayed from disuse of the invention.

Much of their philosophy is rooted in the belief that man and woman should not try to improve on what God has created.

## Berne Native Dies After Heart Attack

Normal Allspaw, 57, a native of Berne, died suddenly Monday night of a heart attack at his home in McAllister, Okla. He is survived by his wife, the former Chloe Whitehurst; four sons, Rex and Carl L. of Indianapolis, Donald of Easton, Pa., and Capt. James W. in Germany; two brothers, Orval of Berne, and Earl of Los Angeles; and a sister, Mrs. Marie Smith of New Brunswick, N. J.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Yager funeral home in Berne, the Rev. J. H. Schaeffer officiating. Burial will be in the MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Thursday.

## Speed Passenger Service On Erie

Two mail and express trains added in the eastern states will speed up passenger train service from Decatur to Chicago. W. M. Bumgardner, Erie agent, explained this morning.

Train 1, which has been leaving Decatur for Chicago at 5:38 a.m. Decatur time, will now leave at 5:33 a.m., starting Sunday morning. The eastbound train, No. 8, which doesn't stop at Decatur, will also be speeded up in its schedule east of Marion, O. The Chicago-bound train will leave that city at 9 a.m. Decatur time, 8 a.m. Chicago time, instead of 9:15 and 8:15 respectively.

Designed to relieve head-end work on train No. 1, the Erie Limited to Chicago, and train No. 8, the Atlantic Express to New York, the plans call for the addition of train No. 11, westbound, and train No. 12, eastbound, between Youngstown and Marion, O. A. G. Oldenquist, passenger traffic manager, added.

These trains will not carry passengers and will be operated specifically for handling mail and express normally carried on the other two passenger trains.

"There has been a gradual increase in our mail-express business for trains 1 and 8," Oldenquist explained, "which required more station time for loading and unloading. Under the new plan, these station delays will be eliminated and the passenger trains will maintain a faster and more dependable schedule."

This change is being made mid-way through the winter, and is not the usual spring change that takes place about May 1.

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