

SOCIETY

TAYLOR-AURAND RITES READ IN SATURDAY CEREMONY

Miss Beverly Taylor became the bride of Jack L. Aurand in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Walter Neacham at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Monroeville Methodist church. Music was presented by Miss Nancy Hart, organist.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Taylor, Monroeville, and Mrs. Elizabeth Aurand and Elbert Aurand, both of Decatur.

The bride was attired in a ball-erina-length gown of lace over taffeta, fashioned with short sleeves and a sabrina neckline. The bouffant skirt featured an inset of ruffles in the back. Her fingertip illusion veil was attached to a swedish crown of pearls and she carried a white Bible topped with white mums.

Mrs. Kenneth Chrisman was her sister's only attendant. She wore a gown of blue nylon chiffon with a bateau neckline, brief sleeves, and a harem skirt. A matching lace cloche and a bouquet of white mums completed her ensemble.

Serving as best man was Kenneth Chrisman, brother-in-law of the bride.

A reception was held at the home of the bride following the ceremony.

EAGLES AUXILIARY HOLDS VALENTINE PARTY

The Eagles Auxiliary held a Valentine party Friday night, at the Eagles hall. Entertainment and cake walks were enjoyed during the course of the evening. Chairman for the party were Mrs. Arthur Irwin and Mrs. Ray Kramer. Those attending the party were Mrs. Richard Baker and daughter, Janice, Mrs. Nellie Jackson, Mrs. Wesley Morris, Mrs. Ray Myers, Mrs. Ray Kramer, Mrs. Arthur Irwin, daughters and grandchildren, Mrs. Evelyn Spangler, and Mrs. Fred Pomerinck of Fort Wayne.

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MRS. GLEN EVERETT HOSTS PLEASANT MILLS W.M.S.

Mrs. Lowell Noll was in charge of the devotion at the recent meeting of the Pleasant Mills Baptist W.M.S., held at the home of Mrs. Glen D. Everett.

Members answered roll call by giving the number of chapters read from the Bible book of the month and telling of their most cherished Valentine.

Mrs. Ben McCullough presented the lesson for February. Rolls of bandages were turned in and will be sent to a missionary.

Mrs. Clyde Everett assisted the hostess in serving refreshments in keeping with a Valentine theme. The friendship circle and Mizpah benediction closed the meeting.

MOOSE WOMEN TO ATTEND MEETING IN PORTLAND

Women of the Moose held chapter night meeting Thursday at the Moose home.

The meeting was called to order in regular form and plans were made to travel to Portland Feb. 17 to attend a meeting, where the Decatur chapter 625 will do the balloting.

Plans were completed for a special party to be held after lodge February 25. Also plans were made for a special attendance prize which will be given at the end of each quarter.

A social hour followed with Mrs. Mary Ahr, chairman, in charge. The next meeting will be held February 25, with officers meeting at 7:30 p.m. and lodge at 8 p.m.

ACADEMY OF FRIENDSHIP MEETS AT MOOSE HOME

The Moose Home was the scene of the regular meeting of the Academy of Friendship Monday night.

The chairman, Mary Fravel, presided over the business meeting, during which reports were given by several committees. The meeting was closed with a song and benediction.

Several rounds of hearts were played during the social hour, with prizes going to Alice Noll and Marie Stoutenberg. Ireta Judd was winner of the door prize.

The hostesses, Mildred Feasel, Melvina Reid, and Eleanor Braun, served refreshments from tables decorated with Valentine appointments.

NEW ORGANIZATION HOLDS FIRST MEETING SUNDAY

The newly organized Parents Youth Association of the Church of God had their first meeting Sunday evening at five o'clock.

After the youths and their parents had enjoyed a potluck dinner, Mrs. Paul Strickler spoke on the obligations of both parents and youth toward the growth of the organization. Mrs. Kenneth Watkins led the group in songs of the season and DeWayne Steiner was in charge of the game period. The meeting was dismissed at 6:30 p.m.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Poling and Dan; Mrs. Elmer K. Scott and Marilyn; Mrs. Holman Edly and Gail; Mr. and Mrs. Lee McBride and Lana; Mrs. Edna Peterson and Ralph; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strickler and Roger; Mr. and Mrs. Strickler and Larry; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strickler and Paula and Diana DeBolt; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hawkins and Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Keller, Donna and Robert; Mrs. Rorotha Singleton, Phyllis, Kay, and Annie; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawkins and Max, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell and Ned; and the youth counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Steiner.

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MR. AND MRS. HAWKINS MARK 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A family dinner honoring the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hawkins was held Sunday at the Church of God fellowship hall.

The table for the honored guests was laid in white and was centered with a three layer cake, decorated with red roses. Candelabras were placed at each end of the table.

The couple received many gifts from those attending the dinner. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hawkins, Sidney, Charlene, Bob, and Pamela, and Mrs. Glen Manley, David, Marilyn, and Roger. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hawkins, Lonnie, Tessa, and John, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkins and daughter, Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Hawkins.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strickler, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawkins and son, Max, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Angela, Carla, and Mark, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell and son, Ned. The Rev. and Mrs. Carl Hawkins and family from Nebraska were unable to attend.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD BY BAPTIST W.M.S.

The February meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church was held recently in the lower auditorium of the church.

After the meeting was opened with prayer offered by Mrs. Archie Smiley, Mrs. Noble Reynolds, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Stuart Brightwell reported on various items discussed at a recent board meeting in Bluffton. The Salomone spring conference will be held April 6 at Montpelier.

Mrs. Darrell Bedwell was in charge of the devotion. She chose as her devotion topic "Our Debt to our Missionaries," using as her scripture Luke 10. Hail was the topic of the lesson, during which she emphasized the great political unrest, poverty, and famine which are rampant there. Mrs. Bedwell pointed out that hundreds of families haven't had a cooked meal for months and many die from tuberculosis. But in spite of all this, churches are growing and there is a seminary and camp for young people.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to packing boxes of clothing for the mothers' school. Mrs. True Gephart, Miss Alice Lake, and Mrs. Melvin Luhnman served refreshments during the social hour.

LOCAL WOMEN TO ATTEND COUNCIL IN HUNTINGTON

Women of St. Mary's parish in Decatur will be among those attending a general meeting of the Huntington deanery council of Catholic women Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Scheduled to be held at St. Mary's school in Huntington, the meeting will feature talks by the Rev. Stanley L. Manoski of Fort Wayne and Sister Michael, O.L.V.M., of Victory Noll, Huntington.

Local women on the board governing the five-county deanery area are Miss Joan Wemhoff, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Boch, chairman of the committee on family and parent education, and Mrs. Ralph Loshe, representative for St. Mary's parish.

Sister Michael will discuss the purposes and work of the confraternity of Christian doctrine, an organization now established in every parish in the diocese of Fort Wayne. She will draw upon her own experience as a catechetical teacher and the leadership training courses she has conducted to aid in the establishment of the confraternity and its work.

Rev. Manoski, diocesan director of lay activities, will preview highlights of the convention of the provincial council of Catholic women scheduled April 26-28 in Fort Wayne. It is expected that 1,000 delegates representing 135,000 Catholic women in Indiana will attend the April convention.

Eagles Auxiliary, District 5, will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in Wabash.

Order of Rainbow for Girls will conduct a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

The Pythian Sisters Needle club will meet Monday evening after temple at the Moose Home at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Charles Chew will entertain the Church Mothers study club at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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WEDNESDAY

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

Pleasant Mills Methodist W. S. C. S., Mrs. Lawrence Ehrsam, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Past Matrons club, Mrs. John Doan, 7:30 p.m.

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

Adams county Nurses Association, Mrs. Ann Lehman, 8 p.m.

Rotary club Ladies night, Youth Center, 6:15 p.m.

Kirkland Township 4-H club, parish hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friendship Village home demonstration club, Blue Creek and St. Marys Conservation Building, 1:30 p.m.

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

So-Cha-Rea, Virginia Laurent, 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul Ladies Aid, Mrs. Lyle Franz, all-day meeting.

Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Hall, 6:45 p.m.

SUNDAY

Mariners group of Presbyterian church, at the church, 7:30 p.m.

Sing Bee, Greenbrier church, 2 p.m.

Blue Creek-St. Marys Conservation club, conservation building, located 1 mile west of Willshire, Ohio.

Film showing by Youth Fellowship of First Christian church, at the church, 7 p.m.

Eagles Auxiliary, District 5, at Wabash, 2 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Church Mothers study club, Mrs. Charles Chew, 8 p.m.

Opportunity School Discusses Building

The building and improvement committee of the Vera Cruz opportunity school met recently with Tony Milazzo, state supervisor of classes for the mentally retarded, in the offices of Wells county superintendent L. C. Lurance.

Tentative building plans were presented and discussed. Milazzo explained his ideas and suggestions on special classes for retarded children and also emphasized the building requirements. The smallest possible classroom is 875 square feet of floor space. These are state requirements and could accommodate 15 students. Further contacts will be made with Mr. Speck, who is in charge of school house planning.

An increase each year in the school's enrollment has caused crowded conditions and is defeating the real purpose. There should be only 10 students per teacher.

Members of the committee and guests attending were: Elmer Isch, chairman; C. K. Reid, treasurer; Paul Baumgartner, secretary; Dr. T. O. Dorrance, Mrs. Leroy Wheel, Mrs. Max Fosnaugh, Mrs. Hugh Cobb, Mrs. Alva Libby, Mrs. Palmer Sprunger, Mrs. Homer Ginter and Albert Heeter of Fort Wayne.

20 Years Ago Today

Feb. 17, 1940—Karl S. Bolander, noted artist, lecturer, craftsman and teacher, will speak to Decatur high school students Monday afternoon and the Decatur Woman's club Monday evening.

James A. Farley, Democratic national committee chairman, announced that the party's 1940 national convention will be held in Chicago July 15.

Charles Simcoe, 62, former Decatur teacher, died at his home in Monrovia, Calif.

The Decatur auto license bureau reports only about half of the 1940 license plates have been sold, with the deadline for use of the 1939 plates before March 1.

High school basketball scores: Kendallville 43, Yellow Jackets 24; Anderson St. Mary's 27, Commodores 26; Geneva 44, Hartford 25; Kirkland 34, Lancaster Central 23.

Locals

Bill Lichtenstiger, of Baltimore, Md., spent Thursday and Friday in Decatur visiting his father, E. M. Lichtenstiger.

Stephen Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards, has been pledged to Chi chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity at Hanover College. Edwards, a freshman, is majoring in business.

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Orders Probe Into Reserve Training Book

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sweeping Pentagon and congressional investigations were ordered today into an Air Force reserve training manual which linked churches with Communism and termed "foolish" American people's demands to know what is going on.

Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp announced the manual had been withdrawn from use on Feb. 11 but said a full scale inquiry will be made to find out who was responsible for the publication.

In Congress, Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.), chairman of the House freedom of information subcommittee, ordered his investigators to "gather every fact." He termed the manual "an outrageous display of arrogance."

Brings Church Protest Sharp, in his statement, "categorically repudiated the viewpoint of the manual which had brought a vehement protest from the National Council of Churches."

He said that in addition to finding out the individuals responsible for the publication, the Air Force will investigate its other publications to see if similar information is being carried.

Moss told United Press International his group may hold hearings on the situation. "We want to know who wrote it. We want to know who approved it and we want to know its distribution," he said.

Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. was reported "startled and stunned" at the contents of the manual.

Withdrawn Last Thursday Sharp found that Air Force headquarters had directed withdrawal of the document last Thursday, the day the church council sent a letter of protest to Gates.

The council itself was cited by name in the controversial section of the manual dealing with churches and the public's right to know what is going on.

Officials of the council, representing 33 Protestant and orthodox denominations, hurried to Washington to demand an immediate meeting with Gates.

The council has requested Gates to order the recall of all copies of the manual as well as an explanation of how it was issued.

Charles Pastor-Communist Used as a text for a training course for noncommissioned officers for the Air Force reserve, the manual contained these quotes: "Communists and Communist fellow-travelers have successfully infiltrated our churches."

"It is well known that even the pastors of certain of our churches are card-carrying Communists."

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Of the 98 persons who served on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects and publications."

"Another foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people realize the foolishness of such a suggestion."

"Keep in mind that public news media present only as much information as the government wants to release."

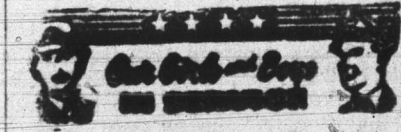
Girl Scouts

Brownie troop 551 met after school Tuesday. After roll call and dues were taken, the girls learned and played a new game. The meeting closed with the Brownie promise. Donna Smith treated the troop.

Scribe, Eunice Wynn

Brownie troop 377 met after class Tuesday. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and the "Brownie promise. Dues were collected. The meeting closed with the friendship circle.

Scribe, Teresa Andrews



Enters Navy Jerry Scheiman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scheiman of Kokomo, former residents of Decatur, entered the U. S. Navy February 1.

After completion of 10 weeks of basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., he will be assigned to a trade school. Friends may write him at the following address: Jerry F. Scheiman S.R. 5414078, Company 59, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Elks To Initiate Candidates Thursday

The Decatur Elks lodge will initiate a class of candidates at the regular lodge meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The officers of the Fort Wayne Elks lodge will exemplify the ritualistic work and will present the president's traveling gavel to the local lodge.

All Elks are urged to attend. Free refreshments will be served following the meeting.

High Court Rejects Chessman's Appeal

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court today rejected the 15th appeal by convict-author Caryl Chessman, scheduled to die in California's gas chamber Friday morning.

One of Chessman's lawyers, Rosalie Asher, Sacramento, came to the court Tuesday with a new petition for a writ of habeas corpus, which was turned over to Justice Felix Frankfurter. Frankfurter, in turn, took the issue to the entire court.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, who has disavowed himself from participating in any phase of the case, did not take part in today's action.

The court's order said merely: "The motion for leave to file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus is denied."

Red Cross Kickoff Rally Held Tuesday

Red Cross fund drive leaders from five of the six northern townships attended the kickoff rally and information session held at the Monroe Farm Bureau Co-op building Tuesday night. Homer Winterregg, county fund drive chairman, introduced Wilbur Petrie, county Red Cross chairman.

Wilson Oswell, a volunteer member of the Fort Wayne board, showed two movies, including "The American Red Cross-Neighbor to Neighbor" and "My Kind of Story" with Bob Considine. The second kickoff session will be held at the same place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the south six township chairmen and section leaders invited to attend. Anyone from the north area unable to attend Tuesday night, and desiring information, is invited to the Friday session.

St. Mary's River Is Back Down To Normal

St. Mary's river level has once again receded to normal as weather observer Louis Landrum put the figure at 4.67 feet this morning. No precipitation had fallen, he added.

The level has dipped every day since last Thursday when the depth was 16.60 feet. This week, however, the river was 10.38 feet on Sunday and 7.81 on Monday with 6.65 feet on Tuesday. The steady drop has put the trend near the normal figure which is about 3 1/2 feet in dry weather.

Decatur Scout Will Meet With Governor

Dan Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Heller, has been nominated to represent the Anthony Wayne council, Boy Scouts of America, in a meeting with Gov. Harold H. Handley next Wednesday.

Heller, an Eagles Scout with troop 61, and one of the youngest youths ever to receive the Eagle rating, was chosen at a Monday meeting of the south district, and was confirmed by the council today. Full details on the meeting will be released later this week by council headquarters.

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