

One Nation, Under God

The above phrase, taken from the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, was the subject this year for the annual Knights of Columbus oratorical contest.

It may be of interest to know that it was the Knights of Columbus who led the fight to get the phrase "Under God" added to the pledge. This was accomplished just a few years ago, although the pledge has been used for nearly 80 years.

It is a shame that a larger audience was not present to hear the five young men speak on the broad subject chosen. All five speeches were above average in content, containing much thought-provoking material.

The contest is sponsored by the K. of C., and oratorical program is open to the public. The speeches emphasized the place of religion in America, from the coming of the pilgrims in 1620, to the Maryland act of toleration which established the principle of religious freedom. Jefferson's fight for religious freedom, and the declaration of independence, with its doctrine of the natural rights of man, were mentioned. The right of the individual in Decatur to attend the church of his choice, whether it be Bethany E.U.B., First Christian, or St. Mary's Catholic church, was explained.

The separation of church and state was explained in one of the speeches as a cardinal principle of American Democracy. The differences between Democracy and totalitarianism, capitalism and communism, were discussed.

All five young men had done much work on the project, and the community of Decatur can be proud of them. Behind each boy was his family, and his coach, and many friends.

After listening to all five speeches, and while waiting for the judges, from Fort Wayne, to tally their results, one could not help but think . . .

It isn't the fact of winning, or losing, that makes the contest valuable.

It's the fact that in a free country, each person has the right, and even more, the interest, to take part in such a contest. And that five young men took the challenge, and worked for more than a month, to present their views.

The views presented, with their rich, historic background, and with the obvious breadth of thought expressed, were important, because they represent young thinking America.

The real "winners" of the contest are the American public. In times when the sordid, and ugly in life are often stressed, it's refreshing to have the youth of the community shine forth with their broad-based idealism.

Severin Schurter, Jr., James Heimann (the first and second place winners), Michael Ehler, Gerald Gillig, and Don Baker were all five outstanding.

TV Programs

WANE-TV
Channel 15
TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Ames & Andy
6:15—Tom O'Brien News
6:45—Dough Edwards News
7:00—Hotel De Paree
7:30—San Francisco Beat
7:45—Dennis Keefe
8:00—Dobie Gillis
9:00—Tightrope
9:30—Red Skelton
10:00—Phil Wilson News
11:00—Winter Olympics
11:30—Iraquois Trail

WEDNESDAY

Morning
7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Coffee Cup Theater
10:00—Red Rowe Show
11:00—Love Lucy
12:30—December Bride

AFTERNOON

1:30—Love Of Life
2:30—Search For Tomorrow
2:45—Guiding Light
3:00—Ann Colone
3:30—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better or for Worse
2:30—Houseparty
2:30—The Singing
4:00—Victor Is Yours
4:15—Brighter Day
4:30—Secret Storm
4:30—Edge Of Night
4:30—Dance Date

Evening

6:00—Ames & Andy
6:30—Tom O'Brien News
6:45—Dough Edwards News
7:00—Lock Up
7:30—Eyewitness To History
8:30—Playboy '60
8:45—I've Got A Secret
10:00—U.S. Steel Hour
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Winter Olympics
11:30—Bride For Sale

WKJG-TV
Channel 33
TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Tom O'Brien News
6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00—Brave Stallion
7:30—Laramie
8:00—The Big Valley
9:00—Arthur Murray Party
10:00—M-Squad
10:30—Phil Silvers Show
10:45—News and Weather
11:15—Sports Today
11:20—Jack Parr Show

Central Daylight Time
WEDNESDAY

Morning
6:30—Continental Classroom
7:00—Today
9:00—Ding Dong School
9:30—Cartoon Express
9:45—Midday Desk
9:55—Faith to Live By
10:00—Dough Re Mi
10:30—Play Your Match
11:00—The Price Is Right
11:30—Concentration

AFTERNOON

12:00—News and Weather
12:30—Farm and Farming
12:30—It Could Be You
1:00—Truth Or Consequences
1:30—Sports and All Show
2:00—Quiz For A Day
2:30—Loretta Young Theatre
3:00—Young Dr. Malone
3:30—From Our Roots
4:00—This Man
4:30—Bozo Show
5:30—Road Conditions Report

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6:15—Gateway To Sports
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6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00—Tombstone Territory
7:30—Wagon Train
8:00—The Big Night
8:30—Perry Como
9:00—Four For Tonight
10:00—News and Weather
11:00—Sports Today
11:20—Jack Parr Show

WPTA-TV
Channel 21
TUESDAY

Evening
7:15—Tom Atkins Report
7:30—Bronco
8:30—Wyatt Earp
9:00—The Weatherman
9:30—Coronado 9

WEDNESDAY

10:00—Alcoa Presents
10:30—Promenade 21
11:30—Jubilee, S.A.

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Continue Revival
At Salem Methodist

Attendance of over 3,000 during the past five weeks has encouraged the Salem Methodist church to continue its nightly revival services, the Rev. Roy Johnson, revival speaker, said today.

The longest and most successful revival ever staged by the church, it started Jan. 17, and was originally slated to last just two weeks. However, the attendance was so outstanding, and so much was accomplished, that it has now started its sixth week.

Rev. Johnson, of Spencerville, Ind., first preached at the church in 1956, and was back again last year. Many of those attending the services, which start at 7 o'clock each evening, come 50 or 60 miles. Local talent music has been used during most of the services. Singing usually starts the program, and continues about half an hour. One carload of people has attended about 90 per cent of the meeting, driving 37 miles each way from near Poneto. Others have come from Celina, Van Wert, Convoy, Cleveland, Richmond, and the Michigan state line area.

The Rev. George Christian, pastor of the church, invites anyone interested in attending an old-fashioned, spirited revival to join the local congregation during this last week.

Make Third Attempt
To Open Berne Tavern

Mel and Lulu Walchle, former Decatur tavern owners, are making their third attempt to open a tavern in Berne at 112 East Main street.

Tuesday, March 8, at 1 p.m. is the time of hearing before the county alcoholic beverage board. Both previous attempts to start a second tavern in Berne met wholesale opposition, with a large number of people from the county appearing to oppose the license, which was refused by the board.

20 Years Ago
Today

Feb. 23, 1940 — C. E. Striker, Adams county school superintendent, and the township trustees visited schools in seven townships.

Approximately 600 feed dealers were guests of the McMillen Feed Mills of this city at a dinner meeting in Fort Wayne.

Ministers of Adams county churches will hold the annual leadership training school, opening March 26.

Mrs. E. N. Vancil, 69, former Decatur resident, died at a Celina, Ohio, hospital.

Hartford defeated Jefferson, 32-30.

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County Rural Youth
Is District Winner

The Adams county rural youth basketball team won the district IV basketball championship by defeating Tipton county, 97-50, at the Monmouth high school gym. By

winning the district championship, Adams county will represent district IV in the state basketball game. Adams county rural youth basketball team won the district IV basketball championship by defeating Tipton county, 97-50, at the Monmouth high school gym. By

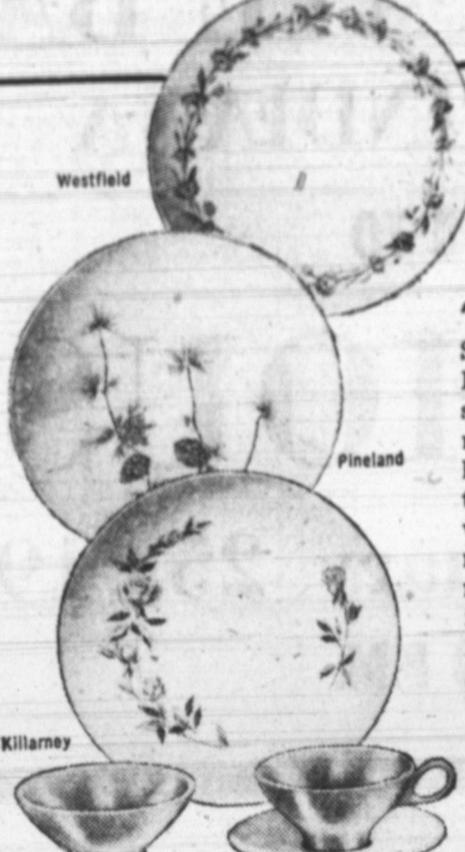
noon and evening, March 20. Scoring in the Adams-Tipton game was: Adams county — John Meshberger, 24; Larry Dubach, 24; Derryl Pharr, 8; John Kirchofer, 21; Delbert McCune, 10; Dailey Bixler, 6; Alan Mabegger, 3; Larry Meyer, 1; Jerry Springer, and

Ron Gerber. Tipton scoring: Ronnie Shuck, 10; Bill Smith, 14; Dallas Heston, 23; Herbie Off, 1; Tom Weddell, 2; Bob Graham and Norb Tebbe also saw action for Tipton.

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