

## Down In Costa Rica

One of Decatur's best-known residents, Gerald Strickler, an auctioneer, Angus breeder, and perhaps best-known as a basketball referee, returned last Wednesday from a two-week trip to the southernmost country of Central America, Costa Rica, which lies between Panama and Nicaragua.

For 12 days "Strick" and three other Hoosiers, and a Puerto Rican, refereed the amateur basketball matches between Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Panama.

And what a time he had! Leaving Chicago, and traveling by way of Miami, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, "Strick" left zero weather for the 80 to 90 degree temperature of San Jose, the 150,000 population capital of the small Latin American Republic.

Since the one member of their group spoke Spanish, they were able to understand everything that went on. Between the matches, which included both men and girls teams, the latter playing the same rules as the boys, sightseeing was arranged.

Commenting on the basketball, "Strick" said that it compared very well with that of teams like Ball State or Butler, and that great progress is being made in that sport. Of course basketball takes a back seat to soccer in Central America—every back yard has soccer goals rather than ball hoops.

Some of the rules are slightly different, too. The foul lane is 20 feet wide at the basket, rather than 12 feet, allowing some of the other players to jump for the rebound, and increasing the interest.

Certain individual players were really great, "Strick" said, and could have made almost any U. S. college team. All the players were amateur, and many were interested in studying in U. S. colleges.

One of the highlights of the trip was "Strick's" introduction to the president of Costa Rica, Mario Echandi Jimenez, and his wife. They were wonderful people, and walked about just like ordinary citizens, with no police protection.

The small 1-million population nation has great mineral wealth, and is about 25 years behind in industrialization, "Strick" estimated. He met many Americans, including James Adams, of Columbia City, whom he had met at a basketball game several years ago.

Although the country is quite hilly, the temperature ranges from 80 to 90 degrees during the day, and down to about 62 to 65 at night. The children just completed their summer vacations on March 7—"summer" started for them in December! The weather is about the same the year 'round.

The import duties on foreign goods is terrific, "Strick" reported. An automobile that sells for \$2,800 here sold for \$5,000 there; \$8.35 tennis shoes cost \$23.35 there, with a \$15 duty added.

Three kinds of bananas were grown, some for cooking, some for eating. Their fruit crop is exported to the U.S., but most of the coffee crop goes to France or Germany, where more money is offered.

All in all, "Strick" reported a wonderful time in the pleasant, and fast-growing republic of Costa Rica. Everyone was very kind and gracious, and they seemed to think the very best of America.

## TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

## WANE-TV

Channel 15

TUESDAY

**Morning**  
6:00—Amos & Andy  
6:30—Tom Calenberg News  
7:00—Hotel De Paris  
7:30—Show Shop Program  
8:00—Dennis O'Keefe  
8:30—Dobie Gillis  
9:00—Tightwad  
9:30—Giant Section  
10:00—Garry Moore  
11:00—Phil Wilson News  
11:15—Pacific Adventure

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30—Peppermint Theatre  
7:45—The Big One  
8:15—Captain Kangaroo  
9:00—Coffee Cup Theatre  
10:00—Hotel De Paris  
10:30—On The Go  
11:00—I Love Lucy  
11:30—December Bride

12:00—Love of Life  
12:30—Search For Tomorrow  
12:45—Guiding Light  
1:15—News  
1:30—As The World Turns  
2:00—For Better Or For Worse  
2:30—The Millionaire  
3:30—Verdict Is Yours  
4:00—Brighter Day  
4:30—The Big One  
5:30—Edge Of Night  
5:30—Dance Date

**Evening**

6:00—Amos & Andy  
6:30—Tom Calenberg News  
6:45—Doris Edwards News  
7:00—Look Up  
7:30—Hotel De Paris  
8:00—Our Guest  
8:30—Men Into Space  
9:00—Millionaire  
9:30—I've Got A Secret  
10:00—The Big One  
11:00—Phil Wilson News  
11:15—Submarine D-1

## WKJG-TV

Channel 33

TUESDAY

**Evening**  
6:00—Gatesway To Sports  
6:15—Jack Gray News  
6:30—Yesterday's Newsreels  
6:45—Huntington Report  
7:00—Laramie  
8:30—Startime  
9:30—Arthur Murray Party  
10:00—Pic Silvers Show  
11:00—News and Weather  
11:15—Sports Today  
11:20—Jack Paar Show

## WEDNESDAY

**Morning**  
6:30—Continental Classroom  
7:00—Today  
8:00—Sports Report Express  
8:15—The Editors Desk  
8:30—Faith To Live By  
9:00—Doris Edwards News  
10:00—Hotel De Paris  
11:00—The Price Is Right  
11:30—Concentration

**Afternoon**  
12:00—Gatesway and Weather  
12:30—Farms and Farming  
12:30—It Could Be You  
1:00—Truth Or Consequences  
1:30—Bingo  
2:00—Queen For A Day  
2:30—Loretta Young Theatre  
3:00—Young Dr Malone  
3:30—The Thin Man  
4:00—Bozo Show

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6:00—Gatesway To Sports  
6:15—Jack Gray News  
6:30—The Weatherman  
6:30—Yesterday's Newsreels  
6:45—Huntington Report  
7:00—Tomstone Territory  
7:30—Wagon Train  
8:30—The Price Is Right  
9:00—This Is Your Life  
10:00—This Is Your Life  
10:30—Wichita Town  
11:00—News and Weather  
11:15—Sports Today  
11:20—Jack Paar Show

## WPTV-TV

Channel 21

TUESDAY

**Evening**  
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting  
7:30—Bronco  
8:00—The Earl  
9:00—Littleman  
9:30—Coronado 9  
10:00—Alcos Presents  
10:30—Adventure 21  
11:30—Jubilee U. S. A.

**WEDNESDAY**

11:30—Adventures In Living

**Afternoon**  
12:00—Restless Gun  
12:30—Love That Bob  
1:00—Above All Faces  
1:30—I Spy  
2:00—Day In Court  
2:30—Gale Garnett  
2:45—The Clock  
2:50—Who Do You Trust  
4:00—American Bandstand  
4:00—My Friend Flicka

**Evening**

7:00—Popeye And Rascals Club  
7:30—Shirley Temple  
8:00—Loretta Young  
8:30—Harriet  
9:00—Fights  
10:45—Dante's Inferno

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Agriculture Biggest Industry In Nation

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An Agricultural Marketing Service survey shows that agriculture is the nation's biggest industry.

The survey shows that agriculture:

—Buys more petroleum than any other industry.

—Uses more electric power than Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Baltimore, and Boston combined.

—Uses about 6,500,000 tons of finished steel each year.

—Uses, enough raw rubber to put tires on some six-million cars a year.

—Uses annually more than 40 million tons of chemical materials.

In addition, the Agriculture Department said, farm tractors provide as much horsepower as all U.S. locomotives combined. This horsepower turns over or stirs enough soil each year to build a ridge 100 feet high and one mile wide all the way from New York to San Francisco.

The department also has estimated that people on U.S. farms spend more than 40 billion dollars a year on producers' and consumers' goods and services.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Foreign Agricultural Service estimates today that there were 136,100,000 head of sheep in the Soviet Union on Jan. 1. This was an increase of 5 per cent from a year earlier.

Wool production in Russia during 1959 was about 765 million pounds, compared with 700 million pounds in 1958.

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The butter was donated to the school lunch program and welfare institutions.

The government made no cheese purchases in February, although it gave 6,857,219 pounds to schools and institutions. These donations came from previous uncommitted stocks.

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