

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

Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Hotel De Pare
7:30—Bishop Sheen Program
8:00—Dennis K. Kefauver
8:30—Dobie Gillis
9:00—Tightrope
9:30—Red Skelton
10:00—Larry Moore
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Pacific Adventure

WEDNESDAY
Morning
7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:00—CBS News
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Coffee Cup Theatre
10:00—Red Hodge Show
10:30—On The Go
11:00—Love Lucy
11:30—December Bride

Afternoon
12:00—Love Of Life
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
1:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Ann Colone
1:25—News
1:50—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better Or For Worse
2:30—Houseparty
3:00—The Millionaire
3:30—Verdict Is Yours
4:00—Brighter Day
4:15—Secret Storm
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5:00—Lance Dale

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6:00—Amos & Andy
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6:45—Doug Edwards-News
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7:30—Be Our Guest
8:30—Men Into Space
9:30—Millionaire
10:00—Live Got A Secret
10:30—Phil Wilson News
11:00—L.S. Steel Hour
11:15—Submarine D-1

WKJG-TV

Channel 33

TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—Jack Gray-News
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Yesterday's Newsreels
6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00—Brave Stallion
7:20—Laramie
8:20—Starline
9:30—Arthur Murray Party
10:30—M-Squad
10:50—Phil Wilson News
11:00—News and Weather
11:15—Sports Today
11:20—Jack Paar Show

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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 estimate 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.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The government purchased 20,313,693 pounds of butter in February under price-support operations, and promptly gave away all but 71,843 pounds.

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

The government made no cheese purchases in February, although it gave 6,957,219 pounds to schools and institutions. These donations came from previous uncommitted stocks.

The government now has no butter or cheese in uncommitted stocks. It bought 50,475,773 pounds of non-fat dry milk in February and now has 181,291,174 pounds of the commodity in inventory.

1944 Bomber Crash Dead Buried Monday

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—The 10 men aboard a B-25 bomber which crashed in New Guinea 16 years ago were buried Monday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

The bodies of the men were shipped in two caskets for burial in the cemetery here because of its central location.

The B-25 Mitchell crashed in heavy woods 9,500 feet up on an unidentified mountain May 22, 1944, while on an administrative flight from Nadzab to Sadori, New Guinea.

A search was made on the day it was reported missing and another in 1948, but the wreckage wasn't found.

A Lutheran missionary was told by natives last May of the plane wreckage and the bodies were discovered a month later by a search party.

An official at Jefferson Barracks said the identity of the victims apparently was learned through dog tags and names on baggage found at the crash scene.

The plane was with the 673rd Bomb. Squadron, 417th Bomb Group, 5th Air Force. The service was attended by 12 members of the 673rd and 24 relatives of the victims.

Chaplain John J. McGowan, Roman Catholic, and Chaplain Alfred L. Alley, Protestant, both of Scott Air Force Base, Ill., conducted the service.

Two Decatur Women Take Fly-Up Course

Mrs. Richard Gehrig and Mrs. Arthur Girod, both of Decatur, recently completed a fly-up course at Bluffton, according to an announcement by the training committee of the Lumberlost Girl Scout council. Mrs. Francis Burke was the trainer.

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Girl Scouts TV Show Saturday Afternoon

"You Can Count on her to be prepared" will be the theme of the Lumberlost Girl Scout council's traditional Girl Scout Week television show. This year's show will be seen on the 48th birthday of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Saturday at 1 p.m. on channel 33.

As has been the custom in previous years, the show is a local production from start to finish. Adult Girl Scout volunteers, assisted by girls from last summer's "Frontiers in Art" unit at Camp Logan, the Lumberlost council's established camp, have written the script. Brownie Scouts, Intermediate Girl Scouts, and Senior Girl Scouts from many parts of the council make up the cast.

Mrs. C. H. Winkler is in charge of the event. She has been assisted by Mrs. Clarence Carlson, Mrs. John Lickert, Mrs. J. Kirkley, Mrs. John White, and Mrs. William Dunmire. Miss Kay Hough, functional director of the council, is the advisor. Bill Hudson of the staff of WKJG will direct the show.

The narrator of the show will be Ann Ehinger, a Mariner Scout. Chris Lickert will take the part of a little girl.

Intermediate Scouts from troop 473, Decatur, under the leadership of Mrs. Dwight Whitacre and Mrs. Glenn Ellis, will have speaking parts. These girls are Lida Anderson, Linda Brodbeck, Cindy Hagerty, Pat Hooper, Kathy Brader, Dianne Gilpin, and Suzanne Ruthford. Other girls from this troop participating in the show are Susan Ellis, Nancy Hitchcock, Connie Hullinger, Karen Wolfe, Joyce Uhrick, Susan Langston, Carol Smith, Judy Courtney, Sharon Johnson, Pat Minch, Linda Heare, Belinda Harden, Donna Pettibone, Arlene Stetler, Carol Painter, Jayne Macklin, and Pam Koos.

"The Scout's Own," which will conclude the show, is being written and presented by the "Frontiers in Art" unit from Camp Logan. Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. DaWayne Kinsey, Jan Ehinger, and Harriet Meek have supervised these girls. They are Sandra Alwood, Elizabeth Breedlove, Candy Carroll, Margaret Cook, Julia Deininger, Diane Dielman, Becky Dunmire, Ann Kinsey, Marilyn Knudson, Jane Lyons, Linda Metzger, Kathie Oiler, Carolyn Rousseau, Shirley Timmons, and Roxanna Zeimner.

Relief Promised From Severe Cold

United Press International

Warm air moved up from the Gulf of Mexico today promising relief for the nation's heartland, shivering under one of the most severe late winter cold waves in years.

The mercury climbed as much as 23 degrees in 24 hours in parts of Kansas and Nebraska as the warmer air moved into the Plains states.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said the cold wave, centered over Illinois, would break up as it moved southeastward during the day. The arctic weather was felt in the East, too.

A few sub-zero readings were recorded in the mountains of Pennsylvania, and Washington, D. C., looked for an overnight low of 15, only 1 degree away from a record 14 degree mark for a March 8 set back in 1883.

Rain driven by winds up to 40 m.p.h. hit western Washington and Oregon. Showers also damped southern California, the central states and the southern plains. Light snow fell on the northern Plains.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE!

Boardman's 55th Wedding Anniversary Sale (1905 to 1960) coming up on Friday and Saturday April 8th and 9th. Worth waiting for! The only one of its kind in the county. Our detail sale ad will run on Tuesday, April 5th.

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BLOCK THAT SUN—Barbara Eisenhower, the President's daughter-in-law, wears a strange looking hat and facial cream to protect her from the Puerto Rican sun. She was with the presidential party at the Dorado Beach Golf Club.

Monthly Meeting Is Held By Cub Pack

The March meeting of Cub pack 3963 was held Monday evening at the Northwest school with assistant cub-master Robert Theobald in charge. Mrs. Arthur Girod's den No. 11 opened the meeting by giving the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. William Hutter assisted Theobald in the awards presentation.

The following boys received awards: Lion badge: Steve Magsamen, Dan Plasterer; Bill Rydell; Wolf badge, Tom Plasterer; Silver Arrows, Mike Beery (3), Alan Hutter (2), Bill Rydell, Steve Doty; Gold arrows, Jim Augsburg, Jan Blackburn, Dan Kreigel, John Beery, Bruce Beery, Gene Murray, Dan Plasterer, Bill Rydell; Bobcat pin: James Call; two-year service stars: Jim Augsburg, Jan Blackburn, Jerry Moses; one-year service stars: Ronnie Reynolds, David Theobald, Bill Rickford, Steve Johnson.

Steve Magsamen also received the two gold bars of a denner. Uniform inspection was held and most of the Cubs rated 100 per cent.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Merrily We Cub-Along" by den 5, directed by Mrs. Marvin Beery.

Writing History Of County's CD Part

The story of Adams county's part in the state civil defense story is being written this week by Frank Bell, of the Indiana Civil Defense, state monthly publication of the civil defense department, during a five-day stay in Decatur.

Bell, working out of the mayor's office in the city building, is contacting local officials concerning the Decatur and Adams county effort.

20 Years Ago Today

March 8, 1940—Special Judge William R. Endicott, of the DeKalb circuit court, has upheld constitutionality of a law passed by the 1937 legislature, banning such work as the Wabash river ditch project.

The 1939 tax bill, payable this year, from taxpayers who own real estate and improvements or personal property and poll taxes in Decatur, will be \$134,234.05, an increase of approximately \$20,000.

The annual county-wide spring Christian Endeavor convention will be held at the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church in Berne March 16 and 17.

The seven rural high schools of Adams county made the final presentation of one-act plays at the Geneva and Monmouth schools.

Great Britain speeded up mobilization of armed manpower by unexpectedly calling 23-year-old reservists to the colors.

Reynolds Transferred
S/Sgt Oren Reynolds has been transferred from Camp Lejeune, N.C. to Washington, D.C. His new address is: Cedar Knoll Trailer Homestead, General Delivery, Dumfries, Virginia.

COURT NEWS

Estate Cases
In the Perry S. McGill estate, a schedule to determine inheritance tax was filed with reference to the county assessor.

In the Claude C. Rayl estate, the trustee's third current report was filed.

Don't Miss Herb Shriner and an All-Star Cast!
GAMBLES
TV Spectacular
THURSDAY, MAR. 10th
"One Hour of Fun and Music"

David Smith's Sculpture Is Termed Significant

"One of the most significant achievements in American art, not only at the present moment but in its entire history," is the description by Hilton Kramer of the sculpture of David Smith, a native of Decatur, in the February issue of Arts magazine.

The magazine, published September through June with a summer yearbook, dedicated its entire February issue to Smith, who is a nephew of Fred Smith, of 318 South Third street, and a son of the late Harvey Smith. Born and educated in Decatur, he moved to Paulding, O., when he was quite young, as his father and Jack Dailey purchased the telephone company there. His mother and sister still reside in that city. A total of 27 pages are dedicated to his life and works.

30 Years Work
Smith's significant works stretch over a three-decade period. Most Decatur observers would classify his work as "modern," but the magazine further defines it as showing a "family resemblance to cubism, whose analytic phase gave rise to collage." Smith's method derives from the method of collage, as does all modern constructed sculpture.

Smith's sculpture, Holton Kramer points out, comes out of the factory: it draws on the methods of industry, technology, and the mechanical arts of the machine shop. Its mode of work is hard, the material is heavy and obdurate, the work is dirty. The 54-year-old sculptor works with a blowtorch in his Bolton Landing, New York, home. In 1926, when he moved to Washington, D.C. at the age of 20, he joined the Arts Student League.

In 1927 he was a full-time painting student at the league with John Sloan and Jan Matulka. The latter introduced him to Europe's modern movements, and he painted with him until 1930. At that time he was painting in an abstract surrealist style, and met Stuart Davis, John Graham, and Jean Xercon, the most important abstract painter of that time. Smith came of age as an artist in the 1930's, when the social and political urgencies of the great depression, and the rise of fascism affected all the art of the period.

Traveled Abroad
In 1935-36 Smith traveled in England, France, Greece and Russia. The Greek, Egyptian, and Sumerian art which he saw in Greece, Crete, and in the British museum, as well as his experiences in Paris and Moscow, affected his work on his return.

During those years he formulated an aesthetic and political ideology, Kramer said, that blended cubism, surrealism, and constructivism with leftist and pacifist loyalties, culminating in the creation of the "Medals for Dishonor," a series of 15 small bronze plaques, finished in 1940, and entitled, "Death by Gas," "War-Exempt sons of the Rich," "Sinking Hospital and Refugee Ships," etc.

During the war period of the 1940's Smith's work dealt largely with open-space construction with specters, laments, races for survival, sinister birds and preying insects. In the early 1950's Smith's work dealt with more homely themes, like domestic life, landscape images, and personal and unexcited subjects drawn from life.

From February 17 until March 19 Smith's work will be on exhibition at French & Co., Inc., Madison Avenue and 76th street, in New York.

PUBLIC SALE

33 ACRE FARM and PERSONAL PROPERTY
By virtue of an order of the Adams Circuit Court, the undersigned guardian of Cora Miller will offer for sale at public auction on the premises located 5 1/2 miles west of Berne, Ind., or 4 1/2 miles east of Reiffsburg, Ind. along 118, or 1 1/2 mile northwest of Linn Grove, Ind., on

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1960

12:30 o'clock
REAL ESTATE

2 o'clock
PERSONAL PROPERTY

This 33 acre farm is all tillable but 2 acres of woods, have 7 room home with basement under home, 2 bedrooms upstairs, have 2 room summer house. Barn with attached wind break, good drove well and plenty of shade trees. This farm is located along black top road.

POSSESSION—Immediate
TAXES—The purchaser shall assume the second installment of the 1959 taxes due and payable in 1960.

TERMS—20% down on sale day, balance when delivery of the guardian's deed and merchantable abstract of title.

For further information or to see farm call the auctioneers.

PERSONAL PROPERTY
Antique organ; living room suite; 2 kitchen cabinets; kerosene stove; living room rug; ice box; 4 chairs; 2 library tables; 6 chairs; 5 rocking chairs; battery radio; couch; 2 beds with spring and mattress; sewing machine; 2 chest drawers; trunk; 2 oil tanks; and many articles not mentioned.

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