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Safety Measures Suggested To County Commissioners

Election Workers Pay Schedule Is Set

Suggested highway safety improvements at the St. Peter's Lutheran school in Preble township will be acted on by the Adams county commissioners after complaints were voiced at Monday's meeting in the offices of county auditor Ed Jager.

Judson Bleeke, of Preble township, served as spokesman on the problem telling the commissioners that crosswalks and 4-way stop signs should be installed at county roads 5½ and 37½.

School. Playground Separated

He noted that the main playground at the school is on the northwest corner, while the school building itself is on the southeast corner. Children must cross the highway at two places to reach the playground or return from it to the school.

The commissioners said that crosswalks would be installed with little waste of time, and that police "dummies" (a sign which looks like a police officer telling motorists to slow down) would be reinstated at the crossings. The signs had been used in the past but local residents and motorists complained that they "tended to slow traffic and were dangerous," according to one source.

The commissioners also formally set the pay scale for the special city election and the primary. The special election, on April 26th, will determine whether or not the city will accept Indiana and Michigan's offer of \$2,069,100 for the work-out electric utility. The primary is on May 3rd.

The pay schedule is:

Sheriffs	\$9
Judges	\$12
Clerks	\$12
Inspectors	\$20

Included also was the approval of \$3 for meals. County clerk Richard D. Lewton submitted other figures for approval, but the commissioners revised the maximum recommendations. By law, the most they can be paid is: judges and clerks, \$15; and inspectors, \$24.

County Home Report
The report from the county home from superintendent Frank Kitson showed that \$882.96 had been accrued during March for the care of animals and room and board payments. Twenty male residents and eight females are on the roster at the home for last month.

Lenten Meditation

By Rev. Huston Bever, Jr., Decatur Church of God

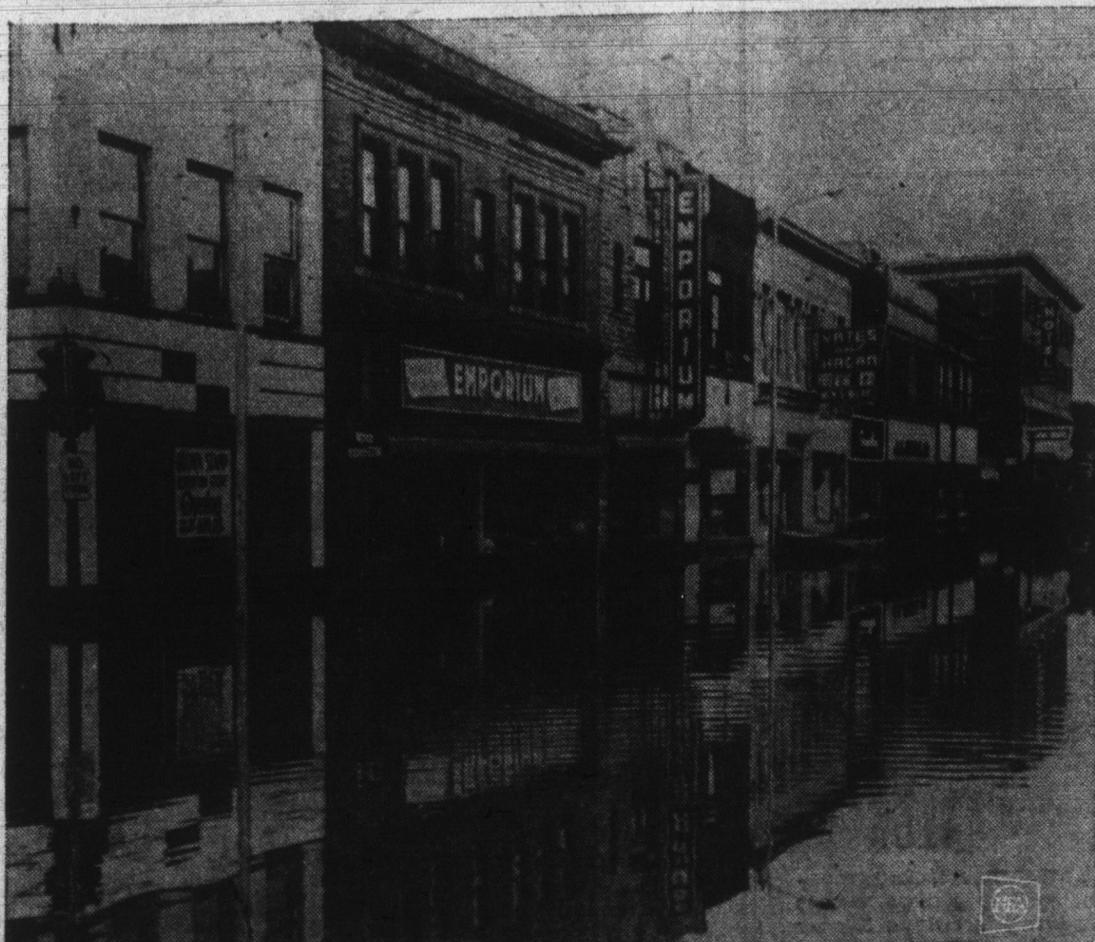
"HIDDEN ASSETS"

Proverbs 18:9-18

It has been said that one of America's greatest sins is the sin of wastefulness. I suppose what has been said of our nation could rightly be said of us individually. For the most of us are guilty of wasting more than we actually use. We are told that both our brain as well as our lungs are being used far less than their capacity. So within us are hidden assets if we but learn to use them.

One day Michelangelo found a piece of rough marble that had been cast aside as useless. When told that no good thing could be wrought from it, he answered, "It is certainly not useless. Send it to my studio. There is an angel imprisoned within it, and I must set it free."

I think this is the way God looks at us. He sees our hidden assets.



THE RISING MISSISSIPPI—This is downtown Hannibal, Mo., birthplace of Mark Twain. The flooding Mississippi River has swamped Hannibal and many other river towns. Almost 30,000 persons have been evacuated.

Rural Youth To Meet At Monroe

The Adams county rural youth club will hold their monthly meeting Thursday night, April 7 at the Farm Bureau Co-Op building in Monroe. Mixers will open the meeting at 8 p. m. and committee responsibilities include: registration, Legora Markle; group singing, Gloria Koeneman; and devotions, Larry Habegger.

A group representing the county 4-H program asked that the commissioners authorize the use of the county garage at Monroe for use at the annual 4-H fair this summer. Several exhibits, other than livestock, will be shown in the garage building.

The request was approved as the county garage personnel stores some of its equipment in the 4-H building during the winter months. Miss Lois Folk, Leo Seltzner, Everett Singleton, Paul Yoder, and Homer Winteregg, all members of the 4-H adult leaders group, presented the request.

The commissioners have \$2,500 in their budget this year for the presentation of the 4-H fair. They also asked the committee to submit quarterly reports on the expenditure of the money, rather than the annual report, as had been the case.

To Plant Evergreens

Nurseryman Bobby Heller was authorized to plant spreaders in place of the shrubs that now rim the front of the courthouse lawn. Heller will start to pull the shrubs, and replant the evergreens when weather permits.

A report on the French township bridge that recently washed out shows that all plans are in readiness to accept a bid. The plans are being handled by the state as the bridge is from federal aid.

River Level Back To Near Normal

The level of St. Mary's river dropped to a near normal figure today as weather observer Louis Landrum listed the mark at 4.22 feet. No precipitation was noted in the rain gauge despite the light snow that fell intermittently throughout the morning.

Senator Jack Back To Stump Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy comes to Indiana Thursday for a two-day, 12-city tour by plane and car in his Hoosier Democratic presidential preference primary campaign.

Kennedy has no opposition in the Indiana primary May 3 among the major candidates. But he apparently hopes to capitalize on his Hoosier tour to get "disinterested" and independent voters to go to the polls and help him build up a big ballot total.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon seeks the Republican presidential preference primary votes.

Kennedy will come here only two days after the nationally significant Wisconsin primary in which he was entered today against Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

He will visit Muncie, Anderson, Marion, Alexandria, Lafayette, West Lafayette, South Bend, Michigan City, LaPorte, Plymouth, Elkhart and Mishawaka.

Kennedy for President headquarters here said the senator will arrive at Muncie Thursday

morning by plane, visit the Warner Gear plant and attend a women's breakfast at a hotel. He will go to Anderson in mid-morning for a reception at the Eagles Home, stop briefly at the Harold Faust farm enroute by car to Marion for a City Hall reception.

At noon, he will attend a farm forum at Beulah Park in Alexandria and will go to Muncie for a luncheon. In the afternoon he will hold a news conference in the Ball State Teachers College Student Union Bldg. and speak at a college convocation. Then he will fly to Lafayette.

At Lafayette he will meet with union representatives at the Alcos Aluminum Co. union hall, hold another news conference in Lafayette City Hall, ride in a motorcade to West Lafayette and stop briefly at the Purdue University Union Bldg.

He will speak at a dinner in Lafayette Central Catholic High School in the evening and fly at night to South Bend.

Early Friday morning, Kennedy will appear at the main gate of the Studebaker-Packard Corp. plant in South Bend to greet workers. He will have breakfast in a hotel at Michigan City, visit a hotel in LaPorte and Democratic headquarters at Plymouth before appearing in a television interview over WSB-TV at Elkhart in late morning.

Kennedy will appear at noon in an Elkhart hotel, mingle with Elkhart workers at Mishawaka factory gates in mid-afternoon, participate in a television-radio interview at WSB-TV and WSB-TV in South Bend and speak at a student convocation at St. Mary's College of Notre Dame. At Notre Dame, Kennedy will again appear on television and radio for Notre Dame's WNDU. He will speak at a banquet at the university Friday night.

INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cool this afternoon with a few light showers or snow flurries extreme north. Fair and cool tonight. Wednesday fair south, partly cloudy north, warmer in afternoon. Low tonight in the 30s. High Wednesday 50 to 57 north and extreme east, in the 60s southwest. Sunset today 6:13 p.m. c.s.t., 7:13 p.m. c.d.t. Sunrise Wednesday 5:21 a.m. c.s.t., 6:21 a.m. c.d.t. Outlook for Thursday: Mostly fair and cool. Lows Wednesday night mostly in the 30s. Highs Thursday 45 to 55.

The two men who robbed the Blackstone Cafe of \$1,400 last January received 1-10 year jail sentence this morning in Adams circuit court along with \$50 fines and court costs.

Judge Myles F. Parrish read the judgment after reviewing the county probation officer's pre-sentencing investigation and other data brought out at the trial.

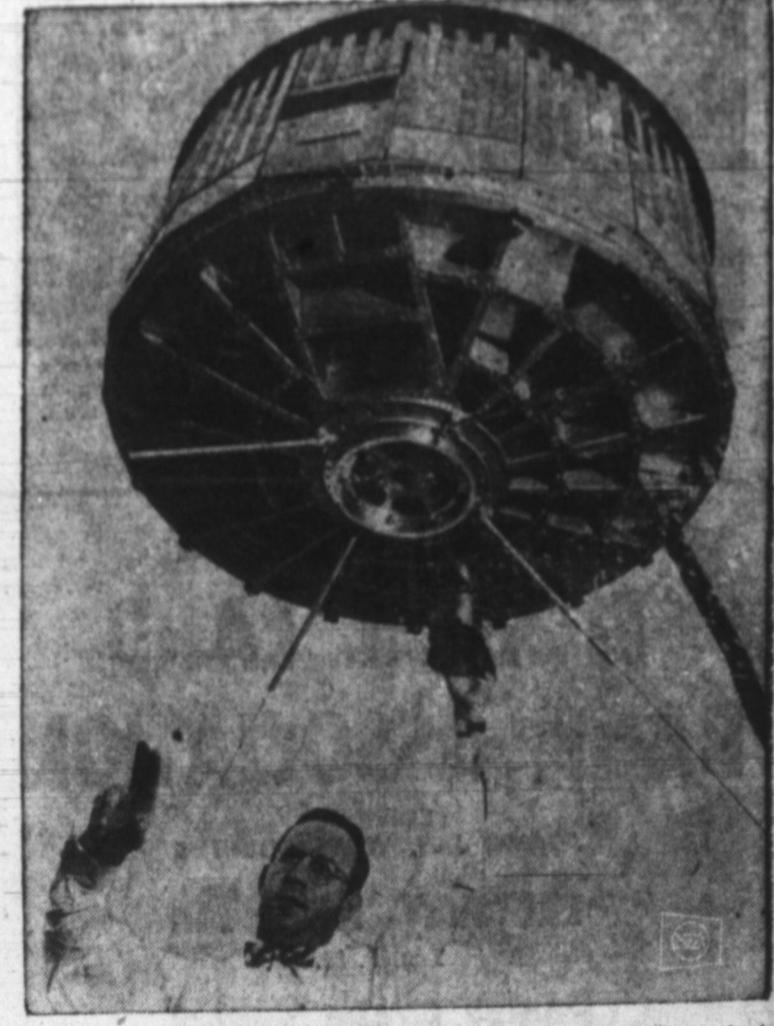
Prison, Reformatory Sentence

James M. Spears, 36, of Decatur, will be confined to the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, while Christian H. Schwartz, 27, also of Decatur, will be remanded to the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 30 can be sent to the Reformatory rather than the State Prison, according to law.

C. H. Muselman, probation officer, included the prisoners' confessions to the crime in his report.

City Planning Commission Asks Revision Of Ten-Year-Old Zoning Ordinance; Includes Growth Area

Zoning Board Approves Permit For Addition



TIROS THE WEATHER SATELLITE—Abraham Schnapf, project manager for the TIROS weather satellite, holds the lens of the wide-angle still camera installed in the 270-pound unit. It now orbits the earth transmitting to stations at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and Hawaii photographs of the world's cloud cover.

Decatur Teenagers Head South, Going North

BULLETIN

City police reported late this afternoon that the two runaways from Decatur had returned home this afternoon after spending the day with relatives at Upland and Munroe.

Parking Lot Discussed

The application by the Zion Lutheran church for permission to tear down a home formerly belonging to Jack Fiedt on Jackson street and making it into an addition to the church parking lot was also discussed. Col. Sheridan pointed out that this was typical of the problems that arise, and one of the reasons the board of zoning appeals is necessary.

Decatur Car Taken In Ft. Wayne Tuesday

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A 1952 light blue Ford station wagon, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Roy McLean of 1040 Schirmer street, was stolen last Tuesday night from the Dana Corporation parking lot in Fort Wayne.

The car was discovered missing by McLean at the end of the second trick that night. It was reported immediately to the Fort Wayne police, but has not been located. Mrs. McLean offered a \$50 reward for information leading to the return of the car. This was the third auto theft reported there recently, Mrs. McLean added.

Name Omitted From Civic Music Story

The name of Miss Bernice Nelson, a worker on the team of Mrs. A. R. Holthouse, was unintentionally omitted from an article appearing in Monday's Daily Democrat about the Civic Music association.

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Spears, Schwartz Given 1-10

He also listed their family background, and other personal information about the subjects.

In finding them guilty as they pleaded to the grand larceny charge, Judge Parrish rejected the idea that voluntary intoxication was a factor in determining the criminal intent in this case.

"While voluntary intoxication is a defense for a crime in some instances," the Judge said, "I do not believe that you both were THAT drunk."

Reviews Case

In passing judgment, the judge said that he took into consideration in the pre-sentencing investigation, the amount of money stolen, and the method of the theft. He said that it would be impossible to suspend sentence in this case.

He reiterated that "this is not vindictive justice." "I only want to show that other people's rights

must be protected." H. R. McClehan told the Daily Democrat that he did not plan to appeal the decision for his clients. "They were guilty," he philosophized.

Delayed

to allow the probation officer time to file his pre-sentencing report.

He filed early this morning.

The pair had admitted drinking for several days and were out of funds before robbing the local tavern of the safe containing the \$1,400. They entered by the way of a rear door, and carried out the safe to a waiting vehicle.

Keep Money: Not Safe

Spears and Schwartz then emptied the safe and contents, sans money, into the Wabash river, east of Geneva.

They were apprehended by city police within 30 hours of the burglary, and confessed to the crime. They were put into the county jail, remaining there for several weeks after their arraignment in court. Schwartz was out on bond for most of the 77 days, but Spears spent all this time under arrest.