

## 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.

Judson Bleeker, 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 5 1/2 and 37 1/2.

#### 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 \$2,099,100 for the worn-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 sale of animals and room and board payments. Twenty male residents and eight females are on the roster at the home for last month.

### 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 Markie; group singing, Gloria Koenenman; and devotions, Larry Habegger.

Ray Miller, Farm Bureau advisor, is in charge of the educational feature. The special feature "Name That Tune" will be conducted by Jerry Sprunger and Margaret Bixler. A safety feature will be given by Carolyn Moore who attended the National Safety Congress last fall. Refreshments will be served by Jane and Ron Gerber and Jane and Carl Bluhm. Recreation will be led by Carolyn Moore, Roger Habegger and Sally McCullough.

Plans will be made for the April events including the district meeting at which time the state basketball championship trophy will be presented, the Sports Night, money making plans, and the basketball victory party.

All rural high school seniors and rural young people are invited to attend the meeting.

### U.S., Italy To Study Atmosphere

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States and Italy will cooperate in rocket studies of the upper atmosphere. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Monday it hoped the rockets could be launched next September from a site on the island of Sardinia.

## 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

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

The Decatur plan commission voted unanimously Monday night, following a 2 1/2 hour meeting, to ask Col. L. V. Sheridan, of Metropolitan Planners, Inc., to submit a letter with plans for a revision of the ten-year-old zoning ordinance.

About a dozen faults in the present ordinance were discussed, together with necessity for a door-to-door survey to see what changes have taken place.

**Hirschy Presides**  
Kenneth E. Hirschy, president of the planning commission, presided at the meeting, which included the members of the board of zoning appeals and the city council. The county commissioners were invited to attend, but none of the three were present.

More than half of the 92 counties in Indiana now have county plan commissions, and many are zoned already, Col. Sheridan explained to the board. The fact that Allen county is now zoned will present problems to northern Adams county farmers in the near future, since any commercial operation not permitted there can move right into Adams county.

**Helps Farmers**  
Zoning, either in the county as a whole or in the two mile fringe area around Decatur, cannot affect a farmer adversely, since it cannot apply to any farming operation or farm home. It can only protect the farmer from junk yards, automobile graveyards, unsightly businesses, and other misuses of neighboring land.

Planning is especially necessary in the two-mile areas surrounding incorporated towns or cities, so that orderly growth can take place, with expansion room for homes, industry and commerce is allowed in orderly fashion.

**Problems Presented**  
City engineer Ralph Roop presented several copies of a letter that brought up half a dozen problems that have bothered the zoning appeals board during the past decade.

The list had been drawn up by Charles Cloud and Deane T. Dorwin, veteran members of the appeals board, and had been thoroughly examined by Roop.

One of the big problems, they felt, was the two different types of business areas. One, the old, established Second street district is composed of buildings with fronts flush with the lot line, common walls, and other business district problems.

But the new commercial area, on the highway, has building lines that are back from the streets, buildings separated by yards or parking space, and a completely different set of problems.

**Problem Corrected**  
Col. Sheridan explained that in plans drawn up during the past few years three types of business section have been included, including neighborhood shopping centers; where provision must be made for off-street parking. There are also rural commercial centers zoned in county plans.

The problem of stored used farm machinery, for resale, or for sale of parts, was thoroughly discussed. Side yards, with some differences in the ordinance, are mentioned, together with the problem of accessory buildings set 75 feet from the front line.

Col. Sheridan told the group that an aerial map of the city would be especially useful to the city engineer, but not necessarily in the survey. If a county survey is made, aerial photographs are used extensively.

Changes in the qualifications for irregular shaped lots were also mentioned and discussed at length, with some definitions to be added to the zoning ordinance.

**Decatur Car Taken In Ft. Wayne Tuesday**  
A 1952 light blue Ford station wagon, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKean of 1040 Schirmeyer street, was stolen last Tuesday night from the Dana Corporation parking lot in Fort Wayne.

The car was discovered missing by McKean at the end of the second night that night. It was reported immediately to the Fort Wayne police, but has not been located. Mrs. McKean offered a \$10 reward for information leading to the return of the car. This was the third auto theft reported there recently, Mrs. McKean added.

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## Zoning Board Approves Permit For Addition

The Decatur planning commission gave tentative approval to an application for a special use permit that would allow Dr. Harold DeVor to fill in a lot with a 250 foot frontage adjoining the south side of the present trailer court, and provide 14 new 5,000 square foot trailer spaces.

The \$20,000 renovation plan will now go before the board of zoning appeals, where public hearings will be held. Dr. DeVor plans to fill the swamp, surface drain it to the Pete Krick underpass where the water is pumped into a pond, attach the lots to the Krick street sewer, and get water from the present 1 1/2 inch water main.

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**TIROS THE WEATHER SATELLITE**—Abraham Schnapl, 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 runaway youths from Decatur had returned home this afternoon after spending the day with relatives at Upland and Muncie.

Two Decatur teenagers took flight from home after going for a joy ride that ended with a flat tire at the Adams Central school in Monroe.

Tom Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Fulton, of 1021 Master Drive, and James Elliot, son of Carl Elliot, of 311 N. First street, are reportedly heading for the Straits of Mackinac in Upper Michigan after the episode.

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## Lenten Meditation

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

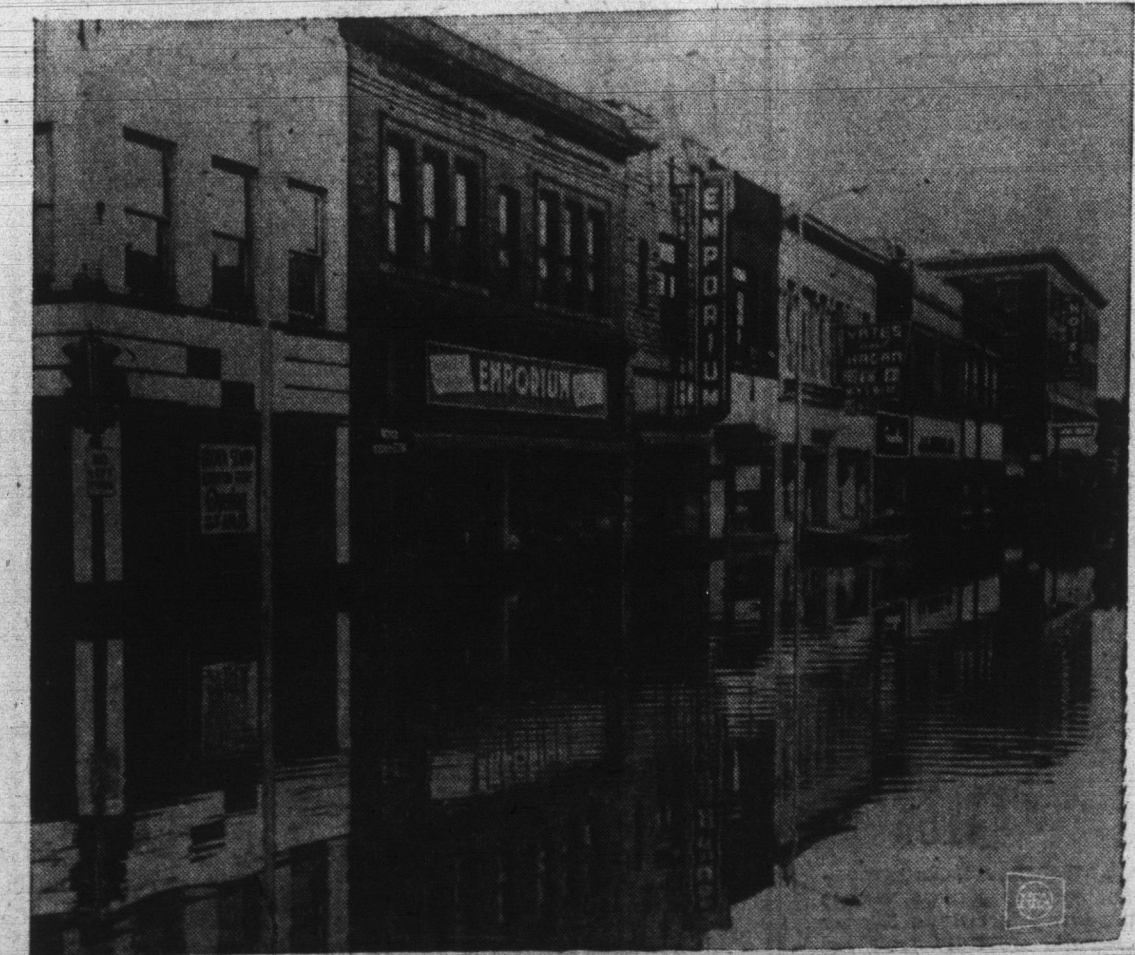
### "HIDDEN ASSETS"

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.

### INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cool this afternoon with a few light showers or snow flurries extreme north. Fair and cool to night. 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.