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Lions Zone Meeting Is Held At Geneva

More than 250 Lions club members from seven area clubs, including Decatur, attended the annual zone social meeting and talent show at Geneva Tuesday night.

Decatur Lion Roy Price served as master of ceremonies for the meeting of club members from Decatur, Pleasant Mills, Monroe, Berne, Geneva, Petroleum and Bluffton.

The first prize in the talent show went to the boys quartet from Pleasant Mills, comprised of Larry Jackson, Dick Johnston, Gary Millington, and Larry Merriam, accompanied by Carolyn Luginbill.

Mike Stonestreet, the mighty mite singer from Decatur, won second prize along with the girls quartet of Decatur, a Bluffton artist, Mel Liechty, representing the Monroe Lions, a piano duet from Petroleum, and a vocalist from Geneva.

The Decatur quartet was comprised of Janet Miller, Eleanor Miller, Linda Jackson and Kay Wynn. Liechty presented a humorous dialogue for his part of the show.

Paul Brumbaugh, district governor, spoke briefly to the large and receptive audience.

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — Sen. John F. Kennedy today rode a tide of big city votes to victory in Wisconsin's weathered primary election.

The engaging Massachusetts senator gained momentum in his drive for the Democratic presidential nomination by capturing 6 out of 10 congressional districts, a big majority of the state's convention delegates and a fat plurality of a record popular vote.

Kennedy's edge in the popular vote was about 100,000 over Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.). He took about 39 per cent of the total vote cast, while Humphrey got an estimated 31 and Vice President Richard M. Nixon 30. The part Wisconsin's large Catholic population played in Kennedy's victory is likely never to be known for certain. The Catholic vote was heavy for Kennedy but wasn't the sole reason for his victory over Humphrey, a Protestant.

Humphrey gained early strength from rural areas as the vote count began. But Kennedy forged into the lead on the strength of big majorities in the larger cities, including Milwaukee and Kenosha.

With 3,405 of Wisconsin's 3,460 precincts reporting, Kennedy had 465,953 votes, Humphrey 362,690 and Nixon, running unopposed on the Republican ticket, 336,429.

Equally as important as the popularity contest was the race for Wisconsin's 31 convention delegates. Kennedy won 20 delegate votes and Humphrey 10.

One vote was assigned to the state's Democratic national committeeman and the committeewoman. It was split between Kennedy and Humphrey. So the final score was: Kennedy, 20%; Humphrey 10%.

Kennedy won 5 votes for getting the most votes statewide and the remainder on the basis of victories in the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth districts.

Humphrey scored as expected in western Wisconsin's Third, Ninth and Tenth districts and registered a surprise majority in the dairy rich Second District, which includes the state capital of Madison.

Draws Record Vote
The most expensively and intensively waged Wisconsin primary campaign in history had drawn a record vote, breaking the old mark of 1,018,000. When the Fifth District (Milwaukee) was decided at 5:02 a.m. e.s.t. Tuesday's total vote had mounted to 1,079,738.

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Council Studies Special Parking For Afflicted

Decatur may issue special parking stickers to local motorists who are in some way afflicted, and find it difficult to walk for a given length of time.

The idea to allow special parking privileges to persons who drive and have polio, or some other affliction, was brought up at Tuesday night's council meeting by Mayor Donald Gage for discussion amongst the council members.

Reaction Favorable

The immediate reaction was favorable, and city attorney Robert Anderson will write to other cities that employ such a plan for information on it.

Mayor Gage said that not many persons would fall into this category, and a loss of revenue was not a major consideration where the comfort of some citizens was concerned.

Police chief Jim Borders asked that the council spell out the qualifications for such a permit, or else the plan could get out of hand. "Usurpers usually try to horn in on a good thing, and might spoil it for those who would really derive some benefit from the idea," he said.

Councilmen Lawrence Kohne and Carl Gerber asked that the idea be broached with a definite plan in mind after hearing from these other cities. The data will then be turned over to Clyde Drake, chairman of the ordinance committee.

In Other Action

In other council action last night, councilman Frank Braun asked about the possibility of a state survey of the intersection of 13th and Nuttman, concerning a stop sign or stoplight. Anderson will write the state highway department.

A nuisance at Fifth and St. Mary's street was brought out by councilman Braun, and discussion on how to handle the parking of unlicensed trailers on the street followed. Since no formal complaints had been filed by neighbors, the council's collective hands were apparently tied. Anderson, however, will write the party concerned in an attempt to clean up the "eyesore."

Ray Lehman, city sanitarian, is currently checking on outdoor plumbing in the Homewood area, and should report in a few days, according to the mayor. Councilman Clyde Drake has requested the action a short time ago.

Pay Increase

An hourly pay rate for city street and sanitation department employees was approved by the council, matching the pay scale of the Adams county highway department.

Equipment operators will receive \$1.82 an hour, while all other employees, except the city dump men, will receive \$1.60 an hour. The \$2,400 needed for the pay increase was allowed in the 1959 budget.

Limit Rural Fire Calls As Of May 1

As of May 1, only those townships in Adams county that have signed an agreement for fire protection with the city will be afforded service from Decatur's fire department.

The city council approved this resolution Tuesday night after hearing from fire chief Cedric Fisher, who said that, only Preble, Root, and Washington townships had signed the agreement to pay the stipulated fee for protection.

Fisher said that the city loses money every time it answers a call in the country; even with those who have signed the contract, without carrying free-loaders. If all the townships were given the same protection, the ones who signed the contract this year, probably wouldn't next year, if they saw that they could get it for nothing, he said.

Fisher noted that calls have come from as far as Bryant, mainly because the Decatur fire department number is listed on the cover of the phone book. Even residents in areas that claim they do not need Decatur's protection call here, Fisher added.

City attorney Robert S. Anderson was instructed to write all township trustees concerned and inform them of the council's decision. Anderson was advised also by Fisher that the city's rate for fire protection is the lowest in this county, and adjoining counties.

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Harold J. Bond, First Presbyterian Church)

"THE GOSPEL OF GREATNESS"

Matthew 20:20-38

Phillip Schaff once said: "Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar or any world conquerer. Without science and learning, He shed more light on things human and divine than all the philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of the school, He spoke words of life such as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion and furnished more themes for sermons, discussions, works of art, learned volumes, and sweet songs of hope and faith than anyone of ancient or modern times."

Born in a manger and crucified as a malefactor, He now controls the destinies of the civilized world, and rules a spiritual empire which embraces millions of the inhabitants of our world. This same life transforming power can enter every repentant heart that will accept Christ and His disciplined way of life in this Lenten season.