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Confusing The Issue

A group of Decatur citizens mailed Saturday a two-page unsigned letter asking Decatur Citizens to vote against the sale of the light plant.

We feel that every individual should make up his own mind on the question on the basis of the most exact and detailed information he can find. And we believe sincerely that every voter of Decatur should turn out tomorrow and vote on the question.

Every question raised by the unsigned letter has been fully answered during the past two years, but so much has been said that most has been forgotten.

What can the city do with the light plant if they keep it? It owes a debt of nearly \$600,000 on the diesel plant. New industry will avoid Decatur like a plague if adequate power at a low rate cannot be furnished. The rural lines are ten years behind the times, and so is the rural schedule of charges, which is 40% greater than they will pay as I&M subscribers. Rural people are not at all satisfied with either power or rates — ask them. Remember the meeting which filled your community center a year ago?

The letter charges that there are no skilled or semi-skilled laborers available in the Decatur area. A large plant in Decatur would draw workers from cities 40 miles away, and would make Decatur grow, increasing business opportunities, raising wages.

Decatur cannot buy more power from I&M without building an adequate sub-station. At the same time the lines would have to be modernized. The total cost would exceed \$1 million in ten years, just to bring the lines up to present requirements.

To borrow that much, the debt on the diesel plant would have to be re-financed, at present high interest rates. Decatur would have a huge debt, and any profit from the light plant would have to be used to pay off the bonds. By the time they were paid off, more and more repairs would be necessary. A substantial rate increase would be needed.

Meanwhile, the steam and diesel plants would have fallen into disuse, and have to be sold as junk. Decatur would have little left to sell but worn-out lines in 30 years, with no profit shown in the meanwhile.

A substation will cost nearly half a million dollars to build—the estimate of \$200,000 is for material alone on a substation which would only handle industry—not the type of station needed.

I&M paid \$39,000 last year in Kendallville as taxes, and Decatur would receive slightly more. Remember, we have received nothing from the light plant for eight years, and never has that much been taken from the light fund in one year.

And I&M couldn't have sold the steam plant for \$1 million—they are only buying the steam generators and boilers! The land and building will remain the property of the city.

Every citizen who reads the Decatur Daily Democrat read everything that the last group of appraisers said to the city council, and this editor checked that statement with city attorney Robert S. Anderson, who was also present.

If you have any question, call your city councilman and ask him. The councilmen have been active through this entire discussion, and are familiar with what has happened.

The People's Voice

This column is for the use of our readers who wish to make suggestions for the general good or discuss questions of interest. No articles will be published without signature of the author.

Kendallville Happy

Dr. O. A. Spiegel, of this city, has received a letter from Charles R. Hosler, executive secretary of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, in answer to inquiries concerning that city's situation since sale of its electric utility to Indiana and Michigan Electric Co.

Dr. Spiegel notes the progress made in Kendallville in two years, and says, "if we do not sell we won't be able to make enough profit to pay the interest on the debt—this will mean an increase in rates—Vote Yes."

The text of the letter follows:

I received a letter from you recently asking several questions concerning the possible sale of your light plant to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. I will be happy to answer them to the best of my ability.

No. 1. Has the sale of the Kendallville plant to I & M been a progressive move?

Let me say that the town had an awakening which dates from the sale. The general feeling in the town is that of wanting to do things to make Kendallville a bigger and better place to live. Even the people who were against the move now admit the wisdom of the move we made, or just keep quiet.

No. 2. How many former employees were kept or hired by I&M?

First of all, I & M went back and picked up service records of employees. Several retired then. All but two were offered jobs either in Kendallville or some other of their territories. Several stayed with the city water department.

No. 3. Average wage increase?

Average wage increase at the time was 39 per cent. As of today it is 50 per cent. They pay time and a half and double time for overtime. The company pays 3% of the premium for life insurance and sick benefits. After ten years (including city employment) they get 3 weeks vacation. They have a safety program and pay for employee's tools.

No. 4. Has I & M helped the Chamber of Commerce to gain industry?

Through their officers they have taught us how to prepare for new industry. I would say that they can reach the prospects better than any one organization I know. Their officers are respected by the prospects. From our experience we feel it would be an accident for you to secure an industry without their facilities. They have brought in one new industry and several prospects are hot at this time. They have brought approximately forty industries into Kendallville to inspect the town. The people in the town definitely have a job to do and a part to play in securing an industry after I & M bring them in to your town.

No. 5. Has there been a reduction in rate?

Yes, the end of the first year the savings amounted to \$80,000.

TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV

Channel 15

MONDAY

Evening
7:00—Amos & Andy
7:30—Tom Calenberg News
7:45—Doug Edwards-News
8:00—Whitman Wade
8:30—Kate Smith Show
8:50—The Texan
9:00—Father Knows Best
9:30—Danny Thomas Show
10:00—Ann Southern
10:30—Johnny
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:30—Crackup

TUESDAY

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

Afternoon

12:30—Love Of Life
12:45—Search For Tomorrow
1:00—Guiding Light
1:15—Ann Colone's Woman's Page
1:30—News
1:45—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better or for Worse
2:30—Houseparty
3:00—Red Skelton
3:30—Verdict Is Yours
4:00—Brighter Day
4:30—Edge Of Night
5:00—Dance Date

WEEKEND

Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Hotel De Paree
7:30—Bishop Sheen Program
8:00—Dennis O'Keefe
8:30—Dobie Gillis
9:00—Tightrope
9:30—Beat Skelton
10:00—Gary Moore
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:30—Road To Nowhere

WKJG-TV

Channel 33

MONDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Yesterday's News
6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00—All-Star Wrestling
7:30—Border Patrol
8:00—Wells Fargo
8:30—Peter Gunn
9:00—Goodyear Theatre
10:00—Steve Allen Show
11:00—News and Weather
11:30—Sports Today
11:35—Jack Paar Show

TUESDAY

Morning
6:30—Continental Classroom

There is no comparison as to service. The service is much better. Let me itemize some of the accomplishments.

New headquarters building.

Beautiful new Main street office which sparked several new fronts on Main street.

Their taxes for 1958, paid in 1959, were \$39,000.

Painted all the city owned light posts on their own and they wash the globes and replace bulbs twice a year.

Engineered new lighting system.

Contributed substantially to factory sites, Inc. and toward the new industry we acquired.

Contributed to United Fund, Christmas, lighting, "off street parking" set-up, Retail Merchants promotions (in time and cash) and also Little League program. In other words, they are an important part of our community.

They have ten memberships in the Chamber of Commerce, membership in Country club, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

They encourage their employees to take part in Civic affairs.

They trimmed the trees, and donate use of equipment and labor in parks, etc.

7:00—Today

7:30—Cartoon Express
8:00—The Betty Jay Desk
8:15—Faith To Live By
8:30—Laugh It Off
8:45—Play Your Hand
9:00—The Price Is Right
9:15—Concentration

Afternoon

1:00—News
1:15—The Weatherman
1:30—Farm and Farming
1:45—It Could Be You
2:00—Truth Or Consequences
2:15—Burns And Allen
2:30—Queen For A Day
2:45—Loretta Young Theatre
3:00—Young Dr. Malone
3:15—From These Roots
3:30—The Thin Man
3:45—Horse Show

Evening

6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—News
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Yesterday's News
6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00—Brave Stallion
7:30—Laramie
8:00—Startime
8:30—Arthur Murray Show
9:00—Jack Paar Show
9:15—News and Weather
9:30—Sports Today
11:30—Jack Paar Show

WPTA-TV

Channel 21

MONDAY

Evening
6:00—Popeye and Rascals Club
6:15—Quick Draw McGraw
6:30—Popeye and Rascals Club
6:45—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:00—Laramie
7:30—Bourbon Street Beat
7:45—Adventures In Paradise
8:00—Scotland Yard Dragnet

TUESDAY

Morning
11:00—Ruscia
Afternoon
12:00—Restless Gun
12:30—Love That Bob
1:00—About Faces
1:30—Mr. D.A.
2:00—Day In Court
2:30—Gale Storm
3:00—Beat the Clock
3:30—Who Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
4:30—Rocky And His Friends

Evening

6:00—Popeye and Rascals
6:15—Woody Woodpecker
6:30—Popeye and Rascals Club
6:45—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:00—Bronco
7:30—Wyatt Earp
8:00—Rifleman
8:30—Coronado
9:00—Alcoa Presents
9:30—Promenade 21
11:30—Jubilee U.S.A.

MOVIES

ADAMS

"Samson & Delilah" Mon. at 7 & 9:20 p.m.

20 Years Ago Today

April 25, 1940—The 19th annual Hartford high school alumni banquet will be held at the school April 27.

Sam Barger, 79, well known Kirkland township farmer, was critically injured in an auto accident.

Chester Hall, 63, prominent Hartford township farmer, died suddenly of a heart attack.

The Ladies Shakespeare club held its closing program and tea at the Presbyterian church.

British and German troops are engaged in fierce fighting north of Trondheim.



Happy Hustlers

Happy Hustlers club meeting, scheduled for this Tuesday evening, has been postponed until May 3. The meeting will be held in the home ec room of Adams Central school at 7 p.m.



RIVAL FOR BARDOT—Imitation is . . . etc., and French actress Mylene Demongeot's posturings certainly flatter Brigitte. Mylene affects Mme. Bardot's long hair and her famous pout in the new Italian film, "Under Ten Flags." Mylene is shown, above, with John Ericson, who has the masculine lead.

Again They Would Confuse..

Today you received an unsigned letter full of half-truths and lies.

Those who circulated this unsigned letter did not have the courage to place their names thereon. You know who we are and where we stand.

Are you going to believe us and the facts in support of our position as shown by engineering surveys . . . or are you going to believe the speculation, lies and half-truths deliberately circulated to confuse you by persons unwilling to sign their names to their statements.

The facts are, that we, for a long time have had no new industry in Decatur . . . our Power Plant is worn out . . . our rural neighbors want lower rates and better service . . . The City has not provided and can not provide these requirements . . . Only I&M. can do so. We need I&M. to help us get new industry . . . lower taxes in a growing city. We need the dependable power supply which only I&M. can furnish.

Don't believe the mis-statements of those anonymous "interested citizens" . . . Believe in the people you know who will be working at the polls on election day.

VOTE X "YES" Tomorrow

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION TO THE POLLS CALL 3-2143

ELECTION DAY WORKERS FOR THE

ASSOCIATION for the BETTERMENT of DECATUR

James Beery	Precinct 1A	Chalmer Bollenbacher	Precinct 3C
Everett Hunker	Precinct 1D	Fred Kolter	Precinct 2A
Russell Owens	Precinct 3A	T. C. Smith	Precinct 3B
George Tricker	Precinct 2C	J. K. Eady	Precinct 2B
Virgil Krick	Precinct 1C	Kenneth Singleton	Precinct 1B
		Hersel Nash	Dec-Root Precinct

An Open Letter To Decatur Daily Democrat Readers.

I am a candidate in the Democratic primary May 3 for Recorder of Adams County. I have never before been a candidate for public office nor have I ever been employed in a County office.

For the past 12 years I have been employed as an abstractor in the Adams County Court House by G. Remy Bierly, Inc.

The office of County Recorder is quite important to you. It is there that all of your real estate deeds, mortgages, liens, and leases are recorded. I have had 12 years experience in handling the records of the recorder's office, through my abstracting work.

I have been an active member of the Adams County Jefferson Club, Democratic Women's Club and Young Democrats of Adams County.

Live in Kirkland Township, daughter of Mrs. Mary C. and the late Peter J. Spangler.

If nominated and elected to office, I promise to devote my full time to the office of recorder. I further promise to give courteous attention to every person visiting the office.

I will appreciate your vote and influence on my behalf in the Democratic Primary May 3, 1960. Thank you.

Miss Rosemary Spangler

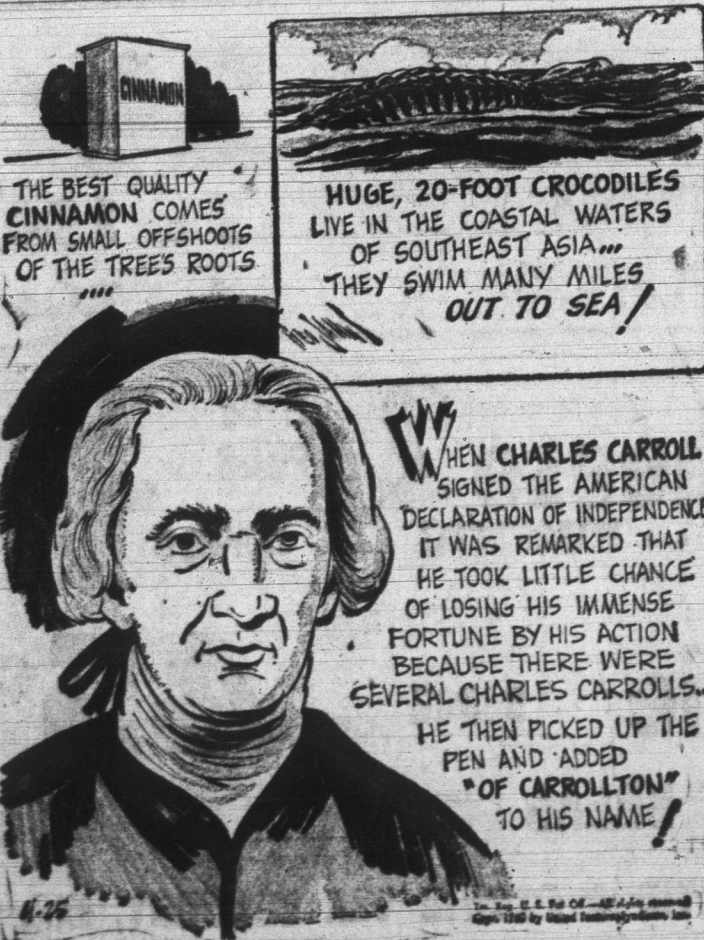
CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY RECORDER

Democratic Primary, May 3, 1960

Paid Political Advt. Rosemary Spangler, R. R. 2, Decatur, Ind.



Miss Rosemary Spangler



WHEN CHARLES CARROLL SIGNED THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IT WAS REMARKED THAT HE TOOK LITTLE CHANCE OF LOSING HIS IMMENSE FORTUNE BY HIS ACTION BECAUSE THERE WERE SEVERAL CHARLES CARROLLS. HE THEN PICKED UP THE PEN AND ADDED "OF CARROLLTON" TO HIS NAME.