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Rules Gun Death Of
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MICHELL, Ind. (UPI) — Lawrence County Coroner R. E. Wynne today ruled as accidental the gun death of Marlin Shedd, 18. Shedd, who was president of the 1959 graduating class at Mitchell High School, died enroute to a Bedford hospital Tuesday shortly after a pistol went off and fired a bullet into his abdomen as he hunted groundhogs near his home.

West Berlin
Worried Over
Talk Failure

BERLIN (UPI) — Fallout from the Khrushchev-devastated summit conference settled on the streets of West Berlin today.

Residents of the free community 110 miles inside the Iron Curtain felt they never have been in greater jeopardy since the total land blockade which dictator Joseph Stalin clamped around them in 1948.

Throughout the city, small groups gathered to discuss the news of the summit failure and speculate when and how the Communists would renew their assault on West Berlin independence. The atmosphere was one of quiet resignation, rather than fear or panic.

The visit of the flamboyant Soviet premier to the Eastern sector on his way home from Paris was expected by many to result in a new ultimatum for the withdrawal of U.S., British and French troops. The status of these forces in West Berlin was one of the key issues the Paris meeting was supposed to have resolved.

Considered less imminent was Khrushchev's threat to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany, thus putting Berlin's exposed communication lifelines to the West in the hands of satellite functionaries and setting the stage for another blockade.

East German leaders themselves said Tuesday night no such treaty would be signed pending further attempts to negotiate a peace including both Germanies.

West Berliners had not expected the summit meeting to result in any major agreements about their status, but they had hoped it would help remove them from the shadow of a Communist coup.

"Anything can happen now," was the typical reaction of workers, businessmen, cabbies and the like who were interviewed on the street.

Robert J. Stapleton
Is Named Commander

Lt. Comdr. Robert J. Stapleton, U. S. Naval Reserve, formerly of Decatur and a brother of Clarence A. Stapleton of Homestead II, has been recently promoted to commander.

Stapleton was graduated from Decatur high school in 1940. He and his family of three children presently reside in Clinton, Iowa, where he is managing director of the Clinton Development Company.

On Staff

He received his new rank insignia last month but his date of rank reverts to Nov. 1, 1959. He is presently on the staff of the Naval Reserve surface battalion 9-6 at Davenport, Iowa.

After graduation from Decatur high school, Stapleton attended Valparaiso University and enlisted in the Navy Aug. 12, 1942. During World War II he served on small craft in the southwest Pacific area including time as commanding officer, USS YP-518 and executive officer of a fleet tug. Later in the war he became an underwater salvage diver for the Navy.

Attended Colleges

Since 1940 he has attended the University of Michigan, Columbia University, and the University of Wisconsin, in addition to Valparaiso University. He received a master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1947 and worked as an industrial development representative of Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago from 1947 until 1955, when he moved to Clinton, Iowa.

Since 1946 Stapleton has been active in Naval reserve units at Michigan City, Ind., Joliet, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa. On August 12 of this year he will complete 18 years of service in the U. S. Naval reserve.

His father was a former Decatur manager of Northern Indiana Public Service company until his death.

Welfare Office To
Be Closed Thursday

The Adams county welfare office will be closed all day Thursday because all welfare workers will attend the northeastern Indiana conference on social work at Fort Wayne, Miss Bernice Nelson, county welfare director, announced today.

INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Livestock:

Hogs: 65.00; unevenly weak to 25-50 lower; 190-225 lb 17.00-17.25; some 17.35; bulk 180-240 lb 16.00-17.00, early few to 17.15; 240-270 lb 15.75-16.00; 240-250 lb 16.00-16.50; 270-300 lb 14.75-15.50; 300-350 lb 14.50-15.00; 150-170 lb 14.50-16.00, few down to 14.00.

Cattle: 1,400; calves: 175; good steers 24.00-25.50; good and choice yearlings 26.00; few mostly choice steers 26.75; good heifers 22.50-24.50; vealers unevenly 1.00-1.50 lower; good and choice 27.50-30.00. Sheep: 75; not enough to establish market.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO (UPI) — Livestock:

Hogs: 8,000; 180-220 lb 25 to fully 50 lower, heavier 50 lower; mixed lots No. 1-2 190-220 lb sorted weight and grade 17.25-17.35; few 17.40-17.50; 100 head 200-210 lb 17.50; mixed No. 1-2 3 180-220 lb 16.75-17.25; late sales largely 17.00 down; few lots mostly No. 3 210-220 lb 16.50; few mixed No. 1-2 220-250 lb 16.00-17.00; most mixed No. 2-3 220-250 lb 15.75-16.75.

Cattle: 15,000, calves 100; slaughter steers steady to 25 lower; heifers steady to 25 lower, later 25-50 lower; vealers steady to 25 lower; two loads prime 1200-1275 lb feed steers 32.50; better than dozen loads prime 1200-1375 lb steers 31.75-32.25; most high choice and mixed choice and prime 28.50-31.50; bulk choice 26.50-28.00; good to low choice 23.00-26.25; two loads mixed choice and prime 975-1050 lb heifers 28.00; most choice 25.75-26.75; high choice up to 27.25; good to low choice 22.50-25.50; vealers 32.00 down.

Sheep 500; receipts mainly shorn lambs; slaughter shorn lambs fully steady; choice and prime 101-110 lb lambs with No. 2 pelts 21.50-22.00; 20 head lot 98 lb prime spring lambs 27.00.

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, an organization chartered by the Congress, has been officially recognized and endorsed by the President of the United States and the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS: The proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor The Dead By Helping The Living;" therefore,

I, Donald Gage, Mayor of the City of Decatur, do hereby recognize the patriotic merits of this cause by urging the citizens of this community to contribute generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies, on the days set aside for the distribution of these symbols of loyalty in this city. I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Signed: Donald Gage, Mayor.

Attest: Laura A. Bosse, City Clerk.

Analyzes Reasons
Of Summit Failure

stored all the bitterness of the cold war, has increased tensions, and has heightened the chances of "war by miscalculation."

It poses the threat of armed conflict if Russia goes through with its promise to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany and cut off Allied access to West Berlin.

Q: Where, briefly, does the West go from here?

A: It plans to keep trying at Geneva to get agreement on a nuclear test ban and some sort of arms reduction. It must prepare for a resumption of the cold war, and look to its defenses until Khrushchev, or his successor, is ready to talk in moderate terms.

Q: What, in the Western view, is Russia likely to do?

A: First, it will step up its propaganda. It already has resumed jamming American and British broadcasts. Khrushchev may sign a separate peace treaty with his East German Communist regime. Communist infiltration and subversion in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Latin America probably will increase.

Report Jerry Miller
Is Still Serious

The condition of Jerry Miller, injured in a one-car accident Monday, has not improved any since yesterday. Jerry has been having a hard time keeping food down, and doctors are now examining him for possible broken ribs.

If his condition improves at all he is expected to be transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis Thursday and then to Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C. At the present time he cannot be moved even to take X-rays.

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1915 Class Planning
Reunion On May 29

The Decatur high school class of 1915 will hold a reunion Sunday, May 29 at the Youth and Community Center. The last get together of the class was held in 1955 and everyone in attendance had a fine time. Plans for this year's reunion are even bigger and better.

Letters are being mailed the 49 remaining members of the class. Of these 49, 28 have already indicated they would attend. These are:

Paul Blackburn, John B. Stults, Laura Stanley, Edward F. Jaber, Otto Hoffman, Lucile Fleming Miller, Gertrude Butler Brown, all of Decatur; Olive Perkins, Byard Smith, Iva Spangler, Leah Hensley Centlivre, Truman D. Hey, Harry Magnier, all of Fort Wayne; D. Dwight Peterson and Mary Frisinger Peterson of Indianapolis; Harvey Everett and Frances Everett of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Celia M. Andrews Swaim, Bluffton; Marion Archbold, LaGrange, Ill.; Abbie Bingham Abrams, Leesburg; Edwin Rabbitt, Defiance, O.; Earl Ripley, Napoleon, O.; Fred Kook, Hammon; Roy McIntosh, Toledo, O.; Nola Snyder Lose, Syracuse; Vernon Brodbeck, South Bend; Ruth Flederjohn Hare, Wilmington, O.; Sidney Barton, Markle.

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The U. S. Weather Bureau said more thunderstorms were expected today along the Gulf Coast and the entire western half of the nation except Nevada and California. By contrast, warm, sunny weather was predicted for the east, except for scattered showers in the Carolinas and New England.

Officials said Soviet jammers appeared to have cracked down even harder since Monday, when only the first nine minutes of 15 minute broadcasts were jammed.

Radio Free Europe also reported that Communist jamming of its broadcasts continued without let-up. FRE said too that Communist stations were distorting the news out of Paris and other world capitals about the summit conference collapse. As a "typical" example, FRE said Radio Sofia falsely quoted Adlai Stevenson as saying: "If we want to safeguard peace, the Americans must leave Europe and Berlin."

Russia relaxed jamming at the time of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's trip here last September. The jamming was stepped up May 5 when Khrushchev announced a U. S. reconnaissance plane had been shot down in Russia.

Three-Day Siege Of
Showers For State

United Press International

A three-day siege of showers and thundershowers is expected to drop one to two inches of precipitation on Indiana this weekend, forecasters said today.

The total will be even heavier in scattered local areas.

The five-day outlook called for the showery pattern to develop late Thursday and continue through Sunday.

Temperatures during the remainder of the week are expected to average 3 to 7 degrees above normal highs of 60 to 65. Highs in the 70s and 80s will prevail until a cooler trend develops about Sunday.

A cold front which moved across Indiana Tuesday resulted in overnight lows down to a chilly 41 at South Bend, 43 at Goshen and 49 at Fort Wayne. Indianapolis had a low of 50 and Evansville's minimum was a comparatively warm 57.

There was a wide variation in highs Tuesday as the cold front moved across the upper two-thirds of the state but missed the extreme south. The high was 59 at Lafayette and 81 at Evansville.

Fair to partly cloudy conditions were expected to develop this afternoon over most of the state, sending the mercury mounting to a range of 70 to 75. It will be fair and cool tonight, with lows ranging from 48 to 52 north to 58 to 63 south. Thursday highs will range from 71 to 84.

To lead the gravel, a bucket-type loading machine is needed. The machines rent for between \$900 and \$1,300 a month, about as much as the county hopes to pay for a used machine.

Q: What efforts did the West make to meet Khrushchev's conditions?

A: Eisenhower announced that the spy flights had been suspended and would not be resumed as long as he was president. He offered to submit a new and broader "open skies" plan for international air inspection under United Nations control. He said such a system would eliminate the need for aerial espionage.

Q: What efforts did the Soviet Union make to meet the West's half-way?

A: None, at least publicly.

Effects of Failure

Q: What are the most serious effects of the summit failure?

A: The most serious immediate effect probably is that it has re-

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