

Meeting Today

The Decatur city council met at 1:30 p.m. today in city attorney Robert S. Anderson's office with officials of I&M on the final details of the switchover from a city-run electric utility to the great inter-state American Electric system.

Most citizens of Decatur see the day approach with regret. Since 1896, when the city took over a local, struggling, electric utility, then privately owned, and built up its generating power to a present peak capacity of 13,000 kilowatts, the city has been proud of its local utility.

But times have changed greatly. In 1896, all of Decatur's many, many grocery stores were locally owned and locally run. Today, three of the four huge supermarkets are chain stores, and other groceries get only the neighborhood shoppers.

The nature of business has changed. Despite Democratic opposition that brought about the anti-trust laws, corporate business is gradually easing private, individual ownership of business out of the way.

Today business is operated scientifically, and only those properly trained, well-financed, and looking ahead, can succeed.

Decatur, three years ago, reached the crossroads. Would Decatur bond itself for an additional million dollars, raise electric rates, and try to compete with big electric companies in distribution of power? Or would they sell the plant for the best price possible, and invest the money, using it to help improve the city and reduce taxes?

After a bitter two-year battle between the many partisans of both sides, the latter path was chosen.

Not everyone agrees with the decision. But now, under the leadership of Mayor Don Gage, both sides are pledged to accept the decision of the voters, and all will do their best to see that Decatur develops into a bigger, better city.

The path ahead will not be all roses. Power will not improve immediately on July 1. It will take several months to complete even temporary improvements, and 1 1/2 years to get the full advantages of sufficient power properly regulated to every Decatur area user.

But at least the improvements are now on the way. I&M has started a million dollar improvement program here. Decatur has been discussing doing something for four years, but so far little has been accomplished. Now there will be action.

Unfortunately, city-owned utilities in Indiana must be regulated by the regular city government, under the council and mayor, all of whom have to stand for election every four years. In this day of rigorous competition there is no room for local political decisions in a utility.

Perhaps, if our former leaders had been farsighted enough the present decision could have been avoided. But that is just a perhaps. More probably we were quite fortunate that no more money will be wasted in trying to do a task which was not sufficiently financed to efficiently produce electric current today.

TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV

Channel 15

THURSDAY

Evening
6:00—Life of Riley
6:25—Now I Tell One
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—See Hunt
7:30—To Tell The Truth
8:00—Betty Hutton
8:30—Johnny Ringo
9:00—Zane Grey Theater
9:30—Markham
10:00—Hornet Revue
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Rogues Regiment
*FRIDAY
7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—Wings Wonderful
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Coffee Cup Theater
10:15—Passport To Beauty
11:00—The Love Boat
11:30—December Bride
Afternoon
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
12:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Ann Colone
1:30—The Weather
1:30—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better or Worse
2:30—Houseparty
3:30—The Verdict Is Yours
4:00—Brighter Day
4:15—Sister Sledge
4:30—Edge of Night
5:00—Dance Date
Evening
6:00—Life of Riley
6:25—Now I Tell One
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—See Hunt
7:30—Rawhide
8:30—Johnny Midnight
9:00—Desilu Playhouse
10:00—Guiding Light
10:30—Person to Person
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:30—Final Hour

WPTA-TV

Channel 21

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WKJG-TV

Channel 33

THURSDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weather
6:45—The Weather
6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00—Jeff's Collie
7:30—Law of the Plainsman
8:00—The Man from U.N.C.L.E.
8:30—Producers Choice
9:00—Bachelor Father
9:30—Tommy and Ernie Ford
10:30—Manhunt
11:00—News and Weather
11:15—Sports Food Show
11:20—Jack Palance Show
*FRIDAY
6:30—Continental Classroom

20 Years Ago Today

June 9, 1940 was Sunday and no paper was published.

COURT NEWS

Raymond L. Schwartz etux to Rufus S. Hoop etux, part out lot 38 in Decatur.

Benjamin B. Eicher, Jr. etux to Edward L. Hiltz etux, 2 acres in French Tp.

Edward Huey, Jr. etux to Don E. Fosnaugh, etux, inlot 95 in Geneva.

Don E. Fosnaugh, etux, to Edward Huey, Jr. etux, inlot 3 in Geneva.

Irvin R. Moore, etux, to Daniel S. Wickey, etux, 1 acre in Hartford Tp.

Daniel E. Ennenhiser, etux, to Alan P. Michels, etux, part out lot 103 in Decatur.

J. Jerome Yager, etux, to Clovis Oberli, etux, part out lot 1 in Berne.

J. Jerome Yager, etux, to Noah Ellenberger, etux, inlot 847 in Berne.

Noah Ellenberger, etux, to J. Jerome Yager, etux, 5 acres in Union Tp.

Ernst Thieme, etux, to C. E. Roberts, etux, 1.06 acres in Union Tp.

Jennie Roop, etux, to Sharon K. Heller, part inlot 533 in Decatur.

Lydia A. Kirsch to Helen L. Kirsch, part out lot 69 in Decatur.

Stratton Place, Inc. to Anthony J. Faurote, etux, inlots 89 and 124 to 133 in Decatur.

Estate Case

In the estate of Jacob L. Inniger, a schedule to determine inheritance tax was filed with reference to the county assessor.

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6:00—Popeye and Rascals Club
6:20—Huckleberry Hound
7:00—Baseball
9:30—Untouchables
10:30—Hidden Christmas Pudding
*FRIDAY
11:30—Tactic
12:30—Restless Gun
12:30—Love That Bob
1:30—About Faces
1:30—The Man From The Sea
2:30—Day In Court
2:30—Gale Storm
2:30—Beach Boys Rock
2:30—How Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
5:30—Rin Tin Tin

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MOVIES
DRIVE-IN

Decatur 1960—Issued Thurs. Fri. at 8:30—“Flame Pennies” 10:15
“Bambu” Sat. at 8:25—“Shane” at 10—“Alligator People” at midnight

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4H CLUB

The Monmouth Merry Maids met June 6 at the Monmouth school. Connie Bergman was in charge of the meeting. Kay Stevens and Suzy Brite led the pledges and Betsy Schnepp led the group singing.

The roll call was answered with a favorite actor or actress.

A health report was given by Marsha King, and Janet Fuelling gave a demonstration.

Part of the meeting was spent in talking over the group's trip to Fort Wayne, June 4.

The next meeting will be held June 21, 1:30 p.m. at the Monmouth school.

Reporter: Sally Schnepp

The Preble Peppy Pals met June 4 at the Friedheim Lutheran school. Judy Bultemeier was in charge of the meeting with Kay

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Bultemeier and Sandy Heckman leading the pledges and Kay Bultemeier leading the group singing. The roll call was answered with “Why I Joined 4-H.” A demonstration was given by

Judy Butlemeier and Vicki Blomberg.

The next meeting will be June 18, at 2 p.m. at the Friedheim Lutheran school.

Reporter: Janice Miller

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