

SOCIETY

ENTERTAINS GERMAN GUEST WITH COFFEE HOUR

Bertha Lanning and Nita Neil entertained with a coffee hour this morning at 9:30 for Hermine Biedermann who has been visiting her son, Walter Biedermann, since April 23. She will leave for her home in Hamburg, Germany, August 6.

Those present at the coffee hour were the guest of honor, Mrs. Walter Biedermann, Mrs. Henry Huffman, Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Biedermann's mother-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Allison, Mrs. Martin Zimmerman, Mrs. Elroy Winterberg, and Mrs. Mario Schieferstein. Unable to attend were Mrs. Clifford Steiner, Mrs. Robert Krueckeburg, Mrs. W. L. Sipe, Mrs. Pearl Sipe, and Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

MRS. HARVEY SMITH HOSTESS TO MEETING

Mrs. Harvey Smith was hostess to the July meeting of the Profit and Pleasure Home Demonstration club. A swimming party was held preceding the meeting.

The meeting opened with the recitation of the club creed. Roll call was taken and answered with a fact about the U. S. The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Clifford Landis, secretary, Mrs. Roy Stucky gave the history of the song of the month followed by a lesson on salads presented by Mrs. Henry Helmann. She also gave the devotionals which were taken from the fourth chapter of Corinthians.

Twelve members, three guests and two children were present at the meeting. Mrs. Smith served lovely refreshments in keeping with July 4. The door prize was awarded to Mrs. Leonard Schwalder.

O. N. O. HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS

The O. N. O. Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Willis Bulmahn recently. The meeting opened with the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" followed by the roll call and the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Warren Kneuss was welcomed as a visitor for the evening. A report on the recent council meeting was given by Mrs. Ted Reinhart, president. Donations for the 4-H fair were taken and working hours were assigned to the members. Mrs. Willis Bulmahn gave a report on the Democratic convention as the citizenship lesson. Mrs. Walter Hoffman presented a health and safety lesson on "cerebral hemorrhage."

"Salads" was the lesson topic given by Mrs. James Merriman and Mrs. Fred Biebrich. Each member brought a dish of her favorite salad for the group to sample. She also brought the recipe. The meeting was closed with the reciting of the club collect.

Mrs. Ray Reinking and Mrs. Fred Biebrich received secret pal gifts. The door prize was won by Mrs. Max Elzey. The date of the next meeting has been changed to August 18 and will be held at the home of Mrs. Max Elzey.

The Decatur Home Demonstration club will hold a family picnic Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Hanna-Nuttman park. Members are asked to bring a white elephant.

The Pleasant Mills Methodist WSCS will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Laura Durbin.

The Zion Lutheran Needle club will meet at the parish hall Thursday at 1 p.m.

BIRTH

At the Adams county memorial hospital, Joseph and Shirley Ritter Viorol, of Monroeville, became the parents of a six pound, nine ounce baby girl at 4:40 p.m. Friday.

Hospital

Dismissed Joseph Kaehr, Decatur; Master David Spangler, Decatur; Mrs. Joseph Schinnerer and baby boy, Decatur.

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Leo Yager Marks 95th Anniversary Of Birth Today

Leo Yager, of 246 S. Second street, is celebrating his 95th birthday today. Mr. Yager, who was born in Tiffin, Ohio, has lived what a lot of people would call a full life, traveling a lot and experiencing many adventures. Yager moved with his family to Decatur at a very early age and shortly after his mother died. While still in his teens, he went to work for Wholesale Drugs, traveling through Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio, buying stocks and other such items. In 1899 he became a registered pharmacist.

Yager often tells of the time when he walked into a drug store in Michigan and the clerk told him of a man in a nearby town who was looking for people to invest in his new invention, the horseless carriage. Yager told the man he wasn't going to invest in any such "baloney" and left. The man, of course, was Henry Ford.

He worked for Wholesale Drug for about 20 years and then went to work for the Citizens Telephone Co. in Decatur. In 1917 he was elected vice president. Three years later he was elected president of the Citizens Co. and held that position for 30 years, resigning in 1950.

Yager is still enjoying life on his 95th birthday. He isn't able to get around too well, but his thinking is just as sharp as ever. When interviewed, he had no trouble at all picking out dates and happenings of 50 and 60 years ago.

Locals

Mr. Charles Minch and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mock arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska about 4:17 Friday afternoon, according to a telegram received by Mrs. Minch last night.

Airman 3rd class Roger Poor and his wife, the former Twanette Magley, are home visiting friends and relatives. Poor is stationed at Chanute air base in Rantool, Ill.

Mrs. Margene Morris and sons Jeff, Doug, and Mark, arrived in Decatur Friday afternoon from Bermuda to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bauer. They were met in New York by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Doty and sons. Captain Morris, who is stationed at Kindley air force base, Bermuda, was unable to accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sheets of Master Drive and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Call, Joyce and Judy of Angola are leaving Sunday morning for a trip to South Dakota, the Black Hills and Yellowstone national park.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edward Pacha and children Sharon and Greg will leave Sunday for a two-week vacation in Florida. They will visit Rev. Pacha's parents in Jacksonville, Deland, Fla. where Rev. Pacha was pastor of a drive-in church, and will visit with friends in LaBelle, Fla., before leaving for Raleigh and Winston-Salem, N.C., to visit with Mrs. Pacha's parents. They will attend the Mottisinger family reunion July 31 before returning to Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stoppenhagen left this morning for their summer cottage at Lake James. Their daughter, Kay, is a life guard at the lake this summer.

Mrs. John Flechter and son of Craigville, route one, were dismissed Thursday from the Clinic hospital in Bluffton.

Office Site Sale

Handled By Kent

The Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. will gain possession of their new district office site now occupied by the Decatur Super Service, just west of the Niblick store, Monday, Aug. 1.

A remodeling program is expected to start as soon as possession is obtained. The property was purchased by I & M from William Moser of National Oil & Gas Co., Inc., and both parties in the transaction were represented by C. W. Kent and Gerald Strickler of the Kent Realty Auction Co.

Clubs

Calendar items for each day's publication must be phoned in by 11 a.m. (Saturday 9:30).

Carol Bebout Phone 3-2121

FRIDAY

Adams Central Music Loyalty club, chicken barbecue, Adams Central school, 7 p.m.

Psi Ote Trading Post, 9-12 a.m. Sarah Collier and Edith Deitch; 1-4 p.m. Betty Fager and Norma Markley.

SUNDAY

Presbyterian Mariner's family barbecue, Clint Reed in Peterson, 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Lumberlost post 6236 of VFW, Post home, 8 p.m.

Adams County Home Demonstration club, Farm Bureau building, 7:30 p.m.

V.F.W. Ladies auxiliary, Post home, 8 p.m.

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Decatur Weight Watchers, Mary Gilliam, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Decatur Garden club, Mrs. Charles Beineke, 2 p.m.

Merry Matrons Home Demonstration club, Mrs. Delmer Thieme, 8 p.m.

C. L. of C. pot-luck supper, 6:30 p.m.

Eta Tau Sigma, Mrs. Lawrence Rash, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Decatur Home Demonstration club, Hanna-Nuttman park, 6 p.m.

Pleasant Mills Methodist WSCS, Mrs. Laura Durbin, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Zion Lutheran Needle club, parish hall, 1 p.m.

U.S. To Increase Sugar Purchases

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States has decided to buy an additional 400,000 tons of sugar this year to prevent any shortage or price hike as a result of a cut in imports from Cuba.

The action, announced by the Agriculture Department Friday, raised the 1960 U. S. sugar purchasing quota to 10 million tons. Nine foreign countries immediately were authorized to supply 60,000 tons of the increase. Department officials said they expected some of this sugar to be on its way to the United States within a few days.

The remaining 340,000 tons — which ordinarily would have been bought from Cuba — will be purchased later from other overseas suppliers.

McCammon Group Formed In County

It was announced today by the fourth district "McCammon for Congress committee" that an Adams county "McCammon for Congress committee" was formed at a recent meeting in Decatur.

The officers elected were as follows: Stanley Baumgardner, Geneva, chairman; Warren Kenness, Berne, vice chairman; Theron Fenstermaker, Geneva, treasurer; and Diane Linn, Decatur, secretary.

There were 25 Democrats present at the meeting. Byron McCammon, district Democratic candidate for congress, told the group that they would play an important roll in the coming November election by helping to poll, register, and get out the vote. Each member present at the meeting promised to enroll many new members into the committee.

A "McCammon for Congress committee" is being formed in each of the eight counties of the district to gain a working force for McCammon and the other Democratic candidates. The Adams county committee was the third county to announce its formation.

The official bird of Missouri is the bluebird.

Ira S. Beard Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Ira S. Beard, 81, Spanish-American war veteran who was a native of Geneva, will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Williamson and Spencer funeral home at Portland, Dr. Robert Clark officiating.

Mr. Beard died at the Portland nursing home Thursday evening. He had been in failing health for five years and critical for seven weeks.

He was born Sept. 9, 1879 in Geneva, the son of Paul and Adaline Platt-Beard. On Dec. 26, 1908 he was married to Madge D. Letts, who survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Audrey Kennedy and Mrs. Wilbert Smith, of Portland; five grandchildren; two brothers, William, of East Moline, Ill., and Roy, of Winter Haven, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Halterman, of Portland, and Mrs. May Cookery, of Nowata, Okla. Five brothers and one sister are deceased.

The Geneva Masonic lodge will hold Masonic rites at the funeral home at 8 p.m. today, assisted by Portland-Hay lodge 87. Graveside military rites will be conducted by the American Legion.

Lawrence Tibbett Is Taken By Death

NEW YORK (UPI) — Twenty-five years of golden music faded gently into stillness Friday.

Lawrence Tibbett, "Mr. American baritone" and once one of the world's most popular singers of opera, spirituals and popular songs, died at the age of 63 at Roosevelt Hospital.

Tibbett never regained consciousness from surgery June 29 to correct an old head injury.

Memorial services were scheduled for Monday at Riverside Church in Manhattan. His family asked that instead of flowers contributions be sent to the Metropolitan Opera Guild for the new opera house to be built in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

The tall, well built baritone took male operatic singing from the Europeans on an ovation-studded night in 1925 and made it an American specialty.

But he kept on singing Negro spirituals and popular songs as well. His repertoire ran from more than 70 operatic roles through "The Glory Road" and "Old Man River" down to "Don't Fence Me In" and "Accentuate the Positive."

Tibbett sang at the inaugurations of three U.S. presidents and was decorated by the King of Sweden and the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

He also starred at USO camp shows in World War II in addition to his regular stints on radio, in films and later on Broadway and television.

Tibbett was born in Bakersfield, Calif., on Nov. 16, 1896. His father was a deputy sheriff who was killed helping capture a bandit when Tibbett was 7.

He early took to music and acting. He studied before and after World War I Navy service, then came to New York in 1922. He sang in churches, failed a Metropolitan audition, then won another. After one year with the Met he was allowed to stay on with no increase in salary.

Then on Jan. 2, 1925, the young Spaniard who was to sing the tricky second baritone role in Verdi's "Falstaff" became ill at the last minute. Tibbett went on instead.

What followed his appearance was one of the longest ovations in Metropolitan history. A star was born.

Only 10 per cent of U. S. milk production was sold as cream in 1959, the USDA reports. The other 90 per cent was sold as whole milk.

NOTES FROM AFTER THIRTY

AH, SO

The Rev. Edward Pacha was walking down the street and happened to meet a good friend of his. They were talking, and the Christian church pastor happened to mention his upcoming vacation trip back home to Florida. The friend asked what the church was going to do about filling the pulpit while he was gone. Rev. Pacha explained that the first Sunday would be a laymen's Sunday, and three of the men in the church would handle the morning services. The friend's eyes twinkled and the following pun came forth: "while the pastor is away, The laymen will pray."

ON THE SOAP BOX

Much has been said lately about prejudice against Sen. Kennedy's religion. The following comments have nothing to do with religion, nor do they have anything to do with politics, as most readers know well enough what both of mine are, or don't care. The subject is prejudice, itself.

I heartily agree with those who frown on voting against a man because of his religion. Those who vote against Sen. Kennedy have a right to do so, as Americans, but along with most others, it is hoped that it is for more substantial reason than religion.

But those who frown on voting against a man because of his religion should remember that prejudice is not a narrow thing. It is not limited to how you feel about a certain candidate for any public office because of his church affiliations. It goes as deep as fundamental human relations, and how we feel about any man for any reason.

It is no worse to be against a man for religious reasons than it is to make fun of a man who wears dark clothes and a beard. Nor can a person urge broad-mindedness on one issue and at the same time feel distrust of a man because of the color of his skin, the slant of his eyes, or the amount or lack of amount of money he has.

Granted, prejudices have to be broken down one at a time, and it will take years. But if one is partially overcome, it is no reason to believe that the battle is over.

Those who deplore voting against a man for a given reason other than his qualifications for office are right. But they are not right unless they will be just as firm in their opinions when a Jew, a Negro, an Oriental or an Indian is in the same position. Nor will prejudice be anymore defeated until we all realize that to lack prejudice for a specific reason is no more right than to have the prejudices to begin with. A hypocrite by any other name smells just the same.

SO LONG, YOU ALL

Shades of R. E. Lee. As has been reported before, I have a peculiar affinity for the Civil War. For this attack of Buffitis, I can thank Deane Dorwin. The local professor of history edged me into this thing a few years back (a few more than I like to remember), and it's been an incurable disease ever since. This year's vacation will be a pilgrimage. We are going to visit thirteen sites prominent in the next two weeks. Ten will be battle grounds, plus Appomattox, the Shenandoah valley, and Harper's Ferry. So it sounds a little weird. You do what you want to on your vacation, and I'll do the same. Brother Dick will return the favor (?) of me writing editorials by taking care of these proceedings. We hope to send back a few items too, but might not get enough done to fill a column. Us Yankees might have to break

camp in a hurry if them Rebs come sneaking up on the tent. First Cuba, and now the Civil War. This Jack's rendezvous with destiny seems to be a case of lead poisoning. This is the only way we could think of to dispose of our Confederate money—the First State Bank doesn't have much use for it, so we'll take it back home.

Accuses Hoffa Of Blocking Clean-up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The chairman of the Teamsters "watchdog" Board of Monitors has quit with a charge that union President James R. Hoffa and his lieutenants are blocking clean-up efforts.

Martin F. O'Donoghue submitted his resignation Friday to Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts. He charged that the Teamsters had devoted the past year to making "unwarranted personal attacks on me."

O'Donoghue said Hoffa and his underlings had engaged in delaying tactics against efforts to prepare the nation's biggest labor union for a new convention and election.

"The delay can be attributed in part to the fact that the defendants Teamsters have subjected every meaningful action of the board of monitors to a persistent and unrestrained legal attack," he said.

O'Donoghue, a Washington attorney, was appointed two years ago by Letts to head the three-member cleanup unit. Letts set up the monitors as part of the settlement of a suit by 13 rank and file teamsters challenging Hoffa's right to head the union.

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Geneva Population Again Over 1,000

Geneva became the last incorporated area in the county to learn its population this week, and the third largest town in the county is back up to 1,033, 34 more than the 999 population of ten years, Otis Buckley, president of the town board, reported this week.

Geneva attained its highest population in 1910, when it had 1,140. In 1900 Geneva was larger than Berne, with 1,076 compared with 1,037 for the Swiss City.

In the middle of the 'teens, however, the oil wells played out in the Geneva area, and prosperity dwindled away. By 1930 the population had dropped to 895; it climbed to 966 in 1940, and 999 in 1950. A program attracting small industry to the city has greatly aided in the rebirth of the Limberlost city.

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