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## Open Catholic School Sept. 7

Plans for opening of the Decatur Catholic schools and new faculty members were announced today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simon Schmitt, superintendent, and Sr. M. Almeda, C.S.A., principal.

The St. Joseph grade school and the Decatur Catholic high school will open classes next Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, will be faculty organization day, with the grade school meeting at 9:30 o'clock, and the high school meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

All high school students are asked to report at the school at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for schedule adjustments. The school's service office will also be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

All grades, from the second grade through high school, are to report for classes Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. First graders will not report until Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Several changes have been made in class room arrangements at the school, and all high school classes will be conducted on the first floor this year.

### New Teachers

Five new teachers have been employed for the 1960-61 school year. New high school teachers are: Leon Youngpeter, athletics and basic business; Sr. M. Almeda, English and Spanish, and Sr. M. Petronilla, librarian and commerce. The new coach is a graduate of Dayton University, and has been a teacher and coach at Chammandia high school in Dayton. O. Sr. M. Almeda and M. Petronilla taught last year at St. Thomas high school in Beloit, Wis.

The new grade school teachers are Miss Shirley Taylor, of Monroeville, second grade, and Mrs. Weidler, of Decatur, who will teach the sixth grade.

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## Virgil Smith Committed To State Prison

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Former state highway chairman Virgil W. (Red) Smith was committed to Indiana state prison today for a 2-1/4 year bribery term after making a surprise plea of guilty to four other charges pending against him.

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But the unexpected development was Smith's action in changing his plea from innocent to guilty on four other charges stemming from the Hoosier highway scandals that broke more than three years ago and eventually ensnared more than half a dozen former state officials and employees.

Garvin sentenced Smith to 2-1/4 year terms and \$500 fines on each of the four charges but suspended the sentences on grounds that if Smith had stood trial on each and been convicted, the terms would have run concurrently and the state would not have benefited.

"I have no sympathy for the defendant," Garvin said. "He is guilty of a very serious crime. But the thing that appeals most to me is the enormous cost to the Marion county taxpayer."

Prosecutor Philip Bayt said he would "reluctantly abide by the decision" of the judge to suspend the sentences.

The disposition of the four indictments pending left only one still lodged against Smith. But this was in another court and outside Garvin's jurisdiction.

Smith was committed to deputy sheriffs immediately. He was to be taken to Marion County Jail pending the trip to Michigan City. If Smith's behavior is good, he probably will spend no more than 21 months behind bars.

Smith's attorney, Frank Hamilton, recommended that Garvin suspend the sentences on the charges to which Smith changed his plea.

## Melvin S. Johnson Dies This Morning

Melvin S. Johnson, 67, of one-half mile east of Monroe, died at 3 o'clock this morning at the Irene Byron hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Mr. Johnson was a retired employee of City Utilities, Fort Wayne. He was born at Dodge City, Kan., July 11, 1893. A veteran of World War I, he served overseas for 18 months.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church at Berne, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, the former Martha Zurcher; two sons, Harold Johnson of Decatur, and Earl Johnson, at home; three grandchildren, and one brother, Dan Johnson of Califax, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Yager funeral home in Berne. The Rev. C. H. Schmid will officiate and burial will be in the MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7:30 p.m. today until time of the services.

### INDIANA WEATHER

Fair and continued quite warm this afternoon, tonight and Friday although a little cooler extreme north Friday. Low tonight upper 60s extreme north and the 70s central and south. High Friday in the 80s extreme north and in the 90s central and south.

Sunset today 7:17 p.m. Sunrise Friday 6:13 a.m. Outlook for Saturday: Generally fair, continued warm and humid. Lows 66 to 71. Highs 83 to 89.

### NO PAPER MONDAY

Monday, Sept. 5, will be Labor Day, and in accordance with custom for many years, the Daily Democrat will not publish an edition Monday.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A dead-lock over sugar legislation blocked the adjournment of the 86th Congress early today and left campaign-conscious members fretting to get away to the political wars.

Efforts to adjourn this morning collapsed at 3:37 a.m. e.d.t. when Speaker Sam Rayburn, D-Tex., recessed the House until noon. Leaders were confident Congress could quit this afternoon or tonight.

Rayburn's action followed Senate refusal to accept House limitations on President Eisenhower's request for authority to cut a 322,000-ton "windfall" sugar marketing quota for the Dominican Republic.

The House wanted to limit Eisenhower to using such power only after the Organization of American States (OAS) invoked economic sanctions against the Dominican regime of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo.

But the Senate voted 62 to 17 to back Eisenhower's plea for unrestricted authority.

With all other obstacles to adjournment removed, Rayburn concluded that the sugar situation was too snarled to permit any pre-dawn agreement and ordered the House recess.

Cooley summoned the House Agriculture Committee to a meeting at 11 a.m. e.d.t. "to discuss the status quo."

The marathon session, which began at noon e.d.t. Wednesday, was marked by political bickering as well as the flurry of legislative activity.

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## Pennsylvania Railroad, Largest In Nation, Is Closed Down By Strike

### Accident Total Is Higher This Year

The sheriff's department has released a summary for the first six months of 1960, comparing same with the first six months of 1959.

During these first six months there have been 88 accidents, as compared to 78 for the first six months of the preceding year. Personal injury accidents were the same for both years, totaling 24, but so far there have been 62 property damage and two fatal accidents, as compared to 53 property damage and no fatal accidents for the same period in 1959.

The three-year contract offer, to replace a five-year contract which expires Oct. 1, would be effective Oct. 2 if it is accepted by the unions involved.

Employees of the Decatur G. E. plant are represented by the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE), which claims to represent 38,000 GE employees in the United States and Canada.

Officials of both the UE and the IUE, which claims to represent 70,000 GE workers in the United States, late Wednesday flatly rejected the contract offer, made in New York. The IUE said the company offer was "unacceptable" and "totally unsatisfactory."

The UE termed the offer "an abomination" and "an atrocity."

Complaints investigated, such as thefts, vandalism, breaking and entering, indecent exposures, etc., have amounted to a total of 50.

Of the 88 accidents, 32 were one-car accidents. 74 Adams county people were involved and 14 motorists were arrested for violations. A total of 13 of these accidents occurred on county stone roads, with seven others on state roads.

The injuries to the total of 57 injured consisted of crushed chests, broken legs and arms, basal skull fractures, teeth knocked out, on down to minor abrasions and cuts.

The causes of most of the serious accidents were or are due to excessive speed, reckless driving, failing to obey stop signs and driving to the left of the center of the roadway.

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## G. E. Offers New Three-Year Pact

The General Electric Co. offered three-year contract proposals Wednesday to employees represented by unions, which would include a three percent general pay raise, effective Oct. 2 of this year, with a second increase of four percent effective April 2, 1962.

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Three or more years of service could receive 95 percent of the job rate for his former job. In addition, the company will pay the cost of any such training.

On income protection in case of layoff, the company proposed to set aside an amount of money equal to one week's pay for each week of service to be made available to laid-off employees within three or more years of service.

The proposal offered several alternative ways in which an employee could take advantage of the total amount of money available to him under the plan.

The wage offer included a three percent general increase Oct. 2 of this year and the additional four percent April 2, 1962.

The increased insurance benefits proposal included a 30 percent increase in the pension base for pension credits accumulated before 1946.

Also included were proposals for higher guaranteed minimum pensions and larger supplemental payments. The company pointed out that guaranteed minimum pensions are over and above so-called security payments.

Officials of both the UE and the IUE, which claims to represent 70,000 GE workers in the United States, late Wednesday flatly rejected the contract offer, made in New York. The IUE said the company offer was "unacceptable" and "totally unsatisfactory."

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Five Features

The company said its contract proposal package was built around five basic features "designed to meet the needs and desires of General Electric employees." They were:

Greater employment opportunity.

Income protection in case of layoff.

General wage increases.

Increase security on retirement.

On the first proposal, the company said local managers will be able to offer added retraining opportunities to eligible employees facing layoff. An employee with

three or more years of service could receive 95 percent of the job rate for his former job. In addition, the company will pay the cost of any such training.

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