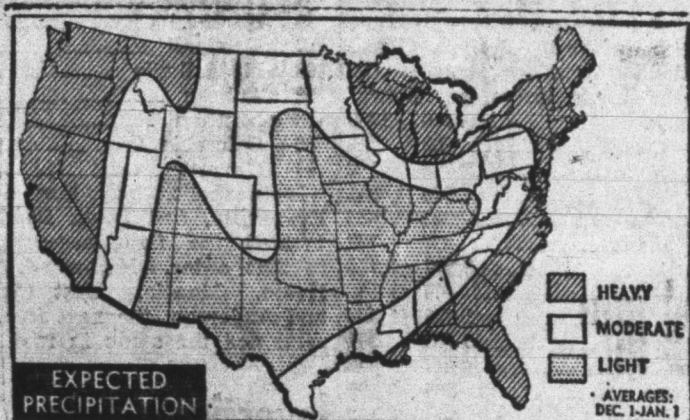




RUNNING THE GANTLET—Yolanda Gabrielle, 6, is protected by her mother as they pass the "cheer leaders," a group of jeering segregationist mothers in New Orleans. The little white girl has run this gantlet every day to attend integrated classes at Frantz Elementary School.



Precipitation during December will be heaviest along the nation's perimeters, as map shows. Much of it will be snow.

Bold Proposal On Uniting Churches

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A bold proposal to unite four of the nation's largest Protestant bodies was warmly received by church leaders today.

The four-way merger, which would create an 18 million member "reformed and catholic Church" was proposed here Sunday by the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

It would bring together the United Presbyterian Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, and the United Church of Christ. The latter is itself the product of a recent merger of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed churches.

To Invite Others
Other Protestant denominations would be invited to join the new body once a detailed plan of union has been worked out.

Dr. Blake's surprise proposal created great excitement among the 3,000 church leaders from all parts of the nation who are assembled here for the triennial general assembly of the National Council of Churches. The national council is composed of 33 major Protestant and Orthodox denominations, including the four involved in the proposed merger.

The Most Rev. Arthur H. Lichtenberger, presiding bishop of the

Protestant Episcopal Church, said "this is a most important proposal and I am sure Episcopalians will study it very seriously."

Pike Endorses Proposal
The Right Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal bishop of California, called it "the most sound and inspiring proposal for church unity in history" and said he will work vigorously for its acceptance.

Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord, of Washington, D.C., said the plan is "worthy of deep and serious thought." He said that Methodists are interested in any move that will heal denominational divisions.

The Rev. James E. Wagner and Fred Hoskins, co-presidents of the United Church of Christ, said in a joint statement that the proposal "by its very boldness warrants the grateful consideration of us all."

Speaking As Individuals
They noted, however, that their church is committed to begin unity talks soon with the Disciples of Christ denomination and said it was "regrettable" that the Disciples were not included in the initial merger plans.

Each of the denominational leaders emphasized that he was speaking as an individual and that an official stand on the merger could be taken only by the appropriate governing body of the denomination.

Urges Preservation Of Natural Heritage

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

NEW YORK (UPI)—To some, the bulldozer is a symbol of progress. To Leonard Outwaite, anthropologist and explorer, it also is a symbol of what's happening to "America, the Beautiful."

Outwaite has no quarrel with progress, nor for that matter with the bulldozer—when used discriminately. But he would like to see the preservation of some of our natural heritage for us and future generations to contemplate and enjoy.

Outwaite is research consultant to the Nature Centers For Young America, Inc., a recently formed organization to encourage villages, towns and cities to set aside "while there is still time"—some part of the natural setting nearby for use, not as a formal park, but to preserve the native flora and fauna... a big slice of the as it was before organization set in.

Preserve Or Be Engulfed
"The bulldozers have leveled the life out of the hills and the fields," says the center's brochure. Outwaite adds, "If we don't start preserving soon, we'll be engulfed."

"In so many parts of America already," Outwaite continued, "you drive 25 to 30 miles outside the city limits... still past nothing but housing developments."

"There is no time to waste," he continued, in an interview. And the urgency with which the anthropologist talked created visions immediately of a land one day bare of the things we used to take for granted—fields, trees, grass, native flowers, streams and wildlife.

"The centers would be used for both relaxation and education," he said. "A way to teach children botany, zoology, conservation—better than they ever could learn from books."

Looks For Locations
The anthropologist recently completed a 14,000-mile motor trip around the nation looking for likely locations for nature centers, for zoological parks and museums.

He said many communities already are aware of how urbanization is cutting back nature and are doing something about it. Stamford, Conn., is one of the pioneers and has set aside close to 100 acres of streams and woodland.

Outwaite was secretary to the President's Committee on Demobilization after World War II and wrote the committee report which became the "GI Bill of Rights." At present, he also is a member of the advisory board of RCA's advance design center.

Property Is Bought By Lutheran Church

The acquisition of two additional parcels of property was announced to the Zion Lutheran voters assembly at its annual meeting Sunday afternoon at the church. Reports of various congregational committees were heard and officers for 1961 were elected.

The purchase had been arranged by the congregation's planning commission and is a part of a long term plan to build a new church.

The Dr. Arthur Girod home, on the corner of 10th and Monroe, and the Reed home on Jackson and 11th street are now owned by the congregation.

William Schnepf is the congregation's new president, succeeding George Auer, who has completed two terms and was not eligible for reelection. Karl Reinking is vice president, William Justice is the new recording secretary, and Robert Lane will be the new treasurer.

Earl Caston, Norman Kruse, and Louis Jacobs begin two-year terms as elders, and Otto Spiegel and Carl Smith start one-year terms in the same office. Robert Hall and James Beery will serve two years as deacons, with Leroy Huffman named to serve one year.

Ralph Sauer, Robert Zwick, and Charles Stuckey were named to the board of finance. Henry Krueckeberg, Norman Witte, Robert Nyffeler, and William Brandenburg will serve on the board of stewardship. Wilbert Steele, Norbert Bloeker, Ralph Grotrian and Roland Miller, were elected to the board of education. Frank Braun and Clarence Dersch are new trustees. C. Wm. Porter and Don Biebertich will audit this year's books.

The board of evangelism had George Auer, Arnold Ostermeyer, Edward Wolfe, and Roger Schuster added to it. Next year's committee on nominations will consist of Herman Krueckeberg, Phil Sauer, and Dr. H. F. Zwick. The congregation adopted a new constitution during the year and expanded several of its boards. These boards will meet to organize before Jan. 1 and their chairmen will serve on the council.

Gordon Gregg and Herman Krueckeberg made financial reports. Each member will receive a report of his contributions to date during 1960 soon.

Walter Kuehler reporting for the deacons announced that a new system of greeting and welcoming guests is soon to be started.

Dan Freeby reported that the Zion Cub Scouts had attained its goals both in membership and advancement during the year, with excellent cooperation from both boys and parents.

A special candlelight vesper will be held at 7 p. m. December 18. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Christmas day.

Burglars Nabbed By Vigilante Committee

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) — Three men faced burglary charges today because a vigilante committee of Clark Hill residents took the law into their own hands.

Somebody saw a man robbing a grocery early Sunday. He spread the word and eight townspeople got together and caught a man identified as William M. Robinson, 29, Lafayette, as he ran out of the store, dropping cigarettes and candy in his flight.

Russia Invited To New York World Fair

MOSCOW (UPI) — A delegation of New Yorkers arrived here Sunday night to extend an official invitation to the Soviet Union to participate in the 1964 world's fair in New York.

The delegation was to meet today with American Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson and to meet with members of the Soviet Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.



DECATURITES MEET SANTA — Thousands of Decatur area children met Santa Saturday on three rides to Ohio City, sponsored by the members of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Railroad. Pictured above are Bozo the Clown, from WKJG-TV, who also made the trip, R. E. Towns, of the Erie Western Division, W. M. Bumgardner, Decatur passenger agent, and Santa Claus.



BIGGEST HIT with the kids was Bozo, right, the clown from WKJG-TV, who is well-known to the small fry. Here a group of children look on as Bozo makes a face that delights the children.



SANTA GREET'S Laurie Freeby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Freeby, of Decatur, who is seated on Mrs. Freeby's lap. Looking on is her sister, Susan, standing beside her.



SANTA POINTS at Janet and Nancy Morrissey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morrissey, of Decatur, as Mrs. Morrissey looks on. Unidentified little girl at right gazes longingly at jolly old Saint Nick, who bore a faint resemblance to school teacher Jerry Leitz.



BUDGET DIRECTOR—President-elect Kennedy announces the appointment in Washington of his budget director, David E. Bell, right, professor at Harvard University.

Local Man Arrested On Larceny Charge

Robert L. Swygart, route 4, Decatur, was arrested by city police Saturday night on a charge of petit larceny after admitting stealing nearly \$100 and two watches from Harry L. DeRoo, 446 Gage Avenue, earlier in the evening.

The police received a call about 8 p.m. Saturday from a tavern that DeRoo had been robbed while in the establishment. Upon arriving, DeRoo informed them that he had cashed a check for \$100 earlier in the evening and then met Swygart from whom he purchased two wrist watches for \$10. DeRoo stated he was in a booth from 6:30 until 8 o'clock, when he missed the money, and the only person with him was Swygart. Witnesses at the scene stated that Swygart had left as soon as DeRoo noticed the missing money and watches.

Two customers said they had seen Swygart in the alley back of the building just before the police arrived, and a check of the alley turned up the billfold, which was empty. The billfold was returned to DeRoo and the search for Swygart was started.

It was soon discovered that Swygart had been in an accident southwest of Decatur, and he was picked up by the officers as his car was being towed in. He denied, however, any part of the robbery, but upon searching him, the investigating officers found the two watches and four 20-dollar bills, one ten-dollar bill, one five-dollar bill, and four one-dollar bills.

Swygart then admitted the robbery, stating that he had come to town with only \$25 and had been drinking quite heavily. He also admitted stealing the watches from a panel truck owned by the McConnell wholesale house, where he is employed.

DeRoo pressed charges of petit larceny and Swygart is currently in the Adams county jail, but is scheduled to appear in city court late this afternoon.

Columbus Foundry Founder Dies Sunday

COLUMBUS, Ind. (UPI) — Walter I. Golden, 79, founder of the Golden Foundry Co. here, died Sunday in his home. Golden was a native of Jeffersonville. He was a director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce since 1938 and was vice president of the organization in 1961.

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