

Adams Central Choir At Pleasant Dale

The Adams Central high school choir, directed by Leon Gerig,

will present a program of sacred music at the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Accompanists will be Rosalyn Mishler and Delora Mishler.

At This Time

At this blessed Easter season, we find ourselves thinking about the example He set for us. His patience, love, understanding and forgiveness are indeed worthy of imitation by all of us as we conduct our affairs throughout the year.



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Arthur E. Myers Reported Improved

Arthur E. Myers, 212 S. Fifth street, was resting comfortably in the Adams county memorial hospital this morning after suffering a heart attack while in the St. Mary's Catholic church Thursday.

Mrs. Myers stated he was stricken in church and immediately rushed to the hospital. She explained that the doctors reported that he had a pretty good night Thursday night and that the chest pains had slackened since the attack. This was the third such attack for the Decatur man in the past three years. He suffered the first attack on April 18, 1959, the second April 2 of last year, and then the Thursday attack.

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John Wechter Marks His 90th Birthday

Easter Sunday will bring more than the usual for one Adams county man, as John Wechter, former Adams county treasurer who lives near the Ohio line in Blue Creek township, will be celebrating his 90th birthday on that date.

John, who has two daughters and one son, in addition to nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren, was born April 2, 1871, in New Washington, O., in Crawford county. He was the son of Jacob Wechter, a Civil War vet, and Mary Jane Clancy Wechter, his mother immigrating from Ireland many years before when she was only seven.

Lives With Son

John is now living a quiet and peaceful life with his son, Delmore, and Delmore's wife, the former Lucille Mauler. He gets around real well for a fellow his age, but to him, the "new-fangled" inventions of television and radio are out. He would much rather read newspapers and magazines to keep up with the current events, and the Bible.

Delmore, the youngest of the three children who is now 55 years of age, his wife, and John, live on the farm that John's parents built when John was two years of age. The farm is located just off

highway 125, about a mile west of Willshire and just south of the Blue Creek conservation club grounds.

The present farm home was built while John was a youngster. His parents moved to the location when John was one year old. They lived in a log cabin for a year, and then built the present house, which has changed considerably through the years.

Married In 1893

The elderly Mr. Wechter was married to Rosa K. Larimore on September 1, 1893, and three children were born to them. In addition to Delmore, there are two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Jennie) Edwards of Decatur, and Mrs. Glen (Mary) Workinger, who resides near Monroe.

From 1924 until 1932, John sold clothing throughout Adams county for the Nash Co., and in 1932 he ran for county treasurer on the Democratic ticket and was elected. He served as treasurer from 1932 until 1936, and during this time he was making his home in Pleasant Mills.

County Treasurer

After the four years as county treasurer, he and his wife moved back to a farm which was near the farm of Delmore's. John's wife died July 14, 1944, and then moved back to Delmore's house where he has been spending an enjoyable life ever since.

A strong member of the Democratic party, John was a spy as a 20-year-old until three years ago when he fell and broke his hip. The injury has slowed him somewhat, but he still is able to move about on his own.

The family had nothing special planned for the Easter birthday, although many friends and relatives will be dropping in.

Sister-In-Law

Mrs. Margaret Wechter, widow of Frank C. Wechter, is John's one immediate relative, other than the children, as both of his brothers and his one sister have passed away. Mrs. Margaret Wechter resides at 804 Winchester street in Decatur.

John was quite active in the K. of P. and the Masons for many years, and was driving his car until he reached the age of 85. He is also a member of the Willshire Methodist church.

As an indication of the "spryness" of this 90-year-old man, when the interviewing reporter asked John how he was feeling Thursday afternoon, he replied, "You want to wrestle?"

So a hearty congratulations and happy birthday goes out to John Wechter, former Adams county treasurer, from all of his friends and relatives who wish him another 90 years.

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DECATUR SQUARE DANCERS, led by Max Kreps, visited the Veterans hospital in Fort Wayne Tuesday, and staged a square dance with the veterans who were able to be up and around. Highlight of the occasion is when the wheelchair patients are allowed to square dance, mobilized by one dancer pushing them around the square. More than 20 Decatur dancers took part, and three or four squares were dancing most of the time. The Mothers of World War II Veterans, a Fort Wayne group, also helped with the dancing. Pictured above, from left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Geimer, Mrs. Dick Heller, Jay Minch, Mrs. Leonard Meyer, and Norbert Gase.

Naval Reserve Unit Meeting Next Week

Due to the wide acceptance of an earlier meeting, the Naval reserve unit of this area, with headquarters in Fort Wayne, will hold another open meeting in Decatur Thursday, April 6. The meeting will be in the public meeting room above the First State Bank, and will begin at 7:30 p. m. All young men interested in learning the complete story of fulfilling their six-year military obligation are invited to attend, and their parents are also invited.

Lieutenant Commander Peterson, commanding officer of the area Naval reserve unit, plans to be at the meeting to fully explain the six-year obligation as well as telling the many types of training available through the Navy. A short movie on naval life will be shown, and there will be coffee and doughnuts offered during the discussion.

The meeting is being held because of the very fine acceptance of the first meeting, held in January. Several area young men took advantage of the opportunity to affiliate with the Naval reserve, and many of their friends have shown considerable interest since. It is open to all young men regardless of whether or not they are interested in Naval reserve. Parents are also urged to attend the meeting with their sons, so that they might be better informed on the young man's military obligation.

Naval veterans who are interested in joining the reserve unit are also urged to attend. They can learn how to become a part of the Naval reserve team, and add to the strength of the country by their participation.

20 Years Ago Today

March 31, 1941—Otto C. Smith, Jr., 22, Adams county young man, was killed when his light monoplane crashed five miles north-west of Berne.

Earl Chase, Decatur, was re-elected president of the Adams county Christian Endeavor societies. Other officers are Noel Sprunger, vice president; Emma Jane Lichty, secretary-treasurer; Ida Sprunger, Homer Augsberger and the Rev. C. P. Maas, advisory group members.

Legal steps have been taken toward construction of a \$75,000 addition to the Kirkland township high school.

J. Russell Prior, Indiana state trooper here for the past two years, has been transferred to the Pendleton post.

G. Remy Bierly and Burl Johnson attended the Jackson day dinner at the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis.

Rainfall On 41 Of Last 90 Easters

INDIANAPOLIS (PI)—Weather statisticians dug through old files this week and came up with the information that it has rained on 41 of the last 90 Easter Sundays at Indianapolis.

The records showed that measurable amounts of precipitation fell on about one of every three Easters. It rained on Easter in

1958, 1959 and 1960, so the law of averages should make this one dry.

Furthermore, the rain the last three Easters came during the 6 a. m. to noon period when Hoosiers were garbed in their spring finery attending sunrise and other religious services.

The rainiest Easter was in 1921 when more than two inches of rain fell.

The warmest was in 1941 when the mercury climbed to 86. The coldest was in 1940 when the highest temperature was 26 degrees and the lowest 15.

There was snow on nine of the 90 Sundays, but never more than a trace on the ground.

Climatologists said the fact it rained 41 of 90 Easters sounds like a lot of rain. But they added that only about half the time did the rain actually fall during the six-hour period up to noon. The other half of the time, the rain came before 6 a. m. or after 12 noon.

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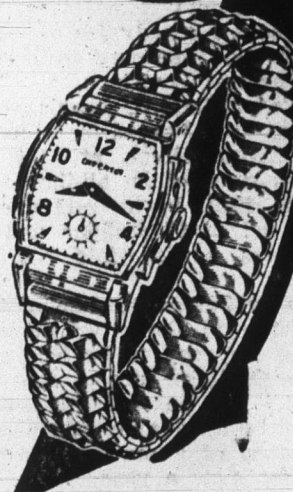
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