

# SOCIETY

## MERRY MATRONS MET WITH MRS. ERWIN FUELLING

Mrs. Erwin Fuelling was hostess recently to 18 members of the Merry Matrons home demonstration club. Two guests, Mrs. Gene Schlemmer and Mrs. Lewis Sheets, were also present.

The president, Mrs. Wilbert Thieme, opened the meeting by leading the group in the club creed. A lesson on salads was presented by Mrs. Vincent Wurm and Mrs. Ed Gerber. They had demonstrated and prepared a caesar salad and a fruit salad with honeybee dressing.

During the business session, the usual reports were read by Mrs. Edward Marbach and Mrs. Otto Thieme. The meeting closed with the club prayer.

At the social hour, a secret gift was received by Mrs. Edwin Krueckeberg and Mrs. Vincent Wurm. Contests were enjoyed and a prize was won by Mrs. Carl Thieme. A door prize was awarded to Mrs. Glen Lehrman.

Later, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Vincent Wurm. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Glen Lehrman.

## MUSICAL AND OPEN HOUSE AT LINCOLN PTA MEETING

The third and fourth grade pupils of the Lincoln school, under the direction of Clint Reed, entertained a capacity crowd with a delightful musical program at a meeting of the Lincoln PTA Thursday evening.

Selections presented at the program included "Fiddle Flute Song," "Go Tell Aunt Rhody," an American folk song, with Kee-

man Lobsiger as soloist; "Saint Saens," carnival of the animals, "Lovely Up Here," with soloist, Franklin Parrish; "Kentucky Opera," with soloist, Jim McConnell; and a Negro folk song by Teresa Smith, Cathy Burk and Darrell Gehrig. Following the musical program, and interesting film on polio and birth defects was shown.

A brief business meeting was held prior to the program with Lincoln PTA president, Mrs. Kenneth Singleton, opening with the pledge of allegiance. Clifford Hoverman, lay member of the Trinity EUB church and president of the Northwest PTA, offered the prayer. The minutes of the December meeting were then read by the secretary, Mrs. W. W. Cravens.

Open house was observed following the meeting, with parents visiting their children's classrooms and talking with their teachers.

The next meeting will be February 15 with another musical program by other grades of Lincoln school to be featured. Also, a film, "The Sixth Chair," about the dangers of complacency in public education, will be shown.

## CALVARY LADIES AID MET WEDNESDAY EVENING

Members of the Calvary ladies aid met Wednesday evening at the home of Doris McDermott for their January meeting.

Ora Drake read the scripture for the devotionals and prayer was offered by Iona Shifferley. During the business meeting, the ladies discussed the project of selling boxes of gelatin.

Later, the hostess served coffee and cheese cake to ten members and on guest present.

## VFW LADIES AUXILIARY HAS BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting was held by the members of the VFW ladies auxiliary at the post home recently, with all but five officers answering roll call.

Following the usual business reports, an article on Buddy Poppies was read to the group. It was announced that a spring conference will be held in Huntington this year, with more information to follow.

National home chairman, Mrs. Ray Ballard, closed her project, reporting that the auxiliary will send \$33.80 to the national home along with \$33.80 from the VFW post. Bill Grant of the VFW post was co-representative with Mrs. Ballard on this project. The auxiliary also donated \$53.75 to the post for its building fund.

It was reported that the auxiliary bowling team placed second in the first half of the league session. A supper is being planned by the auxiliary, to be held February 22. Proceeds from this supper will be used to sponsor a party at the Veterans hospital at Marion. All members are asked to donate for this worthy project and to contact Mrs. Theodore Baker at 3-4698 for more information.

A joint session of the post and auxiliary members will be held at the first quarterly meeting of the post and all members are invited to attend, it was announced. The auxiliary voted to hold a social meeting on the second Monday of each month and a business meeting the first Monday of each month.

The meeting closed with the retiring of the colors to re-open, February 5. Mrs. Kenneth Birch was given the door prize.

## TRINITY WORK AND WIN CLASS MET RECENTLY

The Work and Win class of the Trinity EUB church met at the parish hall recently. The president, Homer Arnold, opened by leading the group in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." He then read the 99th Psalm and prayer was offered by Emma Barkley.

During the business meeting, reports were read and 17 members answered roll call. Mrs. Penrod and Mrs. Bodle presented readings at this time, followed with the group singing "Higher

## Clubs

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

### FRIDAY

Adams County Civic Music Association annual meeting, Mrs. Roy Kalver, 7:30 p.m.  
Psi Ote Trading Post: 1 to 4, Janice Geels, Donna Roth; 6 to 9, Karen Galbreath, Shirley Liby.

### SATURDAY

Psi Ote Trading Post: 1 to 4, Janice Geels, Norma Gentis.  
SUNDAY  
Northwest P.T.A. officers and chairmen, school, 11:30 a.m.

### MONDAY

Flo-Kan sunshine girls, Moose home, 6 p.m.  
Music dept, dinner, Community Center, 6:30 p.m.  
Pleasant Mills PTA, at school, 7:30 p.m.

St. Ambrose study club, Mrs. Herman Loshe, 7:30 p.m.  
Pythian Sisters Needle club, Moose home, after Temple.  
Research club, Mrs. J. M. Doan, 2:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Nu-U club, 1515 W. Monroe street, 1:30 p.m.  
Tri Kappa, Mrs. William Christen, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Anne study club, Mrs. Ed Keller, 1:30 p.m.

39'ers, Community Center, 6:30 p.m.  
Root Twp. club, Monmouth school, 6:30 p.m.  
Xi Alpha Xi and Delta Lambda, Mrs. Kenneth Beard, 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Ava Maria study club, Mrs. Elmo Smith, 8 p.m.  
Women's Assoc., Presbyterian church, 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Builders class, Trinity EUB church, 7:30 p.m.  
Monroe WCTU, Mrs. Jack McBride, 1:30 p.m.

Ground. The meeting closed with prayer by Arnold.

Contests were enjoyed during the social hour and delicious refreshments were served by the host and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garner and the Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Penrod.

## SHAKESPEARE CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

Miss Frances Dugan was hostess at her home Wednesday afternoon to the members of the Shakespeare club.

An entertaining and informative paper was presented by Miss Elizabeth Peterson, who reviewed a recent book called "The Lady Persuaders," a history of the development and the influence of women's magazines in American life.

The earliest magazine edited by Joseph Hale set a pattern which is still popular; giving advice, fashions, health and beauty hints and some editorial material on current problems as seen today in such periodicals as Ladies Home Journal, McCall's, Good Housekeeping, and many others. The author's criticisms of policies of later magazines were interesting and amusing quotations from early and late publications were greatly enjoyed.

The Delta Theta Tau sorority will not have a meeting Tuesday as scheduled so that members can attend the community concert.

The Flo-Kan sunshine girls will meet at the Moose home Monday at 6 p.m. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

A dinner meeting will be held at the Community Center Monday, beginning at 6:30 p.m., by the members of the Music department of the Woman's club.

The Tri Kappa winner picnic will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Christen.

Mrs. Ed Keller will entertain

the members of the St. Anne study club at her home Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

The 39'ers will meet at the Community Center Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for a carry-in dinner.

The Ava Maria study club will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmo Smith Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the members of the Builders class of the Trinity EUB church will meet at the church.

The Monroe WCTU will meet Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jack McBride.

## BIRTH

At the Adams county memorial hospital:

William and Virginia Spangler, Judge, route three, Decatur, are the parents of a baby boy born at 4:19 p.m. Thursday. The baby weighed eight pounds and ten ounces.

## Hospital

**Admitted**  
Mrs. Matilda Hammond, Decatur; Mrs. Victor Andrews, Sr., Rockford, O.; Edward Roth, Monroeville; Harvey Largent, Lafayette; Mrs. Lena Sherlock, Decatur.

**Dismissed**  
Mrs. Ervin Martin and baby girl, Monroe; Mrs. Howell Duff, Decatur; Mrs. Adan Eguila and baby boy, Decatur; Harry F. Moser, Geneva; Mrs. Mame T. Myers, Decatur; Mrs. James Klenk, Monroe.

## LOCALS

Mrs. Fred Blum of Berne, and Mrs. John Young, of route one, Monroe, have been dismissed from the Clinic hospital in Bluffton.

Mrs. Daniel Steiner, of route 4, Bluffton, was admitted to the Clinic hospital.

**LOCALS**  
Capt. Dick Sutton, of the Indiana state police, visited in Decatur Wednesday with relatives on his way to Fort Wayne on official business. He is a brother of Jesse Sutton, Decatur jeweler.

A/C Ron Hesser, stationed at Chambley, France, with the Fort Wayne reserve unit called to active duty last fall, has sent home colored slides of his visits in Paris, and recently visited Zurich, Switzerland. He is enjoying his tour of active duty very much.

Deane T. Dorwin returned Wednesday evening from a two-day meeting of the Indiana personnel and guidance association at Bloomington. Among the speakers were Dr. Alfred Hitchcock, of the American personnel and guidance association, and Dr. Rollie Pruett, of the Indiana department of education.

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troop 573, patrol 2, met Tuesday. We paid dues and had roll call. Each one of the girls said the Girl Scout promise and received her Girl Scout pin. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Patty Fawcett.

Brownie troop 20 met at the Northwest school Monday. Roll call was taken and dues were collected. The girls started on their tenderfoot rank and learned the Girl Scout promise and one law of the Girl Scouts. The girls then divided into groups and played new games. The meeting was closed with the friendship circle and singing "Day is Done."

Scribe: Diane Sheets

## Schools Inaugurate New Band Program

A district program to formalize early instrumental instruction in the Decatur school system, and thus improve the pre-high-school band and orchestra program, to build a sound foundation for future high school bands, was inaugurated Thursday afternoon by the principals of the grade schools, the city superintendent, and the band instructor, Richard Collins.

The program will continue work with third and fourth graders with tonettes, the cigar-shaped instruments used to build a sense of tone and rhythm in the youngsters. At the end of the fifth grade, those who think that they would like to go into the band will be given special summer instruction and work.

Those who complete this work will then go into a music program in their sixth year of school. Those who do not decide until their sixth year that they are interested will have to wait until their seventh year to get into the formal band program.

The reason for this is to keep the entire group as close together in proficiency as possible. If those who have practiced for six months are thrown in with those just beginning, the entire program suffers.

The new program will also encourage early choice of band work, and will prevent those who suddenly decide they want band, only to drop out later, to undergo a preliminary period of learning before formally joining the band.

## Dead Porcupine Is Found Along Highway

Elroy Winteregg and Floyd Bowers, state highway department workers, report finding a dead porcupine along U. S. highway 224 near the truck stop east of Decatur. It had apparently been run over by a car.

## Only Huntington Exceeds Quota

During the past two weeks only Huntington county has exceeded its quota in blood donations during visits of the regional bloodmobile, a check of local newspapers show.

Last Monday Huntington donors gave 178 pints, compared with 195 given here in Decatur recently. The previous week 66 pints were collected at Winchester, and 118 were collected at Portland. The bloodmobile tries to average 125 pints a day to keep the necessary amounts of all blood types on hand for the hospitals of this 34-county area in two states.

## Non-Graduates May Now Join Air Force

It was announced today by SSgt. Bert Crosby, the local Air Force recruiter, that the Air Force has available a limited amount of enlistments open to young men who have not completed high school.

The Air Force programs have been restricted to high school graduates and men with higher education for some time now and the opportunity of enlisting in the Air Force without high school education is on a limited basis and may close again at any time.

Young men interested in this program should contact Sgt. Crosby as soon as possible, at the selective service office in Decatur, or 303 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Tel. E-5019.

## Three Decatur Men Promoted By Soya

Four area men—three from Decatur and one from Fort Wayne—have received promotions and been transferred to Central Soya's Indianapolis plant, as a result of the construction of a new feed mill at that site, it was announced today.

Gene M. Patton has been named superintendent of the feed mill. Prior to his promotion, he was a feed mill supervisor at Decatur. Patton is a 1955 graduate of the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. He has been with the company since 1955.

Richard McMahon has been appointed credit manager. He was assistant manager of the meal department at Decatur before his promotion. McMahon started with Central Soya in 1953 and is a graduate of the University of Illinois.

L. DeWayne Grafton was promoted to the position of assistant plant auditor. An International Business College graduate, he joined the company at Decatur in 1954 as an accountant and was plant accountant at the time of being named truck-order superintendent.

Thomas G. Housenstien has been named truck order superintendent. Prior to his promotion, he was assistant to the truck superintendent in Central's Fort Wayne office. Housenstien started with Central Soya in 1957 and is a graduate of Ohio University.

## Klondike Derby By Scouts On Saturday

A total of five Boy Scout troops from Adams county will join with troops from Wells and Jay counties, to participate in the annual Klondike derby Saturday morning at the Quabache state park.

Troops participating from this county include: troop 61, sponsored by the Rotary; troop 62, sponsored by the Lions; troop 63, sponsored by the American Legion; troop 64, sponsored by the St. Mary's Catholic church, and troop 72 of Monroe.

The derby is scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, with a large number of scouts from the three counties taking part. Five to eight boys will make up each patrol, and will follow a marked trail pulling their home made klondike sleds loaded with equipment. The trail covers nearly two miles of difficult terrain through the forest at Quabache.

**Outposts Set Up**  
Eight outposts have been set up at various points along the trail and will be handled by adult leaders. The patrols will stop at the outposts and attempt various scouting skills, with the adults as judges.

The skills include knot tying, axmanship, compass, animal tracks and tracking, first aid, fire building, cooking and judging of distance, height and weight. The patrols will earn points for completion of the skills, as well as for speed in completing the course. Lunch will be served at the trail's end, and each scout will receive a Klondike derby patch. The derby starts at the main lodge on Kunkel lake, and also finishes there.

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## STATE SCHOOL

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### Field Trips

Every corner of the old buildings, or of the ones not condemned as unsafe, is used for some part of the instruction, he stressed.

Often the students are accompanied upon buses, or out into the world, so that they can readjust to non-institutional life. The aim of the school is to return as many as possible to useful life.

The philosophy of the school is that each individual is important as an individual, regardless of his mental level. Whether he is a genius or below normal, he is important because he is a person. Therefore, it is important to develop the personality as far as is possible. Each student goes as far as he can in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and social learning, and is then taught a trade of some type so that he can be a useful member of society.

### Loyal Workers

Those who are returned to society prove to be diligent, hard workers who are almost always extremely loyal to their employers, he explained. The rehabilitation shops were shown, with the work of the students.

The students range in age from the very young school children to 94. Unfortunately many of the older people, who under present methods of treatment could be trained to return to society, became so used to the place that they no longer could adjust to non-institutional ways. Many are quite useful working at the school. In fact, the oldest patient was a bricklayer, and helped build many of the buildings now making up the school grounds.

The program closed with a showing of the dedication of the first two new units — one by former Gov. Harold Handley, and the latest by Gov. Matthew E. Welsh.

### Questions Answered

Questions from the audience established that about 20% of the students have no contact with relatives or friends. About 200 are released a year and returned to society, where they are carefully watched until they have made full adjustment. Parents are encouraged to visit the students frequently, to take them out for lunch, or to take them home on leaves. The only regulation of visitation is after hours at night, when the

children have been put to bed for the night.

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## CHARLES ALLEN DANCE NOTE! BEGINNING TEEN-AGE BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

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