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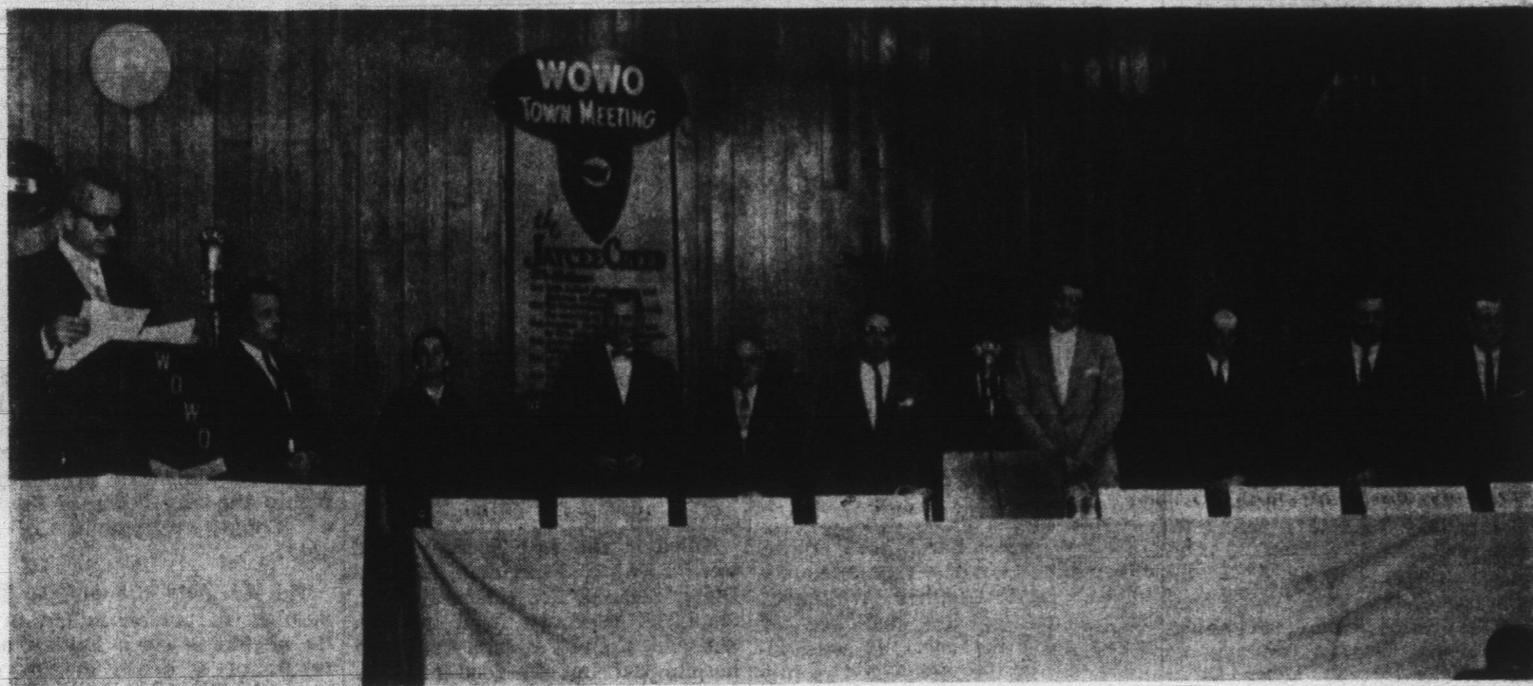
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SEVEN CENTS

## Kennedy Asks Congress Enact Welfare Program To Step Up Assistance



**TOWN MEETING PANEL**—The panel that answered questions concerning future plans for the city of Decatur is shown above immediately following the introduction. From left to right are: the moderator from radio station WOWO, Jack Underwood; Clyde Drake, Mrs. Laura Bosse, Carl Gerber, Ralph Roop, Mayor Donald Gage, Robert Anderson, Bernard Clark, Lawrence Kohn and Norbert Aumann.

## Town Meeting Held Here Last Evening

A crowd of over 300 interested citizens took part in the Jaycees WOWO Decatur town meeting held Wednesday evening at the Decatur Youth and Community Center. An entertaining local talent show preceded the town meeting, which was emceed by Jack Underwood, of radio station WOWO.

Mayor Donald Gage opened the town meeting by expressing his appreciation for the fine showing of interested people, thanking the Jaycees for doing the leg-work necessary for setting up the program, and thanking WOWO for making the town meeting possible.

The mayor then discussed in general the accomplishments of the city administration in the past year and some of the plans for the future. Gage stated that the new water towers would soon be completed and would give the city a water storage capacity of almost 1½ million gallons. He also asked for patience from Decatur homeowners this summer as the city water pressure is slowly increased to 65 pounds as recommended by the Indiana Rating Bureau.

### Might Rupture Pipes

Gage stated that there was a possibility the increased pressure might cause some of the city-owned water lines to burst, and could cause trouble in a few homes with old plumbing systems. The overall water picture is being updated as much as possible with the funds available.

During the past year, 53 blocks of new or resurfaced streets have been completed, stated Gage. He pointed out that this program had to be completed in one year or the funds available would revert to the general fund and be unavailable for street work. According to the mayor, Line street and Grant street are scheduled to be rebuilt in the summer of 1962.

In his opening remarks, the mayor also briefly discussed the park program, available adult recreation in Decatur, the downtown parking problem and whether it was a problem, and the possible renovation of the street lighting system in the heavier traveled parts of town.

### Questions And Answers

The final part of the program was used for a question and answer session in which the audience could submit written questions and the mayor or other members of the panel would answer them. There was very active participation in this part of the program and it was not possible to answer a large portion of the questions

because of a lack of time.

Most phases of current and future city development were covered in the question-answer session. Subjects included: railroads blocking Second street; possibility of another swimming pool; several different approaches to securing new industry; general city beautification; water supply for new industry; street lighting; speeding on streets; recreational facilities; bomb shelter; city debt; and the mayor's summary.

In answering some of these questions, the panel added to the knowledge of the overall picture of the city for those who were present. An additional swimming pool is not in the planning because of the cost, and would have to come from public subscription; new industry is everybody's concern, and every citizen should do what he can to help make the city attractive; city beautification can be brought about by interest and participation on every level.

### Summary: Be Interested

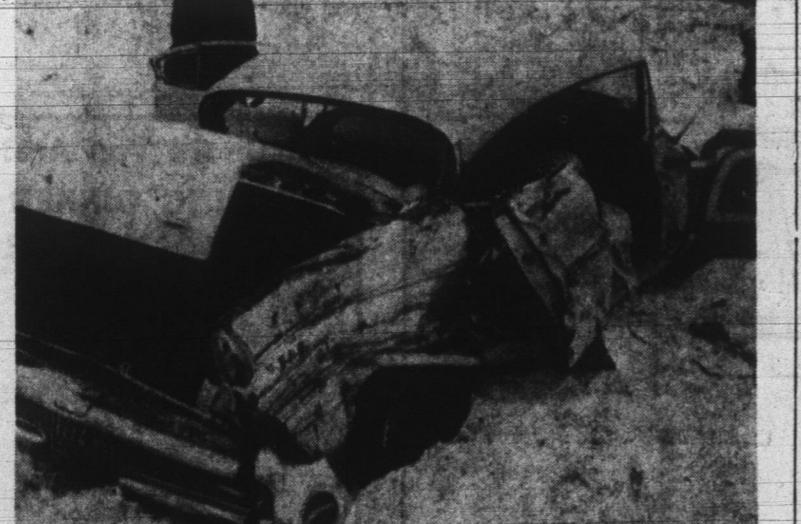
The water supply available for new industry depends on the type of production. If the only water needed is for sanitary purposes, the city has sufficient; if large quantities are needed in production processes, there is not enough available; new street lighting, particularly for the busier areas of the city, is currently under consideration by the council, and the council would be interested in the

panel's Talent

The panel for the town meeting was composed of the mayor, members of the city council, city attorney Anderson, city engineer Ralph Roop, and city clerk-treasurer Laura Bosse. Councilman Clyde Drake was present, but served as a part of the question-screening committee instead of being on the panel.

### Local talent participating in

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**THE BATTERED AUTO** driven by two Ohio women which was involved in a two-car accident shortly before noon today on 13th street is shown above. The two women suffered extensive cuts and bruises and possible other injuries. Driver of the other car, Chester L. Stevens, route 4, Decatur, was not believed seriously injured. The car pictured above was knocked off the west side of 13th street.

## Three Are Injured In Accident At Noon

Two Ohio women and a near-Decatur resident, suffered various injuries in a two-car accident shortly before noon today on 13th street, within the city limits.

Chester Leroy Stevens, route 4, Decatur, driver of one car, suffered a cut to the hand and possible chest injuries, but was not believed seriously injured.

Sandra Hoffman, Middlebury, O., the driver of the other car, suffered cuts and bruises and other injuries which are as yet undetermined.

Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Hamilton, O., an aunt of the driver, Sandra Hoffman, received numerous cuts and bruises and severe facial injuries.

### Rushed To Hospital

All three were rushed to the Adams county memorial hospital for treatment. Police chief James M. Borders said he was unable to talk to the two women, but was able to converse with Stevens.

Stevens explained to Borders that he was traveling south, when a northbound car went into a broadside skid in front of his vehicle. Stevens' car struck the Hoffman vehicle broadside, in the left side.

The two women were believed enroute to Elkhart, and it was thought from early investigation that both were thrown from their car.

Their car, a 1957 model, was completely wrecked, and the Stevens' vehicle was also badly damaged. The gasoline tank of the Hoffman auto was thrown quite a distance in front of the car.

### Investigation Continuing

Chief Borders, city policeman Vic Strickler and deputy sheriffs Charles Arnold and Robert Meyer investigated the mishap. Investigation was still being continued this afternoon.

The mishap occurred a short distance from the city limits south of Decatur on 13th street. The southbound lane, Stevens' lane, was fairly clear, but the northbound lane had a good deal of snow packed on it.

### INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Friday increasing cloudiness with snow likely north portion by evening. Low tonight zero to 5 above north, 3 to 12 above south. High Friday 18 to 26. Sunset today 6:05 p.m. Sunrise Friday 7:52 a.m. Outlook for Saturday: Cloudy with snow. Snow beginning Friday night in northern sections. Continued cold Friday night. A little warmer Saturday. Lows Friday night 5 to 15. Highs Friday mostly in 20s north and 30s south.

## Kickoff Meeting Of Red Cross Feb. 8

Dr. Frederic A. Doppel, district Red Cross fund drive chairman, will address the kickoff meeting for the north half at 8 p.m. next Thursday, for all township chairmen, co-chairmen, and section workers, Robert Kotter, north fund drive chairman, said today. The meeting will be held in the Boy Scout room of the Decatur Community Center.

Dr. Doppel, who is rabbi of the Reformed Jewish Temple in Fort Wayne, will explain the fundamentals of campaign techniques, and the real need for Red Cross support in this area.

### Kits Distributed

Miss Selma Bernstein, district executive, will also speak, and all material needed for the campaign will be passed out.

Red Cross volunteer workers have helped Mrs. Wanda Oelberg, chapter executive, prepare kits for each section worker.

These kits contain the names of each person contacted last year. A blank sheet, for the names of those contacted this year, is included in each packet. Also, information about the Red Cross and its services is included.

He warned that his plans will not come cheaply. They will cost more money when first enacted. But they will restore human dignity, and in the long run they will save money."

White House sources placed a \$198 million price tag on Kennedy's program. Kennedy said the money was set aside in his budget request for fiscal 1963.

### Relief Not Enough

Kennedy urged Congress to respond to the needs of the 7,250,000 Americans on welfare rolls with more than a "relief check."

He said the "emphasis must be directed increasingly toward prevention and rehabilitation — on reducing not only the long-range cost in budgetary terms but the long-range cost in human terms as well."

Preservation of the family as a unit must be stressed, he said, and the approach "must contribute to the attack on dependency, juvenile delinquency, family breakdown, illegitimacy, ill health and disability."

The administration sources said Kennedy would send other messages to Congress later spelling out his health and education proposals.

### Main Proposals

Major provisions of his welfare plan:

—Increasing from 50 per cent to 75 per cent the federal share of state costs to administer and provide adult job rehabilitation, child welfare services and additional welfare workers. It would cost about \$40 million.

—Making permanent the temporary aid for needy children of the unemployed, increased federal assistance to the aged, blind and disabled, and temporary provisions for foster care of children removed from their homes. The 1961 bill expires June 30. Extension would cost about \$100 million a year.

—An effort to keep families together by increasing the federal share of assistance payments to both needy parents when they both live with the child. It would cost about \$35 million a year.

—Aid to states to set up facilities to care for children during the day so their needy mothers can go to work. It would cost \$5 million the first year and \$10 million a year thereafter.

—Federal aid to help the states maintain community work and training projects for the jobless to help the unemployed "retain their work skills or learn new ones" and give the community manpower on public works.

Administration sources called the program the first major welfare reevaluation since the Social Security Act was passed in 1935.

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## Defends Pentagon Policy On Speech

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Assistant Defense Secretary Arthur Sylvester defended the Pentagon's speech review policy today and said Communist propagandists poised to "use and viciously distort" unwary statements.

Sylvester testified that he regarded review of speeches of military and civilian leaders to assure conformity with national policy "probably as important" as guarding against release of classified security data.

He said the speech review policy was designed to "avoid confusion" in the eyes of U.S. citizens, U.S. Allies, uncommitted peoples of the world and U.S. enemies.

Communist propagandists try to capitalize on such confusion, he said, to fan suspicion and misunderstanding abroad.

Sylvester, Pentagon chief for public affairs, made the statements in testimony before the Senate subcommittee studying alleged attempts to "muzzle" military leaders.

His statements did not mention the subcommittee's dispute with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara over whether the individual reviewers of specific speeches should be identified.

In advance of Sylvester's appearance, however, Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., said President Kennedy should overrule McNamara, if necessary, to assure the subcommittee the names of individual reviewers who handled specific speeches.

Thurmond said he thought it would be "advisable" for McNamara to withdraw his instructions that speech reviewers must not be identified. McNamara's direction when a Pentagon witness refused to be named was invoked Wednesday to name the reviewer of a specific speech.

If McNamara does not reverse President should direct him to himself, Thurmond said, "the permit witnesses to answer questions propounded by the congressional committee."

Those who meet will decide at that time when they will meet, and if afternoon classes are possible, if enough desire them. Registrants must be at least 14 years of age, and mother-daughter teams are especially valuable.

The course is 14 hours, usually two hours a night. The instructors are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Robert W. Johnson.

The only cost for the course is 75 cents for books, which is more than worth it as reference material. Last year 106 ladies completed the course, and eight were graduated in a small class last fall.

If at all possible, those intending to take the course should attend the meeting Monday night, but if it is absolutely impossible, they should call the Red Cross office, 3-3106, and notify that they would like to attend, and what would be the best time for the lesson.

**BULLETIN**  
Edward A. Ashbaucher, 79, of Decatur route 3, well-known Adams county resident, and county treasurer from 1927 to 1931, died this morning at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been in failing health for several years, and hospitalized since Jan. 21. The body was removed to the Zwick funeral home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

## Big Stockpile Of Materials To Be Probed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Kennedy administration aimed today for a possibly explosive, wide-open investigation of whether "unconscious profits" were reaped from the government's towering stockpile of strategic materials.

The government since 1939 has been piling up supplies, largely raw materials, that would be needed badly in event of war. World War II cut the stockpiles down, but the build-up began again after the war.

Since the late 1940s, the government steadily has acquired larger amounts of more than 70 critical materials ranging from aluminum and nickel to duck down and opium.

President Kennedy told his news conference Wednesday he was astonished to find that the total stockpile now includes materials worth \$7.7 billion — more than the agricultural surplus held by the government. According to the Chief Executive, this exceeds emergency requirements under the present concept of war by about \$3.4 billion.

**Burden On Public**  
Kennedy called "this excessive storage of costly materials" a "questionable burden" on public funds, and in addition, a potential source of excessive and unconscionable profits."

"The cold facts on this matter must be open to the public," he said in announcing steps to correct the situation without disrupting

commodity prices. If there has been mismanagement, profiteering and skullduggery in the stockpile program, Kennedy made it clear he was aiming not at his but at previous administrations. While this was implied, it took some Republicans in Congress virtually no time to come to a similar conclusion.

Rep. Walter Riehman, R-N.Y., member of a House subcommittee that looked into stockpiling earlier, said he thought Kennedy wanted to pin something on the GOP.

**For Long Time**  
Sen. Francis Case, R-S.D., put it another way. He said stockpiling had been going on for a long time and the present size did not necessarily reflect activities of the Eisenhower administration.

The President announced he had talked over the situation with Sen. Stuart W. Symington, D-Mo., chairman of the Senate stockpiling subcommittee. He said Symington had agreed that the stockpile program should be "completely explored and without delay."

The President in turn promised fullest executive branch cooperation with the Senate investigation.

"The cloak of secrecy which has surrounded this program may have been justified originally to conceal our shortages," the President said, "but this is no longer the case, and secrecy now is only an invitation to mismanagement."

Decatur's Twin Dollar Days

Friday and Saturday