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Judge Takes School Case Under Study

Judge Myles F. Parrish took the motion to vacate entries concerning the action of the Adams county school reorganization committee under advisement after a two hour and fifty minute hearing held in the Adams circuit court this morning. After hearing the presentation of the case for the petitioners by Clarence McNabb and Thomas Logan, Fort Wayne lawyers, and a few remarks for the county committee made by L. Luther Yager, Judge Parrish stated that he would lay everything else aside and report to the parties involved as soon as he has reached a decision.

To Resume Contract Talks On April 18

Contract negotiations between the Decatur Central Soya plant and Region 57, District 50, United Mine Workers of America, will begin again at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the local Central Soya office, Tom H. Allwein, plant manager, and Ralph Courtley, assistant regional director, of South Bend, announced jointly today.

The negotiation started with a preliminary meeting February 22. At that time the union representatives asked for a discussion of grievances which were pending under the old contract with the Brewery Workers. The company took the position that when the workers cancelled their contract with the entire contract, and all disputes that arose from it, were void.

The company stated that they have been ready to negotiate for a new contract since the union officially was certified as representing the local workers. The present meeting was arranged by letter from Courtley, received this morning, following a telephone conversation between Allwein and Courtley last Friday.

Region 57 of District 50 previously had its headquarters at Marion, and this was the first correspondence received by Allwein from Courtley's new address, 654 Lafayette Building, 115 S. LaFayette street, South Bend, 1, Ind.

figures to the court.

Grabill spent the most time on the stand, and at one time McNabb asked for and received a short recess to allow Grabill to produce a paper that he did not have in his files. The bulk of the questions asked by McNabb were directed to show that the committee had not completed its task in the time allotted by the law.

Attack Two Points

In his summary, McNabb brought out that the motion stated, and evidence obtained in the hearing upheld, that those signing the motion, do not feel that the committee was legally in existence at the time it filed its final comprehensive plan with the state because of the time element. McNabb stated that according to the petitioners' view of the law, the committee ceased to exist after October 17, 1961, two years after the date of the committee's creation.

McNabb further declared that the committee had no standing when it petitioned the judge to place the school question on the ballot for the coming primary election.

In his few remarks, Yager pointed out that one of the reasons that the committee was late with its final comprehensive report was the fact that they—the committee members—went out of their way to give the group from the northern part of the county time to submit an alternate plan. Yager also pointed out that the committee had worked diligently and with no remuneration for more than two years total to provide better education for Adams county, and that the law stated that they would work for two years, or until such time as their task would be completed.

Cooking School In City April 9-10

Advance plans and preparations are being made locally for a gigantic 2-day cooking school which will be sponsored by the Decatur Daily Democrat, in cooperation with many of the local merchants. It will be held at Decatur Youth & Community Center, Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p. m. and Tuesday, April 10 at 1:30 p. m.

This program will bring to Decatur Miss Susan Lowe, a nationally famous home economist, who will demonstrate new food preparation ideas and give the local ladies many new helpful hints to make their daily chores more enjoyable.

One of the national sponsors of this cooking school will be General Mills, home of the famous Betty Crocker kitchens. Every lady who attends will take home with her new, interesting recipes that have been developed in the Betty Crocker kitchens. After the program is over many valuable door prizes will be given away by the local merchants.

Miss Lowe will also demonstrate and cook on the new Westinghouse continental range which is a revolutionary new discovery in the appliance field. Be sure to mark these dates Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10, on your calendar. There will be a different program each day. You and your friends will not want to miss this gala event.

DAMASCUS, Syria (UPI) — A revolt by pro-Nasser army officers demanding reunion with the United Arab Republic gripped northern Syria today. Reports from the area said the rebels appeared to be gaining strength.

Army officers in northern Syria early today declared their loyalty to United Arab Republic and called for a merger with Egypt.

The uprising broke out only five days after an army coup ousted the civilian government of Syrian President Nazim el Kuds. The Kuds regime had been installed last autumn just after an army-revolt that broke off Syria's union with Egypt in the United Arab Republic.

The rebels appeared to be picking up strength today and were believed to have the support of the major northern Syrian towns of Aleppo, Latakia, Homs, Hama and Deirzoor.

Damascus Radio, speaking for the army command, countered the rebel call for reunion with Cairo with its own promise of friendship toward Egypt.

The government radio offered to hold a plebiscite to decide whether Syria should unite with "the liberated Arab countries and especially Egypt" on a sound basis that would avoid the "mistakes of the past."

Damascus-based army units surrounded the Syrian capital this morning, leaving helmeted police, armed with rifles and machine guns, to maintain order in the city.

By order of the army command, meetings of more than five persons were banned and an 8 p.m.-5 a.m. curfew was imposed.

All borders, harbors and airports were closed.

Reports from the northern revolt area said there had been a number of pro-Nasser demonstrations in Aleppo and other northern towns during the weekend. Travelers returning from the region said they had seen pictures of Nasser and U.A.R. flags displayed in a number of villages.

Brown Infant Dies Early This Morning

Bruce Arthur Brown, two-day-old son of Charles and Ramona Hine-Brown, of 360 Winchester street, died at 4:50 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's hospital in Fort Wayne.

The infant had been ill since birth Saturday afternoon.

Surviving in addition to the parents are three brothers, Myron Charles, Kevin Malcolm, and Hugh Edwin, and two sisters, Trudy Jean and Rosemary Eloise, all at home; the grandparents, Eldon Brown of Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hine of Columbia City, and the great-grandparents, U. G. Harris of Huntington, and Mrs. Harvey Brown of Warren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Zion Lutheran home, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p. m. today until time of the services.

Kennedy Returns To Washington Today

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy returned to the White House today after spending the weekend with his family at their rented country estate near Middleburg, Va.

Indiana Weather

Fair and cool tonight. Tuesday sunny and warmer. Low tonight mostly in the 20s north, 25 to 33 south. High Tuesday in the upper 40s north, 45 to 55 south. Sunset today 7:10 p. m. Sunrise Tuesday 6:27 a. m. Outlook for Wednesday: Partly cloudy and warmer. Lows 25 to 35. Highs mostly in the 50s.

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Elbert A. Smith, Jr., First Presbyterian Church)

"The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1b

Think of the strongholds men have trusted in: walled cities of refuge on hills in Bible times, the impenetrable city of Quebec, the Maginot line, the "bomb-proof" sheltered city of Hamburg. They all fell before superior power.

Think, too, of economies, societies, philosophies, treaties and alliances. Think of some men of great reputation and achievement whose soul went fallow and came to ignominy.

The strongholds of men taper off toward triteness. Then the sharp point of truth flies back to fester a misled hand.

Pilate covered before truth as Christ stood undaunted before him. Even the tomb rattled in its emptiness. It could not hold Him.

The eternal and living God is the stronghold for man's life. In His Creator lies the reality of man's creatureliness. Man's powers and ingenuity are only as good as the purposes to which they are given. If God's purpose is true and we rely on it, we live with a truth that guards us from futile disillusionment about our place in His world. "A mighty fortress is our God." Only those within the ramparts of His truth, in Christ, can know the truth that sets them free from fear-strewn living. The truth of the living God becomes their bastion.

Contracts Let For Building Church Of God

Contracts totaling \$168,000 have been let by the Church of God to three local contractors for the new church, to be located on the hill southeast of Decatur where the old Country Club used to stand, the Rev. Huston Bever, Jr., said this morning.

Yost Construction Co. was awarded the general contract by a unanimous vote of the church board. While the contract was not low, it was the lowest by a local bidder, and the local board expressed its confidence in Yost, Rev. Bever said.

The heating and plumbing contract went to Haug's of Decatur for \$38,000. Rev. Bever stated. Reynolds Electric got the electrical contract for \$9,100.

Construction will start this month, and it is expected that it will take six to eight months to finish the new church, Rev. Bever said. It is hoped that the building will be completed by December.

The ground-breaking ceremony has not yet been arranged, but is planned for this month.

The church is now in the process of selling all of its other properties, including the parsonage and the house south of it, two lots used for parking, and the old church building and lot.

The new church has been planned for three years, with Clarence Strickler heading the building committee. A working committee, to finish up the details, was also appointed.

The architects, Johnson, Richard & Associates, of Anderson, designed the building.

A new sign will be erected on the site of the church, possibly this week, to mark the spot. No contracts have been awarded as yet for furniture or for landscaping.

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Mrs. Fred Wagner Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Margaret Wagner, 75, widow of Fred Wagner, died at 2:45 p. m. Sunday at the home of a sister, Miss Anna Faurete, 2947 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne, with whom she resided. She had been ill for two years and in serious condition for one week.

Born in Adams county Aug. 6, 1886, she was a daughter of Frank and Sarah Brandyberry-Faurete, and was married to Fred Wagner June 18, 1912. Her husband preceded her in death in February of 1956.

Mrs. Wagner was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rosary society, Third Order of St. Francis and the St. Anne study club.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Mary Bogner of Cleveland, O.; one son, Samuel A. Wagner of Decatur; two grandchildren; three brothers, Joseph and Simon Faurete of Fort Wayne, and J. Henry Faurete of Decatur, and two sisters, Miss Anna Faurete of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Alfred (Rose) Rauch of Decatur. Three brothers and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:15 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig & Doan funeral home after 6 p. m. today until time of the services. The Third Order of St. Francis will recite the rosary at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday and the Rosary society at 8:15 p. m.

Preble Township Completes Drive

Preble township became the first township to complete its Red Cross drive for the year, and it went over the top, collecting \$339.65, compared with \$305 last year. Robert Kolter and Silvan Sprunger, county co-chairmen, announced today.

Charles Fuhrman and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kalthoff were co-chairmen for Preble township, and reported very good cooperation for the drive.

The Red Cross drive officially ended Saturday, and those with sections outstanding were asked to bring them in as soon as possible.

Kirkland township has just one section out, and Root and Union each has two sections out. St. Mary's is next with just four out.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Congressional staff experts estimated that the federal government will wind up \$3.8 billion in the red today that the government budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 instead of netting the \$500 million surplus forecast by President Kennedy.



HEAD CIVIC MUSIC DRIVE—A tea Sunday afternoon at the Decatur Youth and Community Center served as a "kick-off" for the annual membership drive of the Adams County Civic Music Association. Pictured, left to right, are: Mrs. Helen Snyder, representative of Civic Music Service; Mrs. James Briggs, Jr., of Geneva; Mrs. J. Clark Mayclin, Decatur drive chairman; Mrs. Roy Kalver, president of the association, and Mrs. Ferris Bower, association hospitality chairman.

Civic Music Drive Is Opened Sunday

Resolving to make the seventh concert series the largest in history, an enthusiastic group of workers attended the "kick-off tea" of the Adams County Civic Music association at the Decatur Community Center Sunday afternoon, and listened to inspiring talks by its leaders.

Renewal of present memberships and the sale of new ones starts today with 100 workers contacting the citizens of Adams county and surrounding area. The drive ends Saturday night, and no more tickets will be sold after the close of the campaign. The talent committee will meet at that time and basing their choice on the preference ballots submitted by the members, and the amount of the budget as determined by ticket sales, will select the five concerts for next year. A question was raised at the meeting as to why the concerts could not be announced at the beginning of the drive, but that is impossible due to the reasons outlined above—the preference of the members as determined by their votes and the amount of money available.

It was announced that the famous Indianapolis Symphony orchestra has been engaged for next season definitely. Due to the popularity of the Purdue gleu club this season, there have been requests to engage a similar musical organization from Indiana university, and their appearance may be a possibility next season. The final concert of the present season to be given by Stan Freeman, piano-humorist on April 12 will be a bonus concert, and new members enrolled this week will be permitted to enjoy that as well as next season's five concerts. The cost of memberships is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children.

Mrs. Roy Kalver, head of the musical organization, presided at the meeting and talks were given by Mrs. Helen Snyder, representative of Civic Music Service, and Mrs. J. Clark Mayclin, Decatur drive chairman. Headquarters for the local drive will be at the Decatur Community Center and in Berne at the Berne Witness office. The following are the workers who this week will solicit renewals and new memberships:

Woman's Club, division chairman, Mrs. Laura Bosse; captain, Mrs. Virginia Frey; workers, Mrs. H. Schwartz, M. J. Pryor, Dick Wertzberger, Mrs. Jessie Newton; captain, Mrs. W. Gilliom; workers, Mrs. H. McCullough, Mrs. Tony Metzler; captain, Mrs. Eugene Durkin; workers, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. D. Young-peter; captain, Mrs. Betty DeVoss; workers, Mrs. Robert Zwick, Mrs. Anita Macklin, Janet

Telecor Unit In Use At Hospital

A Telecor unit, donated recently to the Adams county memorial hospital by the Decatur chapter of Psi Iota Xi, is working out very well in surgery, Thurman I. Drew, hospital manager, said today.

The "heart monitor" enables local surgeons to keep an audio-visual record of a patient's heartbeat during an operation, Drew explained. It is an important added safety measure for the patient. The donation of the Telecor unit was made possible by the proceeds from the Psi Iota Trading post.

County Spelling Bee Finals On April 13

A total of 12 students from Adams county grade schools will compete in the county spelling bee finals at Monmouth Friday, April 13, G. W. Vizard, county school superintendent, announced this morning.

The winner of the county finals will then advance to the area spelling bee sponsored by the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette at the North Side school in Fort Wayne on Sunday, May 13.

Students who made up the final 12 for the county contest are: Margaret Schultz, Decatur Catholic; Kathy Lehman, 8th grade, Geneva; Kay Wheeler, Hartford; Linda Sauer, 7th grade, St. John's Lutheran; Sheila Caston, 8th grade Monmouth; Susan Thieme, 8th grade, Immanuel Lutheran; Dennis Reinking, 7th grade, St. Paul's Lutheran; Cynthia Fuelling, St. Peter's Lutheran; Richard Adams, 6th grade, Jefferson; Larry Smith, 6th grade, Decatur Zion Lutheran; Diane Foreman, 7th grade, Zion Friedheim; and Sherry Smitley, 6th grade, Pleasant Mills.

These students reached the finals by winning spelling bee contests at their respective schools. In all, 1,048 county students participated in the various school contests. Students from the fifth to eighth grades were eligible to participate.

Miss Dianne Linn will be the pronouncer for the spelling bee finals, and judges will be Severin H. Schuriger, Lois Jacobs, and Edward Jaberg. Judging will be in accordance with the national spelling bee rules.

The Decatur public schools, Berne and Adams Central did not enter the competition.

The area spelling bee champion will then participate in the national finals at Washington, D. C., to be held May 29 through June 3.

Precedent Is Set By Steel Agreement

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — A new atmosphere in collective bargaining has been achieved by the precedent-setting agreement between the United Steelworkers and the steel industry which President Kennedy said "should provide a solid base for continued price stability."

The two-year pact, termed "obviously noninflationary" by Kennedy, provides greater job security and improved fringe benefits for 430,000 basic steelworkers—but no immediate wage increase. There is, however, a clause in the second year of the contract which permits the union to re-open negotiations on the issues of wages, pensions and insurance after 90 days notice to the industry.

Wrapping Up Details
Company-level talks between 450 union bargainers and representatives of the "big 11" steel firms open here today to wrap up details on the historic settlement ratified Saturday by the USW's Wage Policy Committee and its 34-man Executive Board.

The President, whose influence brought union and industry bargainers back into sessions March 14 after earlier negotiations ended in failure March 2, made separate phone calls Saturday to USW

President David J. McDonald and chief industry spokesman R. Conrad Cooper after the 170-member policy group approved the pact.

He said: "I know that I speak for every American in congratulating you on the early and responsible settlement in steel. The contract you have agreed upon... is a document of high industrial statesmanship."

McDonald feels "wonderful" about the settlement, while management said that although the "terms of the agreement cannot be said to fall wholly within the limit of anticipated gains in productive efficiency, it represents real progress" in the history of bargaining in the industry.

The new contract, which also effects 500,000 employees of steel fabricators and other producers, was said by industry sources to represent a 2½ per cent increase in labor costs, or about 10 cents per man hour.

It marks the first time a steel contract has been approved without a strike since 1954. The current steel pact, which expires June 30, was signed after a record 116-day strike in 1959.