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SEVEN CENTS

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. A. A. Fenner, Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim)

Psalm 119, 161, 5—"Princes have persecuted Me without a cause; but My heart standeth in awe of Thy Word." (V.5) "O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes!"

During the Lenten season we view at close range the intense suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. The base and perverse actions of Jesus' foes dumbfound us. That man dares to plot against the world's greatest Benefactor and eventually bring about His death on the cross would surprise us, if we did not have God's divine record which maps out the course which Jesus followed. No wonder that Jesus reminded His hearers: "The Scriptures must be fulfilled." This should enable sinners to recognize in Jesus the Promised Messiah.

Read, if you will, how Jesus was persecuted, tried, and condemned, even as He repeatedly foretold. He dared to tell the truth and reveal that He was indeed the Son of God.

So perfectly did He fulfill every prophecy that He could cry out: "It is finished." Even His Father could testify: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

Oh that we Christians would fervently pray that our ways through life were directed to keep God's statutes and that we would stand in awe of His word, the precious Gospel of Christ, which is a power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth!

Former Decatur Lad Critically Injured

Tim Allen Murphy, 21-year-old former Decatur resident, remained in critical condition at Parkview Memorial hospital in Fort Wayne today, following a one car accident early Sunday morning which already has claimed one life.

Murphy was operated on Sunday afternoon to relieve pressure on his brain. He is reported to have a decompressed skull fracture, a brain concussion, a fractured left leg and hip, some damage to the head, in addition to cuts of the head, face and body.

The Rev. William C. Feller of the Evangelical and Reformed church, where Murphy was a member before moving to Garrett in the summer of 1959, said this morning that there had been no change in his condition and that he was still listed as critical.

Buddy Dewayne Lowder, 28, of Garrett, who was a passenger in the car Murphy was driving, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Dekalb county coroner Dr. Floyd B. Coleman.

Near Auburn

The accident, which injured two others in the car, occurred on state road 8, approximately one mile east of Auburn, at 1:10 a.m. Sunday.

Murphy's car slid sideways on the road, hit loose gravel and went out of control, overturning and crashing into a tree. The curve on which the accident happened is named "Dead Man's Curve" by residents of that area.

James Maurer, 21, former Garrett high school football star, and his brother, Edward, received cuts and abrasions from the accident, but were treated and released at the Souder hospital in Auburn.

Murphy, who was taken to the Souder hospital and then transferred to Parkview, was driving the car, with Lowder riding in the center of the front seat. Lowder was pinned in the car, while Murphy and James Maurer, who was also riding in the front seat, were thrown from the vehicle. Edward Maurer was riding in the back seat.

Grad of Decatur

Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, graduated from Decatur high school in 1959, and the family moved to Garrett shortly thereafter, where Murphy's father operates a bowling alley. The Murphys resided at 724 Adams street in Decatur.

Murphy was a member of the football, basketball and track

teams at Decatur high school, and attended a college in Arizona in 1959-60.

Funeral services for Lowder will be held at Garrett at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Free Cooking School Tonight And Tuesday

Women of the Decatur area interested in attending the Decatur Democrat - Decatur Merchant sponsored free cooking school at the Decatur Youth and Community Center this evening or Tuesday afternoon are invited to arrive early and view the many exhibits and displays that will be set up by the Decatur merchants. The meeting room will be open to the public one hour before each session to give visitors an opportunity to view the new spring merchandise displayed.

The rooms will be opened at 6:30 p.m. today in preparation for the school put on by Miss Susan Lowe, and at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. The cooking school sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. There will also be an intermission during the school session, and there will be time following each session to permit those attending to examine the various displays at their leisure. Numerous merchandise and door prizes will be awarded throughout both sessions of the school.

Purdue Ag Alumni Will Meet Tuesday

The Adams county chapter of Purdue ag alumni will meet Tuesday evening at the Kozy Korner cafe in Geneva to Martin Watson, chairman. Merle Teel, grass research agronomist from Purdue University, will be the speaker. The supper will feature a smelt fry.

Decatur Temperatures

Local weather data for the 48 hour period ending at 11 a.m. today.

SATURDAY

12 noon	47	12 midnight	22
2 p.m.	51	2 a.m.	20
3 p.m.	52	3 a.m.	28
4 p.m.	50	4 a.m.	28
5 p.m.	50	5 a.m.	28
6 p.m.	49	6 a.m.	27
7 p.m.	44	7 a.m.	26
8 p.m.	40	8 a.m.	30
9 p.m.	39	9 a.m.	32
10 p.m.	34	10 a.m.	32
11 p.m.	34	11 a.m.	30

SUNDAY

12 noon	54	12 midnight	44
2 p.m.	58	2 a.m.	31
3 p.m.	56	3 a.m.	34
4 p.m.	56	4 a.m.	34
5 p.m.	56	5 a.m.	32
6 p.m.	56	6 a.m.	32
7 p.m.	54	7 a.m.	32
8 p.m.	50	8 a.m.	34
9 p.m.	49	9 a.m.	38
10 p.m.	48	10 a.m.	38

Rain

Total for the 48 hour period ending at 11 a.m. today: 27 inches. The St. Mary's river was at 2.05 feet.

John Wechter Dies Saturday Evening

John E. Wechter, 91, well known Adams county man, and a former Adams county treasurer, died at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night at the home of his son, Delmore Wechter, in Blue Creek township, one and one-half miles southwest of Willshire, O.

He had been seriously ill for the past week.

Born in Crawford county, O. April 2, 1871, he was a son of Jacob and Mary Jane Clancy-Wechter, and was married to Rosa Larimer Sept. 3, 1893. His wife preceded him in death July 14, 1945.

Mr. Wechter served as Adams county treasurer from 1932 until 1936. He had made his home with the son since 1952.

He was a member of the Willshire Methodist church and the Knights of Pythias lodge at Willshire.

Surviving are the son; two daughters, Mrs. Glenn (Mary) Workinger of Monroe route 1, and Mrs. Paul (Jennie) Edwards of Decatur; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Two brothers and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Willshire Methodist church, the Rev. William Powers officiating. Burial will be in the Willshire cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwicker funeral home tonight. The body will lie in state at the church from 11:30 a.m. Tuesday until time of the services.

Youth Is Fined On Trespass Charge

Danny Drake, 18, of Bobo, was fined \$10 and costs, totaling \$28.75, in city court this morning on a charge of malicious trespassing.

The charge was levied against Drake after a week-end "spree" three weeks ago, when he knocked down 24 mail boxes and damaged a fence and gate, and a garage on the Verlin E. Burke property east of Decatur.

The charge of malicious trespassing was set against Drake for the damage to the gate and fence and garage on the Burke property. Since the time he signed a full confession, he has repaired damages to the Burke property.

There has still been no charge levied against Drake for the damages done to the mail boxes. Whether or not the postal department will file charges, or any of the residents along the Belmont and Piqua roads whose mail boxes were damaged, remains to be seen.

Found Guilty

Ora Samuel Carpenter, 60, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct in city court last week, was found guilty by the court this morning, after the testimony of four witnesses.

Carpenter received a fine of \$10 and costs, totaling \$27, and was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Adams county jail. His brother, Fred, arrested at the same time, but who pleaded guilty to the charge, was given the same fine and sentence.

The two were arrested after causing quite a disturbance at the upstairs apartments at 232 W. Madison street. Fred Klenk, owner and city policemen Kenneth Jennings and Donald Liechty testified, as did Melvin F. Gallogly, a resident.

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Two American Soldiers Killed, Two Captured By Viet Cong Guerrillas

Civic Music Drive Gains In Members

With a 15 per cent increase over last year, the seventh annual membership drive of the Adams County Civic Music Association ended Saturday night with one of the largest enrollments in its history. Nearly 850 adults and students will enjoy five concerts of the world's finest music starting next October.

Based on the ballots of the membership, the talent committee met late Saturday evening and selected the five concerts, bringing to the citizens of this community a program that will appeal to the tastes of all music-lovers.

With 243 votes, the symphony orchestra, as in previous years, was the most popular choice of the members. To satisfy this request the famous Indianapolis Symphony, under the direction of Izler Solomon, will appear in Decatur next January.

Next in popularity with 234 votes was a singing ensemble. To fill this category the committee engaged the great glee club from Indiana University, "The Singing Hoosiers," consisting of 40 talented young men and women, who will be here next April.

Third on the list with 213 votes was a duo-piano team. This has always been a popular choice and such talented artists to play here have been Ferrente & Teicher, Nelson & Neil and Stecher & Horowitz. Following in the tradition of these splendid virtuosi are Parsons and Poole, a young and attractive man and wife team, who perform on their own grand pianos. They will appear here next March.

Chamber music was next on the list with 143 votes. One of the most popular concerts of the 1960-61 season was the St. Louis trio, and a group of talented musicians heralded as even better than the St. Louis artists and known as the Musical Arts trio will open the new season in October. They play the piano, violin and cello.

Another popular choice of the members was a vocal soloist and the votes were scattered among sopranos, tenors, contraltos and baritones. In this category, the talent committee selected one of the most exciting new personalities on the American concert

Frederick M. Clark

Is Taken By Death

Frederick M. Clark, 70, of Bobo, died at 4:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Adams county medical hospital, four hours after suffering a heart attack at his home.

He was born in Waltham, Mass., May 8, 1891, a son of Henry M. and Susie Nappier-Clark, and was married to Margaret Waltke March 16, 1955.

Mr. Clark, who traveled for a number of years with Ringling Bros. circus, attended the Bobo United Brethren church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Betty, of New York City; a stepson, Johnny Waltke of Bloomington; five grandchildren; one brother, Henry Clark of Grafton, N. D., and a sister, Miss Anna B. Clark of Waltham, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Black funeral home, the Rev. Stanley Neuenschwander officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

The body will lie in state at the Moose lodge until time of the services.

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)

A band of Communist Viet Cong guerrillas killed two U.S. soldiers and captured two others in a surprise raid on a village in the north of South Viet Nam Sunday, U.S. officials announced today.

The officials said that South Vietnamese forces in the area near Danang, about 500 miles north of here, were trying to track down the guerrillas and rescue the two American captives. But observers said their chances were slight.

Seven Yanks Killed

The deaths raised to 17 the number of Americans who have died in South Viet Nam as a result of the Communist campaign to overthrow the U.S.-backed government of President Ngo Dinh Diem. In addition, 93 American soldiers were killed last month when a chartered airliner flying them here from the United States disappeared without a trace in the western Pacific.

The officials said the four Americans were members of the U.S. Special Forces—tough, elite troops especially trained in guerrilla warfare tactics.

They were instructing Vietnamese villagers of An Chau how to defend themselves against the Communist rebels when the guerrillas attacked.

Training—Primary Assignment

The primary assignment of the American Special Forces is training South Vietnamese troops in guerrilla warfare to cope with the Communist Viet Cong rebels. The American troops serve in an advisory capacity and do not take direct part in the fighting.

Recently, U.S. Special Forces personnel have been going into isolated villages in South Viet Nam along with teams of South Vietnamese soldiers trying to knit together a system to protect villagers from harassment by the Communist guerrillas.

Identification of the dead and missing Americans was withheld pending notification of their families.

Over \$5,000 Profit Shown By Hospital

A cash profit of \$5,284.78 was made in March by the Adams county memorial hospital, following large deficits in January and February. Thurman I. Drew, hospital manager, said today.

The large cash balance for the month improved the operating fund balance from \$2,052.57 at the beginning of the month to \$7,377.35 at the end of March.

During the month \$38,703.96 was deposited, while bills were \$14,437.37, and the payroll was \$20,174.81. Expenses were \$33,419.18 in total for the month.

The number of patients admitted was substantially up, to 216 for the month, with 71 babies born. Four babies and 13 patients died, and 206 adults and 69 babies were dismissed during the month. This left 43 adults and seven babies in the hospital March 31, compared with 46 adults and nine babies on March 1.

Of the 71 babies born at the hospital during the month of March, 40 were boys and 31 were girls. No multiple births were reported.

Outpatients treated in the lab, x-ray, and emergency room totaled 284 for the month.

INDIANA WEATHER

Clearing and colder tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday. Low tonight 26 to 30 north, in the 30s south. High Tuesday 47 to 53 north, near 60 south. Sunset today 7:17 p. m. Sunrise Tuesday 6:16 a. m. Outlook for Wednesday: Partly cloudy and warmer with showers likely by Wednesday afternoon. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s.

The group said it would be able to offer "products or articles" valued at \$28 million and Castro

First Annual Kite Contest Held Here

Through the cooperation of kite

flyers in and around Decatur, the Decatur Optimists club, and the weather man, an outstanding kite-flying contest was held at Stratton Park Sunday afternoon.

Forty young kite-flyers entered the seven different categories, accompanied by at least 40 adult assistants. A large crowd of interested spectators also came and went during the ideal kite-flying afternoon.