

Teenage Pair Kidnap Family

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—The doorbell rang. It was just a youth with a package.

Mrs. Robert Theisen opened the door for the youth, beginning four hours of terror for herself and her four children, three of them ill with chickenpox.

Once inside the home Tuesday, the youth pulled a gun and demanded her husband's bank book. A second intruder entered through a back door. She told them her husband had the check book.

The youths were later identified as Billy Leroy Yant, 19, and his 16-year-old brother.

"I didn't get upset until they told me to get the kids and that they were taking us away," she said.

Driven Around City

Mrs. Theisen was ordered to dress the three sick children—Mike, 5, Mary, 3, and Patty, 18 months. The four along with Diane, 7, were marched to the family car. They were driven around Minneapolis for about one-half hour. Then they were taken to a north Minneapolis garage where they were held for over three hours.

"They blindfolded me about a block and a half from the house," Mrs. Theisen said, "and seemed to be driving around the block. I tried to listen for names but couldn't hear anything."

"The car stopped every once in awhile and one of the boys appeared to get out and get in again later. I kept asking if all the children were still in the car."

Herded Into Loft

The four children and their mother were herded into the dark garage loft and held at gunpoint by the younger of the brothers. The older drove off in the Theisen car and didn't return.

"The children were real good," Mrs. Theisen said proudly, "until it got so unbearably hot and they began itching from the sweat running into their chickenpox. The boy holding us was very nice. After awhile he let the

three younger ones go below with him and cool off."

Finally the youth told the Theisens he was "tired of waiting." He told Mrs. Theisen he would let her and the children go if she would promise not to tell the "fuzz" the address of the garage.

Sick To Stomach

"I was getting sick to my stomach and the kids were too," Mrs. Theisen said. "I had to walk away with my eyes closed but I told the 7-year-old to look for street signs."

Little Diane led police back to the garage, once the five were free. "She recognized the place because she walked right past there when she was going to school," Mrs. Theisen explained.

The Yants brothers were arrested Wednesday on descriptions provided by Mrs. Theisen and were identified by her in a lineup. They signed statements admitting the abduction.

Detective Inspector Calvin Hawkinson said a third youth, Melvin Robeck, 20, was implicated by the brothers but did not make an appearance at the Theisen home nor at the Theisen grocery store. Hawkinson said Robeck apparently "masterminded" the abduction plot, expecting a \$30,000 ransom. He was still being sought by police.

Robeck worked a few doors away from Theisen's grocery store, where Theisen was at work, unaware of his family's predicament.

Annual Picnic Of Trustees August 9

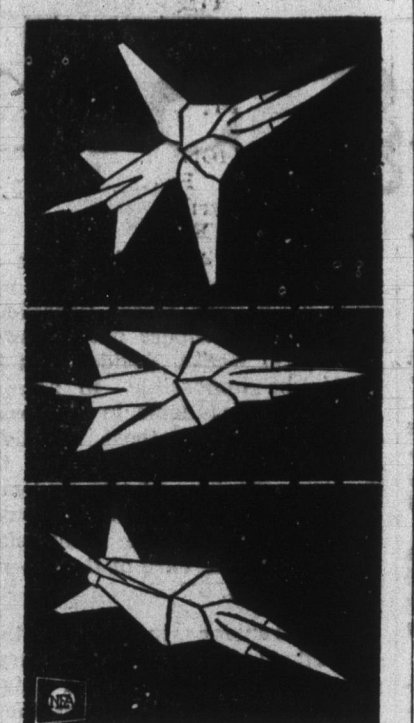
The annual picnic of the trustees and former township trustees of Adams county and their wives, will be held Thursday August 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmer House restaurant in Berne.

All trustees and former trustees are asked to make their reservations as soon as possible with county superintendent Gerald Vizard.

Klenk Reassigned To Fort Wayne Squadron

SHEPARD AFB, Tex. — Airman third class James F. Klenk of Monroe, Ind., is being reassigned to the 235th mobile communications squadron at Fort Wayne, Ind., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for communications center specialists here.

Airman Klenk studied military communications procedures, message structure and the operation of teletypewriter equipment used in the world-wide Air Force communications system. A graduate of Decatur high school, the airman attended Earlham College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd C. J. Klenk, rural route 3, Decatur. He is married to the former Mary L. Ehrsam of 213 E. Jackson St., Monroe.



LIKE A BIRD—Aircraft companies are competing for the honor of building a new type of airplane. The NASA-designed, "variable geometry" fighter would, like a bird of prey, be able to extend its wings for flight and fold them close for attack. Sketches above show: top, wings extended for high lift during take-off; middle, intermediate position for cruise; bottom, folded for supersonic flight.

Blame Blinding Sun For Wreck Wednesday

The blinding sun at 6 p.m. Wednesday was blamed for an accident at the intersection of road 101 and Piqua, the Adams county sheriff's department stated. Those involved in the accident were Donald Eugene Edgell, 19, route 3, Decatur, and George Edward Lambert, 22, 703 Schirmeyer street.

The Edgell vehicle was making a left hand turn onto road 101 and Edgell said he was blinded by the sun and did not see the Lambert motorcycle going through the intersection. Approximately \$75 damage was done to the motorcycle as the tool kit, shock absorbers, and the right side were affected. Lambert suffered a pulled muscle in the left shoulder. X-rays were taken at the Adams county memorial hospital, and he was then released.

Foundation Board To Meet July 27

The Decatur Memorial Foundation, Inc., board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Decatur Youth and Community Center. M. J. Pryor, president, said today.

Two very important items of business will be discussed, and it is hoped that all board members will be present for the special meeting.

New York Stock Exchange Prices

MIDDAY PRICES
A. T. & T., 109; DuPont, 180½; Ford, 41½; General Electric, 62; General Motors, 48½; Gulf Oil, 36½; Standard Oil Ind., 45½; Standard Oil N. J., 51½; U. S. Steel, 44.

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO (UPI) — Livestock:
Hogs 6,000; steady to strong, instances 25 higher; advance mostly on 230-260 lb; No 1 - 2 190-225 lb 18.75-19.00; over 200 head at 19.00; 50 head promising high yield of lean cuts averaging 209 lb 19.50; mixed No 1-3 190-230 lb 18.50-18.85; 230-260 lb 18.00-18.50.
Cattle 600; calves 25; slaughter steers and heifers average choice and below steady; few loads and lots high good to average choice 950-1265 lb steers 25.00-26.75; load average choice 1060 lb 26.50; few good 23.50-25.25; good and mixed good and choice heifers 22.50-24.50; load mixed good and choice 853 lb 24.50; few choice 810 lb 25.00; few good and choice vealers 26.00-30.00.
Sheep 300; small supply mostly steady on all classes; offered; few small lots mostly choice 80-100 lb spring slaughter lambs 22.00-23.00; good 20.00-21.00.

Indianapolis Livestock

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Livestock:
Hogs 5,800; barrows and gilts steady, instances 25 higher; bulk 190-230 lb 18.75-19.25; around 75 head 19.25; bulk 180-270 lb 18.25-19.00; 300-315 lb 17.50; sows steady; 280-400 lb sows 14.75-16.75; 400-600 lb 13.75-14.75; largely 14.00-14.75.
Cattle 850; calves 50; steers and heifers steady; cows very uneven, steady to weak; bulls weak; choice steers 26.00; good and mixed good and choice 24.00-25.50; standard and good 23.50; choice heifers 25.00; utility and commercial cows 13.50-15.00; few 15.25-16.00; canner and cutter 12.00-12.00-14.00; utility and commercial bulls 18.00-19.75; vealers unevenly steady to 1.00 lower; individual prime 28.50; good and choice 23.00-28.00.
Sheep 400; all classes steady; few lots choice to mostly prime spring lambs 22.50; choice and mixed choice and prime 20.50-22.00; good to low choice 18.00-20.00.

Turtle Races Held At Sidewalk Sale

The Record Shop sponsored the turtle races for the younger set yesterday as a contribution to the Sidewalk Sale festivities. The turtles were furnished by them.

There were several races, with the winners of a group of them competing to win the prize. Three jimmy rope sets were presented to the winners and also three lucky people won transistor radios. Each race consisted of both boys and girls doing their best to urge their turtles on to win.

The "peach" basketball games which were scheduled for yesterday evening were cancelled due to cars being parked on Madison street between 2nd and 3rd streets, Al Conrad said today. There were many disappointed persons, but it is hoped that the event may be more successful another year.

Donald E. Teeters Reassigned To Japan

GUNTER AFB, Ala. — Airman third class Donald E. Teeters of Decatur, Ind., is being reassigned to Tachikawa AB, Japan, following his graduation from the United States Air Force course for dental specialists here.

Airman Teeters was taught dental anatomy, radiological techniques and care of dental equipment. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Teeter of 633 Trails End, Decatur, the airman attended Decatur Catholic high school.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

CHICAGO (UPI) — Produce:
Live poultry too few receipts to report prices.
Cheese single daisies 38½-40; longhorns 38½ - 40½; processed loaf 36-38; Swiss Grade A 45-48; B 43-46.

Butter steady; 93 score 57½; 92 score 57½; 90 score 54½; 89 score 53.

Eggs unsettled; white large extras 29; mixed large extras 29; mediums 25; standards 25.

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COURT NEWS

Real Estate Transfers

Thurman D. Schieferstein et al to Anna J. Nesswald, Pt. E-2 SE-4 Sec. 17; Pt. S-2 SW-4 Sec. 16, Township 28 Range 14, 108.58 acres.

Anna J. Nesswald to Thurman D. Schieferstein et al, Pt. E-2 SE-4 Sec. 17; Pt. S-2 SW-4 Sec. 16, Township 28 Range 14, 63.91 acres.

Anna J. Nesswald to Marlow F. Schieferstein et al, Pt. E-2 SE-4 Sec. 17; Pt. S-2 SW-4 Sec. 16, Township 28 Range 14, 44.67 acres.

Investment Building Corp. to Jim V. Brazill et al, Inlet 64 Decatur Park View Fourth.

Amos Gerber et al to Henry H. Schwartz, Jr., 20 A. off N. and E-2 NW-4 Section 24 Township 25 Range 14, 20 acres.

Russel Galloway to Mamie Dix et al, 10 A. off E. side SW-4 SW-4 Section 2 Township 25 Range 14, 10 acres.

Ivan Booher et al to Howard C.

Booher et al, Inlet 63 Geneva. Luella Opal Grille to Lester L. Grille et al, Inlet 181 Geneva. True M. Andrews et al to W. Wilbur E. Pond et al, Inlet 19 Sunnybrook Acres a Pt. SW-4 Section 8 Township 28 Range 14.

Feris D. Kohne et al to Paul E. Strickler et al, Pt. N-2 NW-4 Section 23 Township 28 Range 14, 20.80 acres.

Ed Hurst to Legora A. Markle, Decatur Pt. NE-4 Section 4 Township 27 Range 14.

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Ferris D. Kohne et al to Jack E. Schnep et al, Pt. N-2 NW-4 Section 23 Township 28 Range 14, 21.44 acres.

Ralph F. Garardot et al to Jerry Baughman et al, Pt. NE-4 SE-4 Section 24 Township 28 Range 14, 1.17 acres.

Samuel Bentz to Willard G. Stet-

zel et al, Inlets 49-50-51-52 Williams. Willard G. Stetzel et al to Edwin C. Korte et al, Inlets 49-50-51-52 Williams.

Micromatic Hone Corp. to James G. McCrory et al, Inlet 930 Berne. Jeanette Welch et al to Francis A. Ellsworth et al, Pt. Outlot 96 Decatur.

Maude Pettibone to Francis A. Ellsworth et al, Pt. Outlot 96 Decatur.

Virginia Ash et al to Francis A. Ellsworth et al, Pt. Outlot 96 Decatur.

George J. Blum to Alejo Romero et al, Inlet 21 N-2 Inlet 20 Decatur.

Joseph E. Morris et al to George E. Andrews et al, S-2 Inlets 176-177 Decatur.

Herman A. Lengerich Gdn. to Calvin L. Yost, Pt. E-2 NW-4 Section 11 Township 27 Range 14, 2.10 acres.

★ WASHINGTON COLUMN ★

U.S. Studies How France Revved Up Economic Growth

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Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

WASHINGTON (NEA)—President Kennedy's expressed interest in seeing if any parts of the western European phenomenal economic growth plans are adaptable to the United States focus principally on France, which pioneered the idea.

DR. WALTER W. HELLER, chairman of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers, has just returned from Europe where he has been studying its growth patterns. Alfred C. Neal, president of the private business research Committee for Economic Development—CED—has also had a staff in Europe making a study for the administration.

France is now implementing its fourth Four Year Plan, to carry it through 1965. It calls for a 24 per cent increase in gross national product. This is 5.5 per cent a year, compounded annually. The average U.S. growth rate since 1946 has been 3.5 per cent and it has been gradually slowing down.

A main factor of French growth seems to be complete economic planning. It took a staff of 3,200 people in 25 commissions to draw up the new plan. Twenty of these commissions were for separate sectors of the economy and social development. The other five covered financing, manpower, research, productivity and regional planning. But the administrative staff is only 100.

FRENCH PLANNERS STRESS that their plan is not compulsory. Neither management nor labor is subject to administrative sanctions. In recent debate before the French National Assembly in presenting the new plan, it was stressed that there is no plan for each enterprise. There are only national or regional objectives for each part of the economy.

Economic freedoms are said to remain intact. Heads of enterprises are free to take or refuse risks. Consumers exercise their sovereignty over the market place by free choice and prices are competitive.

At the same time, the government offers a number of incentives which make co-operation attractive and non-cooperation less profitable. The incentives include investment loans at preferential rates, subsidies and premiums for reconversion, degressive amortization and tax exemption on dividends from growth investments for initial periods.

This is a decided change from the first French plan, which contained price control and rationing. As late as 1958, when General De Gaulle—back in government again—announced his financial and economic policies, he included increases in corporation and high income taxes, higher wine, liquor and tobacco taxes.

ON THE OTHER HAND, De Gaulle increased government investments by 25 per cent to open up new opportunities for young people and to create new sources of wealth.

All these were drastic measures. Getting the United States Congress and the general public to accept such sacrifices in peace time is considered difficult.

In carrying out such a plan, France has an advantage in that it is a smaller geographic area—not quite as big as Texas. And France has only 45 million, compared to the 180 million in the U.S. The bigger the administrative unit and the more people it covers, the harder it is to make any plan work.

Stopgap Farm Bill Drafted.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Kennedy administration, battered on a variety of legislative fronts, pushed for House passage today of a less than half-farm bill.

The measure, which would continue voluntary surplus cutting efforts, was drafted after President Kennedy's plea for tough production controls was turned down by the House.

After Kennedy's original farm bill was scuttled, his medical care plan was killed by the Senate and his tax reform bill was gutted by the Senate Finance Committee.

The House on Tuesday vetoed administration plans to generate electric power with surplus steam at the Hanford, Wash., nuclear reactor. Wednesday it balked at a compromise administration plan to tighten enforcement of anti-trust laws.

Today's farm bill—stripped of the feed grain controls which prompted the House four weeks ago to kill the measure Kennedy wanted—would put reliance for another year on voluntary means to curb costly grain surpluses.

It would extend to 1963 grain crops the present temporary program under which growers are offered government payments to induce them to cutback plantings

of surplus grain.

This stopgap program is viewed by the administration as only a temporary remedy, rather than a permanent solution to the problem of farm surpluses in which government price proppers now have \$7 billion invested.

However, the administration was supporting the measure, since the alternative was a return under permanent law to pre-1961 programs under which growers of corn, barley and other feed grains would be guaranteed price support for unlimited production and wheat farmers would be allowed to boost their plantings from present levels.

Kennedy's legislative lieutenants figured the new bill would gain enough Republican support to insure its passage. Only one Republican supported Kennedy's get-tough farm bill on the 215 to 205 vote which scuttled it.

The Senate, already has approved Kennedy's original program. Although a House-Senate farm fuss last week was so bitter it appeared to jeopardize final passage of any farm legislation, prospects now seemed better than 50-50 that legislation similar to the new House bill would be enacted within the next several weeks.



WHITE HOUSE CALL—Cleveland, Ohio, Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze, center, calls at the White House to discuss with President Kennedy his appointment as secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Abraham Ribicoff, left, resigned the HEW post to run for the U.S. Senate.

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