

### Show Air Disaster Film At Berne

As a public service to the residents of Adams county and to

### Commissioners At Capital Meeting

The Adams county commissioners did not meet Monday as they were attending a state meeting in Indianapolis, which dealt with zoning and its various aspects.

explain what communications can do in a time of emergency, Howard Affolder, president of the Inter-State Citizens Band Radio Club, Inc., announces a film to be shown in Berne.

The Indiana state police will show the film Wednesday, at 8:30 p.m., in the Berne-French high school, room 205. The film deals with the airplane disaster in Tell City, which occurred recently. The film lasts approximately 25 minutes, and the public is invited to attend.

## Public Schools Are Studied By Clubbers

By a Club Member

In March, all Catholic Civics clubs in the nation got better acquainted with their public school systems and spotlighted the contributions made in their respective communities by this system of tax-supported education.

Mary's Catholic Civics club learned, among other things, that in the early chapters of American history, there were no public schools. Those parents who could afford it and wanted to give their children an education sent them to private schools.

When public schools were first proposed, some people objected violently because, they said, "the government has no business running schools," or, "it is the parents who should educate their children, not the government."

However, by 1850, the idea of tax-supported education was accepted and the people in all the northern and some southern states had agreed to provide a grade school education for every child at the taxpayers' expense. The first public high school in our country was opened in 1821 in Boston. Today, public grade and high schools are common in every community.

**Many Private Schools**  
A large system of private schools, especially Catholic ones, has grown up side by side with the public schools. These serve as partners with the public schools in educating young citizens.

The public schools belong to each and every citizen. Therefore they merit Catholics' interest, concern and support as well as non-Catholics. Our constitution is silent on the subject of schools, so under the 10th amendment, public education became, mainly at least, the business of the states.

The local club, in studying Indiana public schools, and Adams county in particular, sought its information through interviews and a special study of the 1963 research report, a publication prepared by the education department, Indiana state Chamber of Commerce, which spotlighted Indiana legislative issues.

**School Financing**  
Mary Ann Zintsmaster reported

to the club the following highlights on "Financing Indiana schools."

Total public school enrollment in grades 1-12 was 647,886 in 1948-49 and 980,869 in 1961-62, an increase of 51.4 per cent. By 1964-65, the total enrollment in grades 1-12 will be approximately 1,057,000.

A total of 16,664 public school classrooms were built in Indiana in the 13 years beginning in 1948-49. In the same period of years, a total of 14,299 teachers was added to grades 1-12. Although at one time teachers lagged behind enrollment growth, this deficit was soon remedied. The research report, as reported by Mary Ann, gave a statistical "surplus" of 3,161 teachers. These included 1,500 for teaching kindergarten, about 1,400 for expanded secondary school programs in special education, testing and guidance.

#### Report Interview

Phil Braun and Dan Kable interviewed Gail M. Grabill, superintendent of the Decatur public schools, to secure answers to the following questions:

How many pupils are enrolled in Decatur public elementary schools? How many in high school? How many more classrooms, if any, are estimated to be needed? How many schools are in the district, how many classrooms? What does it cost Decatur or the district to keep one eighth grade pupil in school for one year? What is the total amount of money spent by our community on education in one year? How much is provided by our states? By the federal government? Through what taxes does our community and state raise money to provide public schools? Civics clubbers were interested in knowing the average number of pupils per teacher in public schools.

#### Interview Teacher

Next to be interviewed was Robert Scheidler, a Latin-English teacher in Decatur high. Supplied by the club, Dorothy Coyne and Mary Lou Lengerich visited with questions submitted to them by the teacher at his home. Some of the questions asked were: Do you have many who wish to take Latin? Does the school restrict those who can sign up for it? Are pupils in the habit of addressing you as Mr. Scheidler? Have you ever taught in a Catholic school? Does your school allow Bible reading and prayers? What colleges have you attended? What determined your choice of profession? What degrees are required to teach in Decatur high? How many B. A., M. A. and Ph. D. degree teachers has D. H. S.? How long have you taught and are Latin and English the only subjects you have taught?

#### History Of Schools

This week culminates the study of education in general in Indiana. A detailed development and history of both public and church-related schools in the clubbers' Indiana history text will furnish the necessary facts. Two supplementary reading novels, "Alice of Old Vincennes," by Thompson, and "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," by Eggleston, will enrich their knowledge of Indiana history.

### Welfare Recipient Entitled To Burial

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The Indiana Supreme Court ruled Monday that a welfare recipient is entitled to a decent burial.

The high court reversed Decatur Circuit Court, which ruled that \$200 was the maximum amount to pay for funeral expenses for Lydia King, who received welfare assistance from both Decatur and Rush Counties.

Flossie Abbott, administratrix of the King estate, filed a request with the Decatur court for a ruling on which claims against the estate had priority since the claims exceeded the money.

The administratrix already had paid funeral expenses of \$761 and additional hospital and doctor bills. She had a balance of \$698 left but the Decatur Welfare Department claim of \$483 and the Rush welfare claim of \$1,672 exceeded this.

The lower court held Miss Abbott should have paid only \$200 for funeral expenses and she appealed this ruling.

Supreme Court Judge Amos Jackson wrote, "We are of the opinion the administratrix was entitled to use her discretion in determining what constituted reasonable funeral expenses."

The \$761 expenditure thus was upheld and the lower court was directed to make a new ruling in the case.

#### New York Stock Exchange Prices MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 123 3/4; DuPont, 241 1/2; Ford, 50 1/2; General Electric, 76 1/2; General Motors, 68 3/4; Gulf Oil, 43; Standard Oil Ind., 57 1/2; Standard Oil N. J., 64 1/4; U. S. Steel, 48.

### Movement Underway To Draft Goldwater

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A group of Republicans, with an Indiana woman as co-chairman, has started a movement to draft Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., for the GOP presidential nomination.

The Indiana woman is Mrs. Ione F. Harrington, Republican national committeewoman from Indiana. Mrs. Harrington, of Chesterton, Ind., is aligned politically with the party faction of former Sen. William E. Jenner, R-Ind.

The other co-chairman is Peter O'Donnell, Jr., GOP state chairman of Texas.

The Republican presidential sweepstakes have thus far been dominated by New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Founders of the draft-Goldwater movement said Monday they wanted to "mobilize the tremendous, spontaneous enthusiasm for Sen. Goldwater that is sweeping the country."

They said they had not consulted Goldwater about their action.

"We take him at his word when he says that his present intention is to run for reelection to the Senate next year," O'Donnell and Mrs. Harrington said at a news conference.

But they added "We are confident that when Sen. Goldwater has seen tangible expression of support he will respond to that call to duty in the same selfless spirit which led him to serve our

country so ably in the Air Force and the Senate."

Goldwater previously requested those wanting him to run for the presidency to give him a year to consider whether he wanted to make the race.

### Three Hospitalized Following Accident

An auto accident in Neenah, Wis., has hospitalized three Decatur residents, although none is believed seriously injured.

Mrs. Dorris Heath, 324 W. Grant St., and Mrs. Tony Meyer and Miss Eileen Meyer, both residents of 303 W. Grant St., are in the Theda-Clark memorial hospital in Neenah, Wis.

The three Decatur women had traveled to Wisconsin to visit Mrs. Heath's son, Jerry Kaehr and family. They were returning home Monday morning, and were accompanied by Mrs. Linda Kaehr and two children, when the mishap occurred.

They were traveling on a four-lane highway when another car crossed the road into their path, demolishing the car of the Decatur residents. All were injured and taken to the hospital, with Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Heath considered the more seriously hurt of the group.

Mrs. Kaehr and her son are expected to be released in a day or two, but the others will be held in the hospital.

### Hirschy President Of Central FFA

Paul Hirschy was elected president of the Adams Central FFA chapter last Friday night for the 1963-64 year, it was reported today.

Other new officers are: Vice-president, Eddie Beer; secretary, Ron Habegger; treasurer, Ben Bluhm; sentinel, Larry Maller; reporter, John Steffin; parliamentarian, Steve Kaehr.

The chapter voted to have their eleventh annual parent and son banquet Thursday, April 25. Dr. Coster, of the Purdue University educational department will be the speaker, and Ron Schwartz will be the master of ceremonies. Neil von Gunten and Eddie Beer will announce the program the week of April 21.

There are 51 members in the

Adams Central FFA this year, and David Sommer and Ron Schwartz of the chapter received top awards at Wabash for their work in corn, John Steffin, news reporter, stated.

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