

# SOCIETY

## PUP TENT 23 OF M. O. C. HAS SCRATCH

The Military Order of Cooties, pup tent 23, held a scratch recently. All those who turned in old eyeglasses are thanked by the Cooties and Jack McDonald. Eyeglasses, regardless of condition, are still being collected; they can be turned in at the V. F. W. post. The district scratch, grand convention and local, annual dance were all discussed. The next scratch will be April 20, at the V. F. W., promptly at 8 p.m.

## PYTHIAN SISTERS HAVE MEETING

The Pythian Sisters Temple met at the Moose home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Cecil Gause, most excellent chief, presided at the Temple meeting.

The Needle club met after Temple, and Mrs. Wilfred Plasterer presided. Twenty members answered roll call. Games were played and prizes awarded to the winners. The door prize was won by Mrs. Wilfred Plasterer.

A delicious luncheon was served at beautifully decorated tables by Mrs. Joe Hunter and Mrs. Frank Butler. The next meeting will be April 22; hostesses will be Mrs. C. L. August and Miss Grace Lichtenstenger.

## SHOWER HONORS MRS. CHAPMAN

A baby shower was held Sunday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Kerwin Chapman (the former Sally McCullough) at the home of Mrs. Ed McCullough. Assisting Mrs. McCullough were Mrs. Richard McCullough and Mrs. Ben McCullough.

When Mrs. Chapman arrived, she was presented with a corsage made of baby items. Games were played and prizes won by Mrs. Ralph Tieman, Mrs. John King and Mrs. Ben McCullough, who presented to the honor guest.

The many lovely gifts were placed on a nylon net dressing table, which was included in the gifts. The table was decorated with large pink and blue bows, and streamers fell from the ceiling, depicting the theme, "showers of gifts for baby." After all the gifts were opened, refreshments, in the pink and blue theme, were served and each guest received a pink and blue miniature baby rattle.

Guests present were the Mesdames Nimrod McCullough, Gerald McCullough and Eddie, John King, Ralph Tieman, Sara and Kathy, and Denny, Timmy, Jimmy, and Kenny McCullough. Unable to attend, but sending gifts were Mrs. Charles McCullough, Mrs. Paul McCullough and Ruth Ann, Mrs. Bob McCullough and Karen and Mrs. Pat Huston.

## WOMEN OF THE MOOSE MET THURSDAY EVE

The Women of the Moose met Thursday evening at the Moose home, for enrollment ceremonies. Mrs. Herbert Fravel, senior regent, presided. Mrs. Lester Sheets, homemaker chairman, was in charge of the chapter night program. The co-workers were entertained by Mrs. Leo Sheets, who sang two selections.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the chairman and her committee. The next regular meeting will be April 18, 8 p.m.



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## MEETING FOR CHARITY CIRCLE UNION CHAPEL

The Charity circle of the Union Chapel, E. U. B. church, met recently with Mrs. Doyle Egly as hostess. Mrs. Veda Williamson was leader for the evening, and opened the lesson with a skit.

A Bible study of Ephesians 4:1-16, was discussed by the group. A prayer was conducted by Mrs. Homer Miller. As the offering was being taken, the record, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," was played.

Mrs. Don Smith, circle chairman, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Don Hirsche, Mrs. Arnold Roughia, Mrs. Lucy Walters, Mrs. Ferris Fox, and Mrs. Doyle Egly were appointed to serve on committees for the mother and daughter banquet. Mrs. Ferris Fox was welcomed as a new member.

Refreshments were served to the eleven members and one guest present.

The Salem Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet Thursday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, in the church basement. Mrs. Elisha Merriman will be the hostess.

The Northwest P.T.A. has cancelled its April 11 meeting and will meet April 18. A band concert, under the direction of Richard Collins, will be given at the meeting.

The W. M. S. of the Pleasant Mills Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Treva Mihm, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

## MRS. SIMMERMAN HOSTESS TO RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle of Decatur E. U. B. church met recently at the home of Mrs. Dan Simmerman, with nine members and one visitor present. The evening devotions were presented by Mrs. Fuhrman Miller, after which the business meeting was conducted.

Mrs. Howard Elev was in charge of the lesson for the evening entitled, "This Is Your Life" — The Church on the Rim of East Asia. The honored guest on the "This Is Your Life" program was Mrs. C. H. R. on the Rim of East Asia and she was visited by representatives of the Okinawa church, the church on Formosa and the Korean church. The offering was received and the meeting was closed with prayers by members of the circle. Mrs. Elev then distributed "South-Asia Puzzlemats" and pointed out the many products which the U. S. depends upon from these countries.

Delicious refreshments, in keeping with the Easter season, were served by the hostess. The May meeting of the Ruth circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Francis Howard with the program leader being Mrs. Carl Sheets.

## BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MISS PAULINE SCHWARTZ

The country home of Mrs. Vernon Geisel was the scene, Friday evening, for a bridal shower, given for Miss Pauline Schwartz, who will become the bride of Steven Riley, April 14.

Pink and white was the color scheme used for the decorations. Pink and white streamers were used throughout the entertaining rooms and a pink and white umbrella was suspended from the ceiling, above the chair of the honor guest. The gift table, covered with a white lace tablecloth, was centered with a bride doll.

After Miss Schwartz opened her many lovely gifts, dainty refreshments were served. Attending were, the Mesdames Amos M. Schwartz, Merle Riley, John Habegger, Delmar Neuschwander, Howard Pharr and Diana, Roger Moser, Mary Habegger, Paul Augsburger, Simon Schwartz, Eli Schwartz, Kenneth Schwartz, Lester Schwartz, Jack Schwartz, Howard Schwartz, William Gilpin and Kaye Ann, Paul Schladdenhaufen, Oscar Sprunger, Vernon Riley, Wilmer Riley, Norris Riley, William Brown, Jacob Amstutz and the Misses Ella and Sharon Schwartz, Lydia Nussbaum, Donna Habegger. The Mesdames Kenneth Augsburger, Lorris Phillips, Marcus Sprunger, Glen Rupert and Reed Riley sent gifts although unable to attend.

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## Couple Married In California

Miss Minnie Serna became the bride of Pfc. Joseph Montalvo Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m., in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Serna, 946 North Twelfth St., are the parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcario Montalvo, Fort Wayne.

The bride wore a gown of silk organza over taffeta for her wedding. The long, basque bodice was fashioned with a scalloped bateau neckline, trimmed with embroidery, seed pearls and colored sequins; a large bow of self-material adorned the back. The bell skirt, designed with controlled fullness, had a panel which was trimmed with embroidery, seed pearls and colored sequins, and fell into a chapel train. Her

bouffant veil of pure silk, imported English illusion, fell from a Swedish crown made of pearls and aurora crystal beads; enhanced with small, hand-made organza rosebuds. She carried a white orchid.

The maid of honor was Mrs. Andrea Mirras, Los Angeles, and she carried a bouquet of begonia orchids. John Mirras served as best man.

For her son's wedding, the bridegroom's mother chose a brown dress with a corsage of brown begonia orchids. The bride's parents were unable to attend the wedding.

The couple spent their honeymoon in California.

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## Club Schedule

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Calendar items for each day — publication must be phoned in by 11 a.m. (Saturday 9:30).

### TUESDAY

St. Catherine study club, Mrs. Don Roeder, 8:30 p.m.  
Active Tri Kappa, Mrs. William Brown, 7:45 p.m.  
St. Dominic study club, Mrs. Charles Keller, 7:30 p.m.  
Delta Theta Tau, Mrs. Donald Middendorf, 8 p.m.  
Associate Tri Kappas, Mrs. Fred Smith, 7:30 p.m.  
Rebekah Lodge, Red Men's hall, 7:30 p.m.

Church of God Missionary society, Fellowship hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Welcome Wagon club, Mrs. Fred Corah, 8 p.m.  
Xi Alpha Xi of Beta Sigma Phi, Mrs. Alpha Affolder, 8 p.m.  
Profit and Pleasure Club, Mrs. Richard Maloney, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Pleasant Mills Baptist W.M.S., Mrs. Treva Mihm, 7:30 p.m.  
Calvary Ladies aid, Mrs. Varrell McIntosh, 7:30 p.m.  
Naomi circle, Presbyterian church, 9 a.m.  
Ruth circle, Presbyterian church, Mrs. Dick Heller, Jr., 8 p.m.  
Mt. Pleasant W.S.C.S., Mrs. Lawrence Sudor, 7:30 p.m.  
Zion Lutheran Missionary society, parish hall, 1:30 p.m.  
Evangeline circle, Zion United Church of Christ, church, 6 p.m.  
Heidelberg class, Zion United Church of Christ, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Salem Methodist W. S. C. S., church basement, 1:30 p.m.  
Order of Eastern Star, Masonic hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Rachel circle, Decatur E. U. B., Mrs. Norman Koons, 8:15 p.m.  
Mary-Martha circle, Presbyterian church, Mrs. Lowell Harper, 2 p.m.  
Methodist W.S.C.S.; circles, 11 a.m.; luncheon 12 noon; general 1:30 p.m.



### St. Joe Jills

The St. Joe Jills, of Washington township, met at the St. Joseph school last Wednesday. Theresa Schultz was in charge of the meeting and the pledges were led by Eileen Schultz and Kathleen Laurent. There was group singing, led by Ann Kauffman. New members were initiated by the officers. Roll call was answered by 18 members. It was decided to sell potato chips. The next meeting will be April 11, 3:30 p.m., in the St. Joseph school.

## Many More Visitors Inspect Egg Tree

The Decatur public library's Easter egg trees now are in full bloom, and out-of-town visitors continue to visit the library to enjoy their beauty. Visitors Friday evening and Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Lauer and Linda, Fort Wayne, and their guest, Beth Ann Toerne from Maumee, O.; Beth Ann Lauer, Fort Wayne; Miss Pat Dugan, Muncie; Dick Cowan and family, Cleveland, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cowan, Willshire, O.; Mrs. Gladys Harmon, Mrs. Glendola Yahn and daughters, Nancy and Sherry, Wren, O. The children brought an egg to hang on the tree.

## Births

Born at the Jay county hospital, Portland: a baby daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell D. Murphy of Geneva.

### When Pruning

Pruning is not something done only to small plants. Any plant that grows out of normal proportion should be brought back into line by pruning, and this applies likewise to seedlings. If the plants in the seed flats have to wait a bit longer than anticipated, or if they get leggy because of insufficient light, just nip out the growing point at the top. This will prevent further immediate upward growth and encourage the formation of a bushy, well-proportioned plant.

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ENGAGED—Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Miller, formerly of Decatur, and now residing in Villa Park, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janice Elaine, to James R. Osborne. Miss Miller, the granddaughter of Mrs. Phoebe Miller, route 5, is a student at Willowbrook Community high school in Villa Park. Her fiancé, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Osborne, Cassopolis, Mich., is a graduate of Cassopolis high school and is presently employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Lee, Ill. The wedding is planned for early in June, 1964.

## Explosion Of Gas Truck Is Averted

A large explosion in downtown Decatur was averted Monday afternoon when a gasoline truck experienced difficulties at the intersection of Monroe and Second streets.

The truck was carrying 72,000 gallons of high octane gasoline, and the driver had lost control of the large vehicle on U. S. 224, east of Decatur a short time earlier. The truck went into the ditch along the road, but was pulled out by Ernie Baumann's wrecker and continued on toward its destination which was Geneva.

The ten-wheel tanker, reported to be one of the largest sized such trucks on the highway, was damaged in the mishap, however. As the truck neared the Monroe and Second street intersection, a "tongue" broke, which could have caused the fifth wheel to collapse.

If the wheel had collapsed, the trailer would have more than likely fallen, and could have easily set off an explosion. Baumann and the truck driver, however, averted the disaster by using a chain in place of the tongue, and the truck continued on to Geneva.

## Probe Burglary At Blue Creek Quarry

The sheriff's department and Indiana state police are investigating a burglary that occurred at the Blue Creek stone quarry building sometime over the past weekend.

The building is owned by West-borough Bros. Stone Corp., and is considered the No. 2 plant, with the other located in Linn Grove.

Money, tools, and candy were taken in the theft, which is being investigated by Sheriff Roger Stewert and state police detective Sgt. Walter Schindler.

Approximately \$20 in cash was taken from a petty cash drawer, and three cartons of gum and four cartons of candy were taken.

The thief, or thieves, also forced open a door to gain entrance to the machine shop, where a considerable amount of tools were stolen. Such items as saws, socket sets, an acetylene torch, and other tools were taken.

In addition, the gasoline was emptied from the tank of a truck parked in the building.

Entrance was gained to the building by breaking out a rear window in the building, and climbing through. Exact time of the break-in is not known, although it is believed to have happened sometime Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

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## Seek Halt To Laos Fighting

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—International inspectors took steps today to stop the fighting between neutralist and pro-Communist forces which threatens to engulf Laos in a new civil war.

Members of the International Control Commission (ICC) conferred with Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma on the worsening situation. It was believed they discussed the dispatch of ICC teams to the Plain of Jars to enforce a cease-fire.

A member of the commission said ICC officials would be dispatched Wednesday to the central region where neutralist forces of Gen. Kong Le were reported under heavy attack by troops of the pro-Communist Pathet Lao.

Souvanna tried to soft-pedal the fighting in comments to newsmen but he postponed a scheduled visit to the plain of Jars because of the apparent danger.

The neutralist premier, informed sources said, deferred a personal inspection of the combat region pending assurance of his safety from Kong Le.

The renewed fighting threatened the existence of Souvanna's coalition government made up of right-wing, neutralist and pro-Communist factions. The government was formed under the 1962 Geneva accords which ended the Laotian civil war, but it has been unable to stabilize itself. The country has received large amounts of economic assistance from the United States.

Though unofficial reports told of vicious fighting, the administrative capital here had no direct communication from Kong Le since Sunday night.

## Congress GOP Leaders Lashed By McCormack

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Democratic congressional leaders charged after a meeting with President Kennedy today that Republicans appeared to be "willing to risk a recession to win an election."

Speaker John W. McCormack lashed out at the GOP congressional leadership in reporting that Kennedy was "very much concerned" at the House Appropriations Committee's rejection last week of the administration's request for \$500 million for job-creating public works projects. McCormack noted that all Republican members of the committee voted to deny the funds. They were joined by several conservative Democrats in the 22-19 vote.

McCormack said the committee vote "clearly evidences the blind opposition of the great majority of the Republican party in both houses of Congress."

The speaker said the committee action "raises the question whether the Republican leadership is willing to risk a recession to win an election."

McCormack added: "They make speeches against unemployment — and they vote down programs to help employment. They forget about the deficit when they recommend cutting corporation taxes for the rich — but they forget about the unemployed when they cut out public works for our towns and cities."

## Hospital

Admitted  
Gerry Wheeler, Decatur.  
Dismissed  
Miss Ruth Witte, Decatur; Master Stephen Miller; Paul Moore, Decatur.

## Near-Collision Of Liner And Jet Reported

DETROIT (UPI)—Five persons were injured Monday night when an American Airlines Electra with 52 passengers aboard dived to avoid colliding with an Air Force F101 Voodoo jet fighter.

The near-collision five miles in the sky occurred near Syracuse, N.Y. The plane was en route from Boston to Detroit.

The pilot, Mel Biederman of Ann Arbor, Mich., took violent evasive action when the jet loomed on a collision course, the airlines said.

The sudden plunge came at dinner time. A passenger, Ralph McKenney, 17, Grosse Pointe, Mich., said dishes and coffee flew all over the plane.

"In the back of the plane, by the tail section, people were thrown into the aisles," he said. None appeared to be injured seriously by the dive.

McKenney, a student on vacation from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., said the plane dived down and to the right. "When it was all over, people laughed," he said.

An American Airlines spokesman said only four of the five reported hurt required hospital treatment.

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