



**FULL STABLE**—Jack Macklin of the Phil Macklin company presents the keys for two new taxi cabs to Ewel McCreary of the Minch cab company. The two new cars were put into immediate service with the 1962 model on the left.—(Photo by MacLean)

## Junior Fire Marshal Program Next Week

Pupils in 4th grade elementary schools here will join with 4,500,000 boys and girls across the country to help combat the increasing toll of deaths and property damage in fires.

The campaign begins next week with the start of the year-long school junior fire marshal program and the annual observance of national fire prevention week (Oct. 6-12).

The objective of the junior fire marshal program is to help eliminate common causes of fires in homes. Boys and girls will inspect their homes for fire hazards with the help of parents. Special check lists are provided for them. When the pupils complete their home reports, the qualify as junior fire marshals.

Schools in this area are among more than 15,000 elementary schools across the country who are participating in the fire prevention and safety program, a national public service of The Hartford Insurance Group.

The junior fire marshal program is sponsored in local schools by Leland Smith Insurance Agency, Inc., with the co-operation of school officials and the fire department.

The check list for the pupils' home report is carried in the current issue of the Junior Fire Marshal Magazine, distributed to the schools by L. E. "Joe" Rash of the Leland Smith Insurance Agency Inc. and Decatur fire chief, Cedric Fisher. The list covers the most frequent causes of home fires, including worn electrical connections, overloaded circuits, improperly stored flammable materials, unscreened fireplaces, defective heating systems, rubbish, and improper adult smoking habits.

"Last year there were more than 359,000 fires in dwellings in the nation," says Rash, "a total exceeding the number of fires in all other types of buildings put together. More than 11,800 people lost their lives and many more thousands were injured. Fire is the number one cause of accidental injury and death of children in homes."

"Most of these fires were caused by carelessness, neglect, or oversight. They could have been prevented by removing common hazards like the one the junior fire marshals are inspecting their homes for. That's why we feel that the school program is such an important part of fire prevention work."

Every family should make a home inspection regularly, according to Fisher. He emphasized one item on the junior fire marshal report that will help to save lives: planning in advance escape routes from every room in the house for every member of the family if a fire should break out.

The school children completing the home report and qualifying as junior fire marshals will receive an official badge and a plastic fire helmet from the Leland Smith Insurance Agency, Inc. The school which does the best job of completing junior fire marshal achievement reports will receive a merit award flag.

The junior fire marshal program is now in its 2nd year in the local schools. Through the program, the schools are provided with fire prevention and safety material, copies of the Junior Fire Marshal Magazine for each pupil, and teachers' guides, resources and study manuals.

The school program is launched each year during national fire prevention week proclaimed by the president annually for the week that includes October 9 anniversary date of the great Chicago fire of 1871.

Although the junior fire marshal program is dedicated to teaching youngsters fire prevention and safety, it has been expanded to include safety in all of its phases—at home, at play, at school. In the current issue of the Junior Fire Marshal Magazine, for example, youngsters are shown how to choose the safest way to go from their homes to school. At Christmas, the emphasis is on fire hazards associated with the holiday season.

Since the program was initiated by the Hartford Insurance group in 1947, it has enlisted more than 35 million school children in the cause of fire prevention and safety.



**ONE OF THE NEW SIGNS** which carries the insignia of the local Rotary, Lions, Optimists and Jaycees organizations is pictured above. The sign above is located south of Decatur on U. S. 27. Four identical signs have been erected north on U. S. 27, east and west on U. S. 224, and south on U. S. 33.

## New Elements In Cold War Picture

By PHIL NEWSOM  
UPI Foreign News Analyst

Perhaps not since the weeks immediately following the end of World War II has world diplomacy hung as now in such a state of suspended animation.

The cold war is still with us and major issues remain but new elements have entered the picture to obscure the once sharp lines dividing the world into two camps.

The Communist world has discovered there is no such thing as coequal dictators and the struggle for leadership has divided the Soviet Union and Red China.

Changes also have come to the Western world, once secure in its Atlantic Pact and aiming toward a united Europe spurred by the impetus of a new prosperity under the European Common Market.

So neither the Communist world nor Western Europe are quite sure where they are going, and for the United States the direction each finally will take is a matter of vital concern.

Within the broad framework, other elements also are bringing about changes.

### Stronger Socialist Voice

In Europe there has been the gradual decline of the conservative parties which for years have ruled the destinies of the major powers and a stronger voice for socialism in Britain, West Germany and Italy.

President Charles de Gaulle of France stands almost alone as a towering remnant of the past.

And it is the collision between this towering remnant of the past and what other western leaders regard as the course of the future which today leads to a re-assessment of Western policy, military, economic and political.

Still another force at work is the growing industrial might of nations now fully recovered from the damages of war.

### Review U.S. Policies

As industries of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany reach or surpass the ability to over-produce, they look longingly at markets within the Soviet Union. Similarly, Japan looks upon Red China.

And, agriculturally, as both Canada and Australia profit from wheat sales to the Soviet Union and Red China, the United States is led to review its own policies.

The challenges which produced the Sino-Soviet break and uncertainties in the Western world have had other side effects, which scarcely seemed possible as recently as a year ago.

The United States and Russia are aligned against Red China on the side of India.

And in the American hemisphere, Cuba, although dependent upon the Soviet Union economically, politically sides with Red China in its attempts to export violent revolution.

Last week and this week, Secretary of State Dean Rusk has been conferring with world statesmen assessing new avenues

which may be explored in the wake of agreement on a partial nuclear test ban treaty. World uncertainties make the course difficult to chart. But it would seem also a time of opportunity.

## Lincoln Cub Pack To Meet Thursday

The Lincoln Cub Pack 3061 will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Lincoln school auditorium for its "New Parents in Cub Scouting" meeting and "Cub Scout roundup."

Purpose of the meeting is to enlist new members in Cub Scouting, and to explain the organization to parents of the children who are eligible to become Cubs.

Kenneth Erhart, chairman, and Judge Myles F. Parrish, Cubmaster of the pack, stated that "Cub Scouting" is a family program, which gives parents and boys interesting things to do.

"It is filled with fun and activity that allows boys to run, jump, and pretend," the judge said, "and to make and do things, plus giving them a simple boyish set of ideals to help do their best and to honor God and country."

Boys 8 - 10  
Cub Scouting is available to all boys eight through ten years of age. The Lincoln pack is sponsored by the Lincoln P.T.A. and now has 50 boys registered for this year.

The pack committee has urged both parents of every Cub, or prospective Cub, to attend the meeting and learn about the organization. The meeting will be short, lasting only about 45 minutes, it was explained.

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**LACKLAND AFB, Tex.**—Airman Wilbur C. Dersch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Dersch of 1103 W. Monroe St., Decatur, Ind., is being reassigned to Amarillo AFB, Tex., for technical training as a United States Air Force aircraft structural repairman.

Airman Dersch, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has completed his initial basic military training here. The airman is a graduate of Decatur high school.

## Escapes Injury In One-Car Accident

A Swayzee resident escaped injury in a one-car accident this morning when his auto went out of control on state road 124.

Garnie Minix, 47, of Swayzee, was eastbound on 124 and as he approached the stop sign at the intersection of U.S. 27, the brakes on his auto locked. The car skidded 172 feet across the intersection and struck a highway sign on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Deputy sheriff Warren Kneuss, who investigated the 5:50 a.m. mishap, estimated damages at \$375 to the car and \$30 to the sign, which was bent over by the impact.

tal and released a short time later. Dierkes also suffered from cuts, bruises and shock, and he, too, was treated at the hospital and later released.

Approximate damages were estimated as follows: \$600 to the Fiechter truck; \$250 to the Dierkes pick-up truck; \$400 to a parked car owned by Phyllis Nidlinger, route 3, Decatur; \$75 to a parked car owned by Andrew J. Roberts, Fort Wayne, which was hit by the falling pole; \$200 to the utility pole owned by the Fairway Restaurant; and \$100 to a traffic sign owned by the city.

### Driver Arrested

In a second accident Monday, Norma G. Bixler, 18-year-old wife of Roger Bixler, 417 S. First St., was arrested for failing to have a valid driver's license, following a two-car crash.

Mrs. Bixler was northbound on 13th street and as she turned right onto Washington St., her auto struck the left rear of a westbound car on Washington St., which was operated by Floyd L. Rupert, 52, route 4, Decatur.

The local lady was slated to appear in justice of the peace court at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 19. Damages resulting from the 6:15 p.m. mishap were estimated at \$50 to the Rupert car and \$25 to the Bixler auto.

## Heavy Damage In Accident Monday

Damage in the four-vehicle accident at Nuttman Ave., and 13th streets at 12:09 p.m. Monday, was estimated this morning at a total of \$1,625.

The mishap occurred when a truck driven by Sharon R. Fiechter, 20, route 1, Craigville, slammed into the rear of a pick-up truck operated by John Dierkes, 1321 Nuttman Ave., as the truck's brakes failed to work.

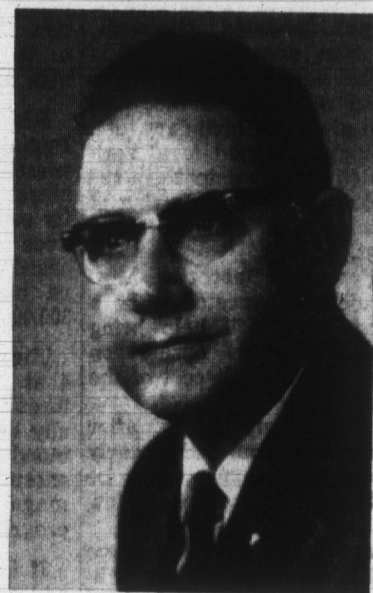
The truck, loaded with beans, then continued on and struck down a utility pole and sign on the northeast corner of the intersection, and crashed head-on into a parked car. The pole fell on another parked car, damaging it also.

The Craigville lady was arrested by the city police and charged with having faulty equipment on her truck, as the brakes failed to operate. She was cited into city court next Monday morning.

### Two Injured

She suffered bruises and shock and was treated at the local hospital.

## A Statement From Don Gage To The Voters Of Decatur:



**Donald F. Gage**

*I would like to serve a second term as your Mayor. This is partly selfish - - since I have enjoyed being your Mayor. However, I do believe that my experience as the Mayor of our City for the past four years has given me the benefit of experience to better serve you.*

*I believe that many needed improvements have been made during the past four years - - new streets, new sewers, new water lines, new fire trucks, new police station, street lights, and new equipment.*

*This has been accomplished through the co-operation of all the employees, department heads, and elected officials, and I wish to publicly thank all of them for their help and co-operation.*

*I am very proud that the money from the sale of the light plant has not been spent on a "Spending - Spree" - - there remains almost \$1,200,000.00 of YOUR money on hand invested in U. S. Government Bonds, which is bringing you interest of around 3 per cent each year.*

*As I said, I would like a second term to complete the projects for Decatur, and I request your vote.*

*I wish to thank you for letting me be your Mayor for the past four years.*

*Sincerely,*

*Donald F. Gage*

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