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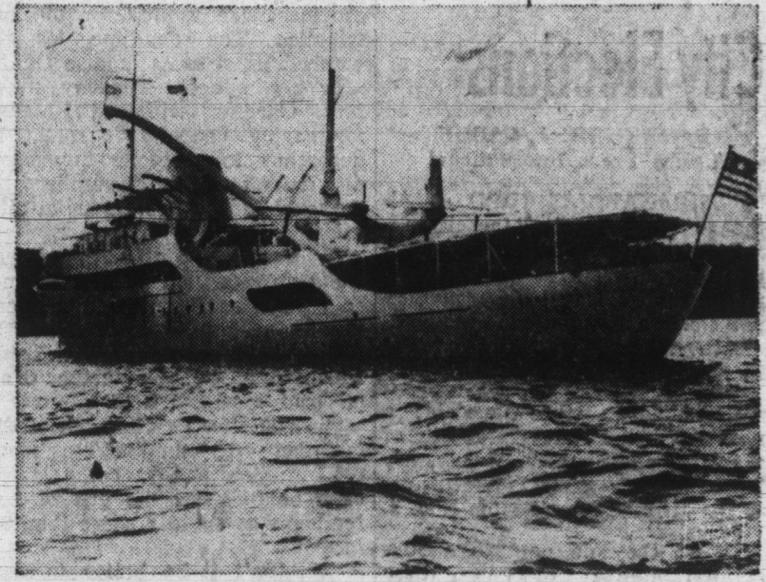
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SEVEN CENTS

Valachi Tells Senate's Investigators Of Gang Slaying In Restaurant



FIRST LADY'S FERRY—On her visit to Greece, Jacqueline Kennedy will have the use of this yacht, Aristotle Onassis' Christina. She will be staying at another Greek yacht owner's villa on the Aegean. Yacht boasts swimming pool, bar, jet plane and car.

Military Pay Hike Signed By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy signed into law today legislation providing a \$1.2 billion pay increase for nearly two million members of the armed forces effective immediately.

The measure gives pay boosts ranging from \$5 a month for recruits with two years of service to \$10 a month for lieutenant colonels and navy commanders.

Congressional action was completed Monday when the House approved the Senate-passed bill, 332 to 5. It covers all members of the armed forces except 742,000 draftees and enlistees in their first years of service.

Keep Men In Service

The pay boost is aimed at encouraging men to stay in the military services.

For enlisted men, the hikes would go from \$5 for some recruits to \$70 for senior sergeants and petty officers. For officers, they would range from \$20 for second lieutenants and ensigns to \$110 for lieutenant colonels and commanders.

TWO SECTIONS

Shannon Head Of Halloween Parade

Kenneth Shannon, manager of the local Miller-Jones shoe store, was named general chairman for the annual Calithumpian parade this year. Mrs. Kay Boch, chairman of the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce, said this morning.

Three others were named to the general committee, headed by Shannon. They were Thomas Sefton, Gillig and Doan funeral home manager; Walt Ostermeyer, manager of the Midwest Record Store; and John Rawlinson, Western Auto store owner.

The parade will again be held on Halloween evening, which is Thursday, October 31, this year.

The parade will assemble at the Adams county jail, on First street, at 7 p.m., and wind its way through downtown Decatur.

Bill Bowers has again been selected parade marshal, Mrs. Boch said, and will head a parade committee consisting of Clyde Butler, Jerry Elzey and Lyle Malone.

Bands Invited

Approximately a dozen bands from Adams county and area high schools have been invited to take part in the annual parade. This is one of the features of the annual parade.

Also included in the parade again this year will be floats, antique autos, trucks, implements and new cars, in addition to the usual number of youngsters dressed as ghosts, goblins, etc.

About \$400 in cash prizes will be awarded to the top bands, best drum majors and majorettes, and best costumed individuals, Mrs. Boch explained.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Cosa Nostra informer Joseph Valachi told Senate investigators today about a mobster who "died of a broken heart" after disgracing himself by showing nervousness after the killing of gangland boss Giuseppe Masseria.

The squat alumnus of the crime combine identified the nervous gangster as Ciro Terranova. Masseria, who was set up for death by his own lieutenants, was murdered in a Cone Island restaurant. Masseria was the leader of the Italian faction in the 14-month Italian-Sicilian gang war of 1930-31.

"Ciro was so shaky in putting the key in the ignition that they threw him off the wheel," Valachi said in describing the episode. He said Vito Genovese, alleged "under the table boss of Cosa Nostra," Terranova and other alumnus had been present at Masseria's slaying.

Stripped Of Power

Valachi said Ciro began to have what he called the "buck wheats" after the incident and his underworld power began to be stripped away.

"After a while he took it so hard that he just died of a broken heart," he said.

"He disgraced himself," asked Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., of the Senate investigations subcommittee. Valachi agreed.

Valachi testified about the Masseria slaying, touched upon briefly in Tuesday's testimony, after answering a volley of questions posed by subcommittee members.

He disclaimed knowledge of criminal operations in a variety of mid-western cities in language which suggested that he had never heard of the cities themselves.

"Senator, I never heard of Omaha," Valachi said, when Sen. Carl T. Curtis, R-Neb., asked about policy and horse book operations there.

Valachi, who violated an oath of loyalty and silence sworn in blood and fire, was serving two separate narcotics conspiracy convictions at the time he killed a fellow prisoner he suspected of being his intended executioner.

It was after this that he turned on Cosa Nostra and began spilling its inside secrets to government agents.

Valachi came on like gangbusters for the senators Tuesday, giving a murder-by-murder account of the struggle for controls of the

Fred Zurcher Dies At Richmond Today

Fred Zurcher, 75, for many years florist and shrubbery caretaker at the state hospital at Richmond, died at 10 o'clock this morning at the hospital. He had been in failing health for four years and seriously ill for four weeks.

He was born in Putnam county, O., April 24, 1888, a son of Anton and Elizabeth Muthaler-Zurcher, and had never married.

Mr. Zurcher, who had lived at Richmond for 36 years, was a member of the Cross United Church of Christ at Berne.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Paul (Frieda) Habegger of Monroe, route 1, and two nieces. Two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Yager funeral home in Berne, the Rev Harry Reiners officiating. Burial will be in MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Thursday.

Anderson Funeral Services Thursday

Funeral services for Thomas E. Anderson, who was found dead early Monday morning, will be held at 9:15 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Friends may call at the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where the rosary will be recited at 8:15 o'clock tonight. Pallbearers will be Elmer Wendel, Gene Loshe, Robert Meyer, Bill Rumschlag, Fritz Faurote and Eugene Braum.

A letter from city attorney Anderson to Nickel Plate railroad officials was also read at the meet-

Fort Wayne Youth Kidnapped, Bound

Adams county entered into investigation today of a kidnapping case that was discovered when an 18-year-old Fort Wayne youth was discovered bound with wire in his car near Monroeville.

Stephen A. Henning, a Lake Ave. resident in Fort Wayne, told detective Sgt. Al Bragalone and state police detective Sgt. Walter Schindler that a man forced him to drive a dizzying pattern around the eastern edge of Fort Wayne, threatening to kill him with a knife.

The boy was found by two farmers along state road 101, near the south edge of the Adams-Allen county line about dusk.

They said they found Henning tied with coat hangers and a chain dog collar to the steering wheel of his car.

Check Here

Adams county deputy sheriff Harold August and state trooper Alan Copps were called in on the case and aided in the investigation. The search for the kidnaper stretched to Convoy, O., and Dixon, but no one was seen answering the description of the kidnaper.

Henning told officers he had left the North Anthony shopping center sometime after 2 p.m. and drove north on Anthony Blvd., when a man's hand suddenly reached past him from the back seat and knocked the rear view mirror ajar.

The kidnaper then ordered the youth to drive toward New Haven. The youth named several roads in an area around New Haven where he was forced to drive.

Had Knife

He said the assailant threatened him with a knife, although he did not look to see if there was one, and that he followed orders until reaching the Ohio state line.

The youth was then ordered to stop at a deserted building about a mile inside Adams county, on

101, a short time later. He described the man as between 35 and 40 years of age and dark complexioned, and wearing a yellow short-sleeved shirt.

Investigation in the surrounding area is continuing today in an attempt to turn up some clue as to the identity of the kidnaper.

INDIANA WEATHER

Continued fair tonight and Thursday. A little cooler Thursday. Low tonight low 50s. High Thursday 74 to 80. Sunset today 6:26 p.m. Sunrise Thursday 6:43 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Continued fair with near normal temperatures. Lows 46 to 52. Highs in the 70s.

Adams Central Tops In Judging Contest

Adams Central and Berne placed first and second in the Adams county 4-H and FFA soil judging contest held Tuesday in Wells county, according to Leo N. Seltenright, county extension agent.

These teams, coached by Martin Watson and Doyle Lehman, will participate in the district contest Saturday, October 5, in Steuben county.

The Adams Central team is Bill Tanner, second individual; Steve Kaehr, tie for third; Larry Lee, tie for third; and Phil Isch, fifth, with a team of 556.

The Berne team is Keith Fox, first individual; Adrian Biberstein, seventh; Danny Moser, eighth; and Edward Yoder, ninth; with a team score of 537. Tenth placing individual was Barry Isch of Adams Central. Other teams participating were Geneva and Decatur.

The contestants scored four soil sites on various factors including soil capabilities and cropping systems. The official judge was Cal Miller, area soil scientist of the soil conservation service.

Pat Nelson

Pat Nelson, civilian radio operator for the local police department, was moved up to the uniformed ranks by the city board of works and safety in its meeting prior to the city council meeting Tuesday night.

By putting Nelson into uniform, the board of works relieved somewhat the manpower shortage on the city's police department.

City patrolman Jay H. Minch, who has been off work due to illness, informed the board of works through his father last night that he will make application in the next few days to join the local department's disability pension ranks.

Minch's decision will free his salary in order that it may be used for hiring a new officer, and following the precedent it established last year, the board of works moved Nelson up to the uniformed ranks.

Minch's illness and the illness of chief of police Jim Borders, has put the department in a critical situation.

Funds Made Available

The city council has funds appropriated for adding a new officer the first of next year, but no money was available to add an officer for the rest of this year.

After Minch makes application to go on disability pension, the pension board, composed of Mayor Donald Gage, president; Borders, vice president; and officer Dick Mansfield, secretary-treasurer, will meet and act on the application.

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Brief Session Held By Decatur Council

The Decatur city council held a brief meeting Tuesday evening, with several items of business discussed and a resolution and an ordinance adopted.

The ordinance adopted amended an old ordinance fixing water line rates, and is explained elsewhere in today's Daily Democrat.

The resolution adopted transferred \$2,000 into the park department fund to pay current bills.

The "private drive" on North Second St., was discussed by the council, after a letter from city attorney Robert S. Anderson to the four property owners was read.

Anderson's letter was written to Dwight Davis, Dick Hess, Rose Nesswold and A. R. Ashbaugh, whose properties are adjacent to the alley which has been marked "private drive" by two signs located at the alley entrances on Second and Third streets.

A letter from Ralph Roop, secretary-treasurer of the local planning board, to R. C. Sherron, of Metropolitan Planners, Indianapolis, was read.

The letter informed Sherron that Chalmers DeBolt, president of the board, has set October 21, at 7:30 p.m., as the date and time for a meeting at city hall on the rezoning plans for Decatur.

Mayor Donald Gage requested the councilmen who were able to attend the meeting to do so, for any changes or ideas they might have to add.

A short discussion was held on the tax board meeting that Mayor Gage, Anderson and clerk-treasurer Laura A. Bosse attended.

They explained the state tax board field representatives did not object to the city's budget, but to the cash on hand in operating balances.

Mayor Gage then informed the council of the appointment of Pat Nelson to the city police department, which will be given the council for its final approval at the next meeting.

The mayor also said that he had visited with ailing chief Jim Borders earlier and that the chief was "feeling fine."

Following the reading and allowing of the bills, the council adjourned until its next meeting Tuesday, October 15.

Pat Nelson Is Appointed To Police Force



Variety Of Services By Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, a nationally known organization, is another of the ten Decatur Community Fund agencies. It has submitted a budget request of \$1,500 as its share of the \$28,990 goal.

During the past year the local Salvation Army chapter provided relief in nearly 160 hardship cases. Many of these cases involved down-on-their-luck travelers or transients stranded in Decatur. Others were families stricken by financial crises.

The unit provided clothing for two persons, meals for 61, travel service for 48, lodging for 23 and groceries for 22. Heading this volunteer Good Samaritan service for the local chapter are Louis Jacobs, Margaret Holthouse and Earl Caston.

The Salvation Army is best known for its disaster and relief work. During the recent entombment of three miners in Pennsylvania the organization set up food tents which served all the rescue personnel at the scene. It also prepared the food which was lowered to the trapped men.

The Army's services include a missing persons bureau, homes for unwed mothers, parole services, travel aid, disaster relief, sick visits, meal services and placement bureaus.

Many Services

Members of the organization are on hand wherever understanding and personal services is needed. They aid immigrants and visit prisoners. They maintain special

centers for servicemen and provide aid to children and adults in 55 camps throughout the nation.

Traditionally, the Salvation Army is on hand to help wherever disaster or misfortune strikes. If a family is burned out of its home, is stranded in a strange community without funds or is disrupted by illness or death, trained Salvation Army personnel are ready to give essential aid.

When hurricanes, floods, earthquakes or forest fires spread destruction over wide areas, the Salvation Army mobilizes personnel and equipment from neighboring counties or states to serve at the scene. Assistance rendered includes provision of food, shelter, and clothing.

For disaster victims the Salvation Army provides furniture and bedding, meets other household needs, performs such personal services as sending letters and telegrams, and assists in the clean-up following a flood or hurricane. It may also render casework services, including the registration and identification of disaster victims.

In an average year more than a half million individuals receive aid through Salvation Army services. The money which the Salvation Army receives through the Decatur Community Fund is divided between local cases and the national work of the organization. A contribution to the fund can assure the continuance of both phases of this work.

Ford, Koufax Open Series

DODGERS WIN

NEW YORK (UPI) — Southpaw Sandy Koufax broke the World Series strikeout record today when he fanned 15 New York Yankee batters in a superb six-hit pitching performance that enabled the Los Angeles Dodgers to win the opening game of the classic, 5-2.

John Roseboro's three-run homer and a pair of run-producing singles by Moose Skowron drove in all the Los Angeles runs off Yankee left-hander Whitey Ford before a crowd of exactly 69,000 fans in sun-soaked Yankee Stadium.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two of baseball's top southpaws, Whitey Ford of the Yankees and Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers, matched their pitching wizardry today in the first game of the World Series in ideal weather.

With a hot sun beating down from a cloudless sky, a capacity crowd of nearly 70,000 was forecast for vast Yankee Stadium by game time of 1 p.m. EDT. The temperature was expected to be in the 80's.

A light haze enveloped the stadium, but the sun was clearing it away as first the Yankees and then the Dodgers held their batting practice.

Koufax, a 25-game winner and the major league strikeout king, said he was "raring to go" and that all traces of the flu which hit him last week "were gone."