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Speed Preparations To Collect State Sales Tax Following Court Ruling



SOOTHING TO A SONGSTER—Gangland informer Joseph Valachi, hoarse from hours of testimony before a Senate investigations subcommittee in Washington, soothes his throat with lemon juice from a plastic container.

Yankees Seek Series Evener

DODGERS WIN AGAIN
NEW YORK (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the New York Yankees, 4-1, today in the second game of the World Series.

Decatur Ministers Will Meet Monday

The Decatur ministerial association will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the United Church of Christ. The Rev. William Feller will lead the devotional period.

Youth Confesses To Kidnap Story Hoax

An 18-year-old Fort Wayne youth has admitted to police in that city that a kidnapping story he contrived Tuesday was only a hoax and he had made up to draw attention to himself.

Fort Wayne authorities, continuing investigation which began Tuesday evening and encompassed Adams county, took a statement from Stephen A. Henning, 18, of Fort Wayne, who admitted fabricating a kidnapping story just to draw attention to himself.

The youth's story was that a man had hidden in the rear of his car Tuesday and forced him to drive at knife-point around the eastern edge of Allen county.

Farmers in the Monroeville area found the youth, with his hands tied, wired to the steering wheel of his auto just inside the Adams county line, north on state road 101.

Search Here
Deputy Sheriff Harold August of this county and state trooper Alan Copes were among several officers in this area who were called in to investigate and search for the make-believe kidnaper. The youth's mother brought him to Fort Wayne police during morning and the story was repudiated.

Henning said he had given a hitchhiker a brief ride, and then used the man's description as his assailant. Then he drove to the south of this county where he bound himself with wire and a dog collar chain.

He told police how he had "managed to kick on the ignition of his car and put the car in motion," while still bound to the steering wheel.

Officers quoted the youth as saying he thought his family didn't care for him as much as he felt they should. He believed if he made up a story about being in danger, the resulting sympathy would bring him more attention.

The Lineups:

Los Angeles

Wills ss

Gilliam 3b

W. Davis cf

T. Davis lf

F. Howard r

Skowron 1b

Tracewski 2b

Roseboro c

Podres p

New York

Kubek ss

Richardson 2b

Tresh lf

Mantle cf

Marie rf

E. Howard c

Peppitone 1b

Boyer 3b

Downing p

Umpires — Gorman (NL) plate;

Napp (AL) 1b; Crawford (NL)

2b; Paparella (AL) 3b; Rice (AL)

right field foul line; Venzon (NL)

left field foul line.

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Indiana moved full speed ahead today with preparations to collect a two per cent sales tax beginning Oct. 22, while the labor-union leader who challenged the tax law studied whether a further delay will be sought.

The Department of Revenue went to work immediately with the blessing of the Indiana Supreme Court, which ruled the tax law constitutional and authorized the state to collect the tax after a 20-day wait to see whether a rehearing would be sought.

The tax originally was scheduled to net the state about \$192 million in a two-year period. However, a four-month delay in imposing the tax because of a suit by Dallas Sells, president of the Indiana State AFL-CIO, and Marion Circuit Judge John L. Niblack's ruling the law was invalid, and exemption of sales below 25 cents by the high court, will slash the expected net revenue from the tax to between \$145 and \$160 million this biennium.

Sells said today no decision will be made before Monday on whether he will let the ruling stand, ask for a rehearing, or appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Either of the latter two alternatives could further delay imposition of the tax.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S. D., the top Republican member of the subcommittee, said he began the hearings feeling somewhat skeptical about Valachi as a witness but had come to believe that his testimony was essentially solid.

Hopes To Expedite Testimony
McClellan said he hoped to "expedite" Valachi's testimony when the squat Cosa Nostra alumus returns to the witness table next Tuesday.

He said he believed another day or day-and-a-half would complete the testimony unless Valachi, currently serving two long sentences on narcotics counts, proved to have a lot of information on narcotics traffic.

Ready to Collect

Deputy Revenue Commissioner Robert Hale said the department expected to be ready to start collecting the tax as soon as the deadline passes. He said much of the necessary work had been done before Niblack's ruling was issued in June.

Although the court's ruling will not go into effect until after that deadline passes, the ruling included a stay of the injunction issued by Niblack against any action by the Revenue Department to set up machinery for collection of the tax. The stay allowed the department to begin immediate preparations.

Services Will Open

The clerk's office will be open until 4 p.m. Monday, as it is each Monday through Friday, and until 12 noon Saturday.

Anyone who voted in the primary election this spring, or in either the primary or general election last year, is still registered.

Anyone who did not vote in either election last year, nor the primary this spring is not registered and will not be able to vote in November.

Voters may also register at either of the party headquarters.

Democrat headquarters is located in the former Boston store at Second and Monroe streets, while Republican headquarters is in the former Rice Hotel coffee shop.

Absentee Voters

Persons wishing to vote by absentee ballot may do so now, Lewton also said.

Anyone who will be out of town on November 5 for business reasons, or who will be confined due to an illness, must make application for an absentee ballot in the clerk's office in the courthouse, or by writing the clerk's office.

Application blanks may be obtained until and including Saturday, November 2, but will not be given out after that date.

After application is given, the voter must fill it out and return to the clerk's office, and his or her ballot will then be mailed back to the person.

The loss of revenue precipitated one of the worst financial crises in Indiana history, resulting in spending cutbacks on the state level and reduced state aid to local school corporations.

Local school officials, faced with the loss of millions of dollars in state funds, proposed unprecedented local property tax rates to make up for the loss. Even then, some said they might have to cut short the school year.

Welsh Hails Decision
Both Welsh and Lt. Gov. Richard O. Ristine hailed the decision for its effect on state revenue and for the relief it will provide local property taxpayers.

Welsh, who opposed enactment of the sales tax and then had the "unpleasant duty" of defending it, *Continued on Page 8*

Convincing Evidence Offered By Valachi

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Underworld informer Joseph Valachi is offering "convincing evidence" that a secret gangland government menaces the U.S. society. Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., said.

McClellan said that testimony from one who was actually present and knows" gave credence to the idea that such a combine is "a menace and that it is a government beyond the law dispensing life and death according to its own will."

Needed Corroboration

He said Valachi's testimony would need corroboration to be used in a court of law. He said, however, that certain statements made to Valachi by participants in criminal acts might be construed as voluntary confessions of guilt.

Valachi, in his third day as the subcommittee's featured witness before television cameras in the Senate caucus room, sipped lemon juice to relieve a sore throat as he rasped out his narrative of the Italian-Sicilian gang war of 1931.

He testified that Albert Anastasia, underworld leader who was killed in a 1957 barber shop killing, and Frank Scalise — sometimes known as "Cheech" — peddled Cosa Nostra memberships in the 1950s for up to \$40,000.

Valachi said that Ciro Terranova, the gangster "artichoke king" of New York, died in disgrace of a "broken heart" because of his nervousness over the slaying of a top Cosa Nostra boss at Coney Island.

Monday Deadline For Voter Registration

The annual observance of Forty Hours devotions will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Services will open at 9 o'clock Saturday morning with a solemn high mass, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon M. Schmitt as celebrant, the Rev. Charles J. Uebel as deacon, and the Rev. Eugene A. Fekete as subdeacon. The mass will be a solemn procession with the blessed sacrament through the church and the chanting of the litany of all saints. The high school chorus and students will sing the mass and chant the litany.

Public services will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with sermon and benediction.

Sunday masses will be the usual hours. There will be a holy hour Sunday evening at 7:30, with devotions to the blessed sacrament.

Solemn closing of the devotions will take place Monday evening at 7:30, with the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the St. Mary's men's choir, the knights of the altar, and a large number of priests from neighboring parishes participating. The sermon at the closing exercises will be given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Crowley, editor of Our Sunday Visitor.

Msgr. Schmitt extended a general invitation to the public to attend any of the services of the Forty Hours devotion.

Butcher Appointed As Highway Head

Governor Matthew E. Welsh announced this morning the appointment of Walter T. (Pete) Butcher, 58, of 112 N. Ninth St., as superintendent of the state highway department's Bluffton sub-district.

Butcher, who has been general foreman for the sub-district for the past two and one-half years, will fill the vacancy created recently by Leonard Warner's retirement.

Butcher was formerly employed by this county's highway department and also worked at the local sewage treatment plant. His appointment is effective immediately.

The police were informed that in the past year and a half, eight windows on the east side of the building were also broken out by rock-throwers.

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To Observe Business Women's Week Here

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., has designated the week October 6 to 12 as "National business woman's week."

The Decatur Business and Professional Women's club will start the week with a "fellowship tea" Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion home. All working women, members and non-members, are invited to attend this tea.

The 1963 Business and Professional Women's Club "career women of the year," selected by the members of the club, will be presented at 3:30 p.m.

The BPW career woman is selected for the outstanding contributions for BPW during the year. Miss Rosemary Spangler, county recorder, was honored as career woman in 1961, and Mrs. Mary Howard, office manager, Adams ASCS county office, was honored as career woman in 1962.

The Business and Professional Women's club is a non-profit civic organization. At the present time, the Decatur club consists of 41 members representing many vocations and professions of the working women of Decatur.

The 1963-64 national theme, "Responsibility of full partnership," is important to all working women, both members and non-members, of the club.

"Full partnership in all relationships whether it be at home, on the job, in club work, in the state or in the Nation with our colleagues, both men and women is important to success in any type of work."

The officers of the Decatur club represent five important types of employment: Janice Kauffman, 1963-64 president is employed as an audit clerk at the Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., Fort Wayne; Mary Jane Miller, first vice president, is a nurse at the Adams county memorial hospital; Jane Dally, secretary, at the First State Bank; Eileen Buckley, recording secretary, serves as saleslady at the Jani Linn Store; and Carolyn Steele is a bookkeeper at the First State Bank.

Standing committees are appointed by the officers and play an important role in club activities.

1963-64 chairmen of these committees are: personal development, Lucile Beavers, teacher at Adams Central school; public relations, Betty Bucher, clerk in the Allen ASCS county office, Fort Wayne; finance, Mary Catherine Spangler, abstractor at Bierly's Abstract, Inc.; world affairs, Maxine Ford, clerk at the ASCS county office; legislation, Rosemary Spangler, county recorder; Civic participation, Vera Van Buskirk, teacher, teacher at Northwest school, and membership, Clara Ellen Hitchcock, secretary at Suttles company.

For the most part, local talent is utilized in Decatur club meetings.

Surveyor Is Injured When Hit By Ladder

Herman Moellering, Adams county surveyor, is reported resting comfortably in the Adams county memorial hospital today after a freak mishap at his home on route 1, Decatur, last night.

Moellering was injured when a ladder on which he had been working fell and struck him on the head, as he was walking away.

He was rushed to the hospital for treatment and was expected to remain there at least the rest of the day.

The surveyor was repairing some wiring leading to the barn at his residence about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday when the mishap occurred. The 18-foot extension ladder was resting on the barn.

He had climbed down and was walking away when the ladder fell and hit him on the head. The impact knocked him to the ground and the side of his face was bruised as he struck the ground. The blow opened a laceration on the top of his head.

He is in room 217 at the hospital. The second floor is normally used for maternity cases, but the hospital is unusually busy at present.

Indiana Weather

Continued fine weather through Friday. A little cooler this afternoon, warmer again Friday. Low tonight in the 40s. High Friday 75 to 83. Sunset today 6:25 p.m. Sunrise Friday 6:44 a.m. Outlook for Saturday: Fair with little temperature change. Lows in the 40s. High 75 to 82.

Boy Scouts Are Aided By Community Fund

The Boy Scouts of America are one of the ten agencies in the Decatur Community Fund and have submitted a budget request of \$4,625 of the \$27,993 fund goal.

The Boy Scouts of America are a 53-year-old organization which has enjoyed success and public acclaim for its part in training American youth in character values, citizenship skills and attitudes and physical fitness.

About 375 Decatur youths are involved in scouting — 175 in Boy Scouts and 200 in Cub Scouts. There are five Cub packs, six Boy Scout troops and one Boy Scout Explorer post.

These groups are sponsored by various local churches and organizations. The six Cub packs are fostered by the Zion Lutheran church, Lincoln PTA, Southeast PTA, Northwest PTA and St. Mary's Catholic church, and are led by Martin Bultemeier, Judge Myles Parrish, Leo Feasel, Cecil Shaffer and Jerome Reed.

The seven Boy Scout troops are sponsored by the Zion Lutheran church, the Rotary club, the Lions club, the American Legion, St. Mary's Catholic church, the EUB church, and First Baptist church.

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The Club Scouts and Boy Scouts meet every week and the Explorers meet every other week. Besides the regular meetings there