

Young Decatur Lad Loses Long Battle

Ten-year-old Rudy Darrel Mauler lost his courageous 18-month battle against bone cancer this morning when he died at 7 o'clock at his home, 227 South Seventh street.

Rudy, despite having suffered the amputation of his right leg in May of 1962, continued active in sports and other activities both last year and this past summer, but his condition became serious two weeks ago.

The undaunted lad attended the Lincoln grade school last year and would have been a member of the fifth grade class this year but was unable to enter school in September because of his illness.

Played Baseball
Despite his handicap, Rudy served as bat boy for the Indians of the Decatur Little League during the past season, and played with the Steiner team in the Wildcat league at the Northwest diamond, whose coach is Floyd Reed, Northwest school principal. He was selected as a member of the Wildcat All-Star team chosen at the close of the season.

The boy was stricken in the spring of 1962, and on advice of local physicians and Fort Wayne specialists, "was taken to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where the surgery was performed in May of last year.

While in the Minnesota hospital, Rudy celebrated his ninth birthday May 11, 1962, and received more than 600 cards and letters from Decatur residents. This was a record at the hospital, whose



Rudy Mauler

nurses arranged a special birthday party for him.

Funeral Thursday
The boy was born in Decatur May 11, 1953, the son of Harry I. and Betty B. Harman-Mauler.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a brother, Roger D. Mauler, at home; and the grandparents, Mrs. A. L. Harman of Decatur, and C. C. Harman of Wren, O. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Thursday at the Zwick funeral home, with the Rev. Argo Sudduth officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p. m. Tuesday until time of the services.

Flora Again Cuban Threat

MIAMI (UPI)—Hurricane Flora appeared today to have started a slow turn to the north which would bring it across already-ravaged Cuba for a third time.

The storm, with more than 400 dead in its wake, started its turn to the north after being stalled in the Caribbean just south of Cuba's Camaguey Province for more than 24 hours. Winds near the center were about 100 miles per hour.

At 9 a. m., EDT, the Miami Weather Bureau located the

storm 390 miles south-southeast of Miami.

Forecasters said the storm would come close to the city of Camaguey, already badly hit by high winds and heavy rains.

Weathermen said Flora probably would move slowly across Cuba and on toward the central Bahamas.

They called Flora a "durable" and "unusual" storm.

"Hurricanes have stalled before and there are recorded tracks with various loops and sharp changes in direction," an advisory said.

"However, Flora's nearly stationary position for such a long time is indeed unusual.

"Perhaps even more unique is the strength that it has maintained while a large portion of her circulation has remained over land."

Youth Is Convicted Of Reckless Driving

Larry Mix, 16-year-old resident of route 6, Decatur, was found guilty of reckless driving in city court this morning, following a long hearing before Judge John B. Stults.

Mix was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$31.75, as he was found guilty of the charge after a trial that lasted nearly three hours.

In addition to the fine, Judge Stults also ordered Mix's driver's license suspended for six months, and picked up the license to send it into the state bureau of motor vehicles.

Several persons testified in court this morning, being called by prosecutor Severin H. Schurger and Mix's attorney, Hubert R. McClenahan.

Three Signed

The three Stratton Place residents who signed the affidavit against Mix all testified. They were Lyle Mallonee, Mrs. Pat Druetzler and Mrs. Marge Shoff, each of whom signed the affidavit charging Mix with reckless driving on Stratton Way, the late afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Mix pleaded not guilty to the charge but after the lengthy trial was found guilty. He had received a continuance of a week last Monday in order to secure counsel.

Two other persons were fined in city court this morning, including Sharon R. Fiechter, 20, of route 1, Craigville.

She was arrested last Monday after an accident at 13th St. and Nuttman Ave., in which four vehicles and some property were damaged.

Brakes Fail

The young girl was operating a bean truck and the brakes failed to work and rammed into a pickup truck, with she and the driver of the pickup, John Dierkes of Decatur, suffering minor injuries.

She was charged with driving a vehicle with faulty equipment, and fined \$10 and costs, totaling \$31.75, in court this morning.

The third person fined was Jack Butler, route 5, Decatur resident, on a charge of assault and battery. Continued on Page 8)

Adams County Man Killed This Morning In Car-Truck Crash

Little, Pony Loops Are Helped By Fund

The Little League and Pony League organizations are also among the ten agencies which have submitted budget requests for this year's Decatur Community Fund drive. Their combined request comes to \$2,000, 6.8 per cent of the \$28,993 Community Fund budget.

This past summer marked another highly successful season of operation for the two leagues. Approximately 150 boys had the opportunity of playing on one of the nine teams, and some 50 adults supervised their activity.

The Little League teams played 15 games each and the Pony League teams played 12 games each. The Pony League also had a double elimination tourney.

Little League activities were begun in Decatur 11 years ago and Pony League activities were started 10 years ago.

Both leagues have been using the same uniforms since the start of their activity and, hence, much of this year's budget will go for new uniforms to replace the worn and tattered items which were used this summer.

There are six Little League teams in Decatur. Little League play is open to boys from 9-12 years of age. Junior-Lake heads the Decatur Little League organization.

There are three Pony League teams in the city, open to boys 13 and 14 years of age. The teams are members of their county Pony League which includes four other teams, Monroe, Geneva, Berne and Adams Central. R. O. Wynn is the head of Decatur Pony League activity.

About 90 youngsters participate in Little League play and another 45 are Pony League members.

One of the main tenants of the program of both leagues is emphasis on fair play and sportsmanship. The boys who play in the league are taught the importance of sportsmanship as well as the fine points of baseball.

The adult volunteers work with them, giving valuable instruction and individual assistance. Each team has volunteer adult "coaches" who work with it, thus assuring ample attention for each boy in the program.

Operating Profit Shown By Hospital

The Adams county memorial hospital completed the third quarter with a \$2,062.68 cash gain in September, the lowest of the quarter, but putting the hospital \$12,897.04, in the black, Thurman I. Drew, hospital manager, said today.

The year opened with three "bad" months for the hospital, but the patient load had remained high all year, and since March there has been only one loss reported in six months, and it was \$13.92.

This indicates that the hospital will be in the black operation-wise again this year, the fourth year in five. Last year the hospital was \$3,652.15 in the black.

During September \$37,655.11 was deposited, bills totalling \$14,085.93 and the payroll was \$21,507.50. The cash operating balance went from \$24,772.94 to \$26,835.62.

During September 197 adults were admitted, and 49 babies were born in the Adams county memorial hospital. Five patients died. There were 38 adults and three babies in the hospital at the first of the month and 53 adults and six babies at the end of the month. A total of 53 adults and six babies were discharged during the month.

The 197 admissions compares favorably with 159 a year ago and 186 a month ago. The 49 births are up slightly from 37 last month, but down from the 60 in September of last year.

A total of 365 persons received room, laboratory or x-ray room as outpatients, down slightly from the 373 of August, but up from 321 a year ago, and 291 two years ago.

Of the 49 births, 21 were boys and 28 were girls; one set of twins was born last month.

Two Vehicles Collide Today At Intersection

Harrison Newton Sudduth, 66-year-old former 12th St., resident, who recently moved to route 3, Decatur, was killed this morning in a car-truck accident in northern Adams county, at the intersection of two stone roads.

A former resident of 221 S. 78th St., the victim was pronounced dead on arrival at the Adams county memorial hospital, a short time after the 9:40 a. m. crash.

He was reported to have had a very slight heart beat at the scene, but was pronounced dead upon arriving at the hospital. Cause of the death was a fractured skull.

Sudduth was operating a 1955 Chevrolet which collided with a 1960 model truck driven by Donald E. Elser, 27, of Roanoke, at the intersections of county roads 33 and 2, about a mile south of the Adams-Allen county line, in Root township.

Minor Injuries
Elser, operating a truck owned by Richard Lesh, route 5, Columbus City, and delivering milk for County Line Cheese, escaped with minor injuries.

He was taken to the local hospital for treatment and x-rays, and is being held there.

The mishap is still under investigation by deputy sheriff Harold August and state trooper Dan Kwasneski. Early investigation led the officers to believe that Sudduth was southbound on county road 33 and the truck eastbound on county road 2.

Still Investigating
This is still not definite, and which vehicle struck the other is still not definitely determined, although they collided in the intersection of the stone roads.

Both persons were alone in their vehicles, and were pulled from the wreckage by Allen Grote, who was first on the scene.

Both the truck and the auto were east of the intersection after the impact. The truck turned over on its side in a field and caught fire, also setting a long stretch of dry grass ablaze.

The Decatur fire department was called to extinguish the fire in truck and the grass, and an Indiana & Michigan truck was needed to repair damages to electrical lines. Several "hot" lines were torn down and hampered officers and the ambulance crew.

Roads Unmarked

The intersection was unmarked, as there were no stop signs, yield-the-right-of-way signs, or any other type. There was not, however, anything that would have hampered either driver's vision as they approached the intersection.

The body was removed to the Winterregg-Linn funeral home, with funeral arrangements not yet completed. The victim was the third to suffer fatal injuries in a crash in this county this year.

Annual Lions Club Sale This Evening

The Decatur Lion's club will conduct its annual broom sale from 5 to 9 p. m. tonight, selling brooms, light bulbs and whisk brooms. Proceeds of the sale go to support several Lions club activities, including guide dogs, a Boy Scout troop, the cancer fund and the eye bank. Club members will meet at Decatur industries before the sale begins.

Money Stolen From Coin Laundry Here

Walter Mazelin, 717 Winchester St., owner of the coin-operated laundry at 633 N. 13th St., reported a theft to the city police Saturday noon.

Mazelin said that sometime between 10:30 p. m. Friday and 9:30 a. m. Saturday, between \$6 and \$7 in dimes was stolen from a coin changer in the laundry. The police are investigating.

Kennedy Signs Nuclear Pact

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy signed ratification papers today to complete U.S. approval of the treaty banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, space and under water.

Kennedy affixed his signature to the historic documents at a White House ceremony attended by high State Department and disarmament officials, and a dozen senators representing both political parties.

The pact, drawn up by the United States, Britain and Russia, will go into effect Thursday when the three countries simultaneously deposit their ratification documents in each other's capital.

The U. S. Senate voted 80 to 19 on Sept. 24 to ratify the treaty.

Kennedy planned to sign four copies of the ratification document — one each of Moscow and London, one for formal "despot"

in Washington and another to be kept in the national archives.

Today's ceremony marked the first major treaty signing in the White House treaty room since Aug. 12, 1898, when a peace pact was signed with Spain. The room recently was refurbished.

The treaty room once was a waiting room for President Lincoln's office. From the Andrew Johnson administration to Theodore Roosevelt administration, it was used as a cabinet room.

The test ban treaty resulted from U. S.-British-Soviet negotiations on Oct. 31, 1958 in Geneva. For years the talks were bogged down over the issue of inspection against cheating.

The treaty has ushered in a new phase of U. S. Soviet relations — a period of cold war lull, in which both sides are cautiously exploring possibilities of further tension-easing agreements.

Joseph P. Braun Dies In Toledo

Joseph P. Braun, 75, a native and former resident of Decatur, died early Sunday morning at a hospital in Toledo, O., following an extended illness.

Born in this city Sept. 8, 1888, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Braun.

Mr. Braun was a member of the Cathedral in Toledo.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Ann and Alice, both of Toledo; three sons, Joseph, Dan Charles and Freddy Wayne, all of Toledo; two sisters, Mrs. J. Henry Fauroute and Mrs. Norbert Schneider, both of Decatur, and two brothers, Charles Braun of Las Vegas, Nev., and William Braun of Toronto, Canada.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at the Cathedral in Toledo, with burial in the Catholic cemetery in that city.

Guidance Head On Philadelphia Panel

Deane T. Dorwin, head of the guidance department of the North Adams community schools, will return this evening from Philadelphia, Pa., where he served as a member of a panel Sunday afternoon on "The new transcript forms."

Leading educators from the eastern and midwestern sectors of the United States took part in the discussion on scholarship ratings and tests which are held throughout the nation for high school and college students.

Members of the panel, in addition to the Decatur educator, were Henry C. J. Evans, associate director of admission, Rutgers University; Benjamin D. James, director of admissions, Dickinson College; Carl Peets, dean of boys, Scarsdale high school, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Jane Sehmman, director of admissions, Smith College; Carolyn Steele, counselor, St. Louis Park high school, St. Louis Park, Minn., and Gayle Wilson, associate director of admissions, University of Michigan.

Presentations made before the panel were: "The common school report form of the Ivy College," by Humphrey Doermann, director of admissions, Harvard College; "The comprehensive student report of the CPGA," by Wesley W. Walton, director, developmental programs, Education Testing Service; and "The personal characteristics descriptive ratings form of the NASSP," by Edward B. Keim, principal, Cheltenham high school, Wyncote, Pa.

Slight Damage When Soybean Pile Is Fired

The local fire department, as in recent weeks, was extremely busy this weekend and this morning.

The latest fire was reported at 12:21 p. m. today, as there was a fire in the pile of 500,000 bushels of beans at the Central Soya plant.

The pile of beans is located just off N. Second street, on the north side, in front of the Soya plant.

Little damage, if any, was reported by Soya officials to have been suffered in the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown, but is believed that a cigarette from the street might have blown onto the huge bean pile, setting some of the beans afire.

Soya officials, who said damage was "negligible," reported that they will put signs along the street Tuesday to warn passing motorists of the danger of throwing cigarettes in the area.

The firemen were also called to the scene of the fatal accident this morning in Root township, to extinguish a blaze in the grass that was started when the truck involved in the crash rolled over and caught fire.

At 4:10 p. m. Sunday, a car owned by Anna Dierkes caught fire at the corner of High and Grant streets, with damage listed as slight.

The firemen were busy from 12:35 p. m. to 1:15 p. m. Sunday extinguishing a fire in a field approximately three miles south and west of Decatur. No damage was done, other than that suffered by the field.

A grass fire in the 1300 block of Adams street, west of 13th street, was extinguished Saturday between 1:18 and 1:30 p. m. Again only the grass was burned.

The spare tire of a semi-trailer truck caught fire at the Enco service station at 11:55 p. m. Friday. The truck had pulled into the 13th street station with a flat tire, and the spare caught fire and the truck was also burned. Firemen were at the scene until 12:35 a. m.

Windshield Of Auto Broken By Vandals

Donald Gerber, route 2, Berne resident, reported a vandalism incident to the police department Saturday evening.

He reported that as he was driving his auto in the 900 block of Merce Ave. about 7:30 p. m., someone threw an object through the windshield of his northbound car, breaking it and showering him with glass.

Community Fund Is Opened Here Today



SURROUNDED BY THEIR WORK, the leaders of the Decatur Community Fund drive pose amidst signs showing the percentage of the \$28,993 drive goal represented by each of the ten member agencies. Left to right: chairman Gene Rydell, and co-chairmen Mrs. Mabel Murray and Norm Steury. (Photo by MacLean)

The twentieth annual Decatur Community Fund drive got underway this morning as 60 of the more than 100 drive workers heard Limberlost district scout executive Bill Spice outline the importance of the community fund concept and the responsibility assumed by community fund workers.

Spice stressed the need of updated thinking in regard to the Community Fund effort. He told the drive workers that they were salesmen for the Community Fund and that, as salesmen, it is necessary for them to know their product and be sold on it themselves.

"We're all salesmen," he said, "selling an idea — united giving."

He urged those working in the drive to call on their prospects early and to stress the advantages of united giving. These advantages, he pointed out, include the idea of only one donation instead of ten separate ones. He said that solicitors must also be able to answer promptly and accurately the questions of potential donors.

Spice was introduced by drive chairman Gene Rydell, who outlined for the group the increases and decreases in the budgets as submitted by the 10 agencies in the Community Fund.

Rydell pointed out that nearly all the increases are in those agencies which specialize in youth service and said that this is chiefly a result of the "population explosion," which has provided more youngsters for those agencies to serve.

He urged the workers to strive to complete the solicitation work immediately. He also announced that two more local industries had agreed to go on the payroll deduction donation plan. This brings to 12 the number of local firms utilizing this plan.

The opening of the drive climaxes weeks of preparatory work by Community Fund chairman Gene Rydell, co-chairmen Mrs. Mabel Murray and Norm Steury, and the seventeen division chairmen, Louis Jacobs, Ferris Bower, Elmer Winterregg, Jr., Dick Mies, Kenneth Gaunt, Dick Schauss, Dr. H. R. Frey, G. M. Grubill, Rev. Richard Ludwig, Mrs. Laura Bosse, Ed Jaber, H. H. Kruecker, Mrs. B. A. Townsend, Mrs. Harry Schwartz, Frank Lybarger, John Boch and Thurman Drew.

The 1963 fund drive budget was set at \$28,993 during a special meeting of the Community Fund board of directors several weeks ago. The new budget figure represents a 13.65 per cent increase over last year's figure of \$25,510 and means that this year's drive will have to bring in an extra \$3,483.

Drive chairman Rydell has pointed out on several occasions that to make the \$28,993 goal, it will be necessary for each contributor to give "about 15 per cent more than last year."

Much preliminary work has been done by the division chairmen and their appointed captains and solicitors. Each division chairman has five captains and each captain has five solicitors. Thus, the work force for the drive involves well over 100 people.

Each solicitor is responsible for only one other person, plus himself. This affords ample opportunity for the solicitors to see their assigned individuals and to talk to them about their contributions.

The divisions into which the drive work will be divided are: retail merchants, industry, professional, schools, clergy, city offices, county offices, special gifts, women's organizations, fraternal organizations, special assignments, hospital and out-of-town workers.

Letters have been sent to the residents of Decatur who work out of town requesting them to donate at least half of their charity contribution to the Decatur Community Fund and, if they wish, the other half to the fund in the city or town where they work.

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Homer Walters Dies At Defiance Hospital

Homer Walters, 90, native of Decatur and a retired farmer, died at 10:15 p. m. Sunday at City hospital at Defiance, O.

He formerly resided on Defiance route 6 but for the past two years had made his home with a niece near Continental, O.

He was born in Decatur March 20, 1873, a son of Elijah and Esther Hines-Walters, but moved from this city when a young man. His wife, the former Samantha Venus, preceded him in death Dec. 7, 1954.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and Bert Walters, both of Defiance route 6; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Bott of Defiance route 8, and Mrs. Edna Moore of Wyandotte, Mich.; a half-brother, Freeman Walters of Monroe route 1; 10 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Walker funeral home at Continental. The body will then be brought to the Decatur cemetery for burial at 3:15 p. m. Wednesday, conducted by the Zwick funeral home. The body may be viewed before interment.

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BOY SCOUTS
GIRL SCOUTS
CRIPPLED CHILDREN SOC.
LITTLE & PONY LEAGUES
U. S. O.
SALVATION ARMY
MENTAL HEALTH
COMMUNITY CENTER
AMERICAN RED CROSS

"TODAY'S DECATUR COMMUNITY FUND TOTAL IS \$5,623.00"

The Goal Is \$28,993

YOUR Community Fund Still Needs \$23,370."



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