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## 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 Steinert 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.

## 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.

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."

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.

## G. E. Plant First To Report Fund Drive

The Decatur General Electric plant has the distinction of being the first Decatur firm to report its contributions for the 1963 Decatur Community Fund drive.

Before the fund drive kickoff breakfast was over, Ken Gaunt, who supervised the solicitations at the plant, reported the GE

The plant reported contributions totaling \$5,623, about eight per cent more than last year. Sixty two per cent of the GE contribution was by the firm's payroll deduction plan. In this plan employees are deducted a certain amount to be deducted from their weekly pay as a Community Fund contribution.

Ninety-one per cent of the firm's employees participated in this year's drive. This is the fifth year that the plant has stressed the payroll deduction plan.

## INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight lower 50s. High Tuesday in the 70s north and central to around 80 south. Sunset today 6:18 p. m. Sunrise Tuesday 6:48 a. m. Outlook for Wednesday: Partly cloudy north and central, clear north, continued cool. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 70s.

## 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 intersection of county roads 33 and 2, about a mile south of the Adams-Allen county line, in Root township.

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Minor Injuries

Elser, operating a truck owned by Richard Lesh, route 5, Columbia 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 D. A. Kwasniski. 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-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 Winterrong-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.

## Adams County Man Killed This Morning In Car-Truck Crash

## 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 capitals.

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## 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.

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 Faurote 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.

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