

Fort Wayne Teacher Is Sole Nominee

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The woman most likely to be the next president of the Indiana State Teachers Association can speak with equal understanding as either a teacher or a parent.

Mrs. Helen Blackledge, principal of Southern Heights School, Fort Wayne, is the only nominee to date for the presidential election, to be held during the 110th annual ISTA convention opening Thursday in Indianapolis and six other cities.

Mrs. Blackledge has two sons, and five grandchildren. Her husband, who had been a captain in the Army, and she were living in Manila at the time it was captured by the Japanese in World War II and both were placed in separate prison camps.

She learned later that her husband had survived the Bataan death march but died of abuse three years later in a prison camp.

She returned to her native Fort Wayne where she resumed teaching to support her family. One of the things she had to teach her own children, and still is seeking to teach school children, was not to hate.

"You know war causes people to do things, so you say to children not to hate people for what they do, but to have a

hatred of war," she explained. "Much of prejudice is a lack of knowledge."

From her own experience as a parent and a teacher, Mrs. Blackledge also feels strongly that parents should begin early to help train their children toward eventual independence.

"Independence is not something you suddenly have, or don't have. You grow toward it," she said. "It's pretty important to teach a child you have respect for his opinion and to help him line up the pros and cons and make a decision. But you need to give them the background for being able to make decisions."

Mrs. Blackledge will be completing with this ISTA convention, a term as president of the Indiana Association of Elementary School Principals. She is a past president of the Association of Childhood Education and has been vice-president of the Fort Wayne PTA Council.

The attractive mother is a tri-level teacher, which means she has taught not only elementary but also high school and college classes.

Her range of training as a teacher also is wide. She has taught music, and journalism in addition to her courses and sings in the choir of the Fort Wayne Street Methodist Church. Both sons, like their father, have chosen military careers. David is a captain in the field artillery and teaches ROTC at Rutgers University. Robert is with the Army at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama.

A biography of Mrs. Blackledge, published last year, referred to three grandchildren. "Make that five," she laughed. "I have two more grandchildren since then. The youngest is five months old."



FIVE GENERATIONS of a Decatur family are pictured above. Starting in the lower left corner and going clockwise they are, Mrs. Ernest Krueckeberg, who is 93 years of age, great-grandmother; Mrs. Richard Bleeke, great grandmother; Mrs. Karl Reinking, grandmother; Mrs. David Clark, mother; and representing the fifth generation, little Miss Laurie Lynne Clark.

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Vandalism Reported To Decatur Police

A vandalism incident was reported to the city police Monday evening by Mrs. Walt Keesen, 315 N. Third St.

A balloon filled with water had been thrown through a storm window on the west side of the house. The city police are investigating.



JUNIOR FIRE MARSHALS—Fourth grade students at the St. Joseph school are pictured above after receiving their fireman's helmets and junior fire marshal badges from Ted Hill, Joe Rash, Harry Essex and Cedric Fisher and Bill Kuhnle, shown left to right at the left rear. The junior fire marshal program, sponsored nationally by the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. and locally by Leland Smith Insurance Agency, is held each year. Fourth grade students at the Lincoln, Southeast, Northwest, St. Joseph, Zion Lutheran, Pleasant Mills, Adams Central, Monmouth, St. John, Fuelling, Friedheim, and Preble Lutheran schools were given the helmets and badges.

— (Photo by Cole)

20 Years Ago Today

Oct. 22, 1943 — Quotas for the national war fund drive in Adams county have been set by H. H. Krueckeberg, county chairman. They are: Decatur, \$7,918; Berna, \$2,075; Geneva, \$968; Monroe, \$405; Pleasant Mills, \$75; Preble, \$100.

A city-wide pickup of prepared tin cans from Decatur homes will

be held Oct. 30, with Boy Scouts in charge of the pickup, assisted by city truck drivers.

Blackstone, world famous magician, with his troupe of 30 persons, will present two performances here Nov. 8, under auspices of the G. E. club of the General Electric Co.

More than 200 persons attended the annual style-show bridge party sponsored by the Delta Theta Tau sorority.

Lawrence Jacobs, of Decatur route 6, suffered a broken arm while working on a conveyor belt at the Burke Elevator Co.

List Honor Pupils At Adams Central

Honor students for the first grading period of the 1963-64 school year at the Adams Central community schools have been announced by Carl Honaker, principal.

To attain special mention, students must have all A's; for the honor roll, at least 2 A's in solid subjects and all remaining grades no lower than B; this includes all subjects; for honorable mention, no grade lower than B in all subjects.

The complete list follows:

Special Mention

Seniors — Sandy Teeter, Pauline Ripley, Edith Dennison, Imogene Steffen, Jane Kaehr.
Sophomores — Carey Gerber.
Freshmen — Donna Miller.
Eighth grade — Brian Zurcher, Janice Jones, Pat Isch.
Seventh grade — Anne Hilty.

Honor Roll

Seniors — Carol DeVine, Larry Johnson, Mike Leyse.
Juniors — Peggy Gerber, Verma Adler, Steve Hildebrand, Maris Moeschberger, John Steffen, Steve Koehr, Jill Brodbeck, Reginald Converse, Tony Ehlsam, Connie Everett, Warren Macy, Berry Isch, Judy Ringger, Ronald Steury.
Sophomores — Carolyn Hildebrand, Cheryl Isch, Sharon Smith, Janice Soldner, Ed Bentz, Ron Kipper, Ted Rash, John Geimer.
Freshmen — Cheryl Isch, Alan Ringger, Leon Morgan, Raymond Adler, Gretchen Yost, Diana Stetler, Blair Brown, Ricky Clark, Cathy Gerber, James Gilbert, Rita King, Carol Macy.
Eighth grade — Linda Soldner, Donna Roudenbush, Gladys Hart, Charlotte Elam, Martha Hilty, Pattie Isch, Beth Mann, Connie

Native Of Willshire Dies At Fort Wayne

Mrs. Georgia L. Shaw, 81, of 204 Phenie Ave., Fort Wayne, a native of Willshire, O., died Monday at her home. She had resided in Fort Wayne for 60 years. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Beth Faldin of Fort Wayne, a son, Max of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Hayes of Toledo, O.; six grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the D. O. McComb funeral home, with burial in Lindenwood cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today.

Honorable Mention

Seniors — Suellen Bentz, Don Steucky, Sydonna Carnall, Edward Beer, Ron Habegger.
Juniors — Brenda Hamrick, Janis Gilbert, Kenneth Heyerly, Karen Bieberich, Colleen Ringger, Vernon Hedington.
Sophomores — Phil Isch, Wanda Adler, Kathalee Ehrman, Kathy McKean, Romona Merri-man, Sara Ploughe, Judy Workinger, Steve Amstutz, Don Roudenbush.
Freshmen — Linda Balsinger, Michael Burke, Dan Green, Denny Harvey, Lyle Koehr, Ruth Kipper, Von Heyerly, Darryl Ringger, Jane Bryan, Mar Schwartz.
Eighth grade — Joan Stucky, Diane Strayer, Janice Sommer, Tim Schmidt, Jo Ann Riff, Diane Rich, Ann Haugh, Mary Kaehr, Pamela Nussbaum.
Seventh grade — Gretchen Leyse, Barbara Birch, Melvin Shetler, Amanda Shetler.

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