

## Printing "All" the News

Newspaper readers frequently get in their minds the idea that a newspaper is able to print "all" the news in a given locality. Even the New York Times, which circulates three pounds of news in each Sunday edition, and claims to print "All the News that's fit to print" misses quite a bit.

Just consider the thousands of things which happen every day. Why, novels with more words than this newspaper prints in a year can cover the activities of six or seven characters in just a single day, and still not exhaust the possibilities.

Newspaper reporters extract news. They are limited by time and space. They have only so much time in which to gather and write their stories, and these stories must then be fit into the available space.

People sometimes imagine a reporter being "on the scene" of crime and accidents. Actually, this is quite unusual.

Let's take an example. A wreck occurs. One of the drivers duly calls the police, and the policeman arrives on the scene, after the accident has happened, sometimes after the cars are removed.

The policeman interviews both drivers. They are so scared and shocked that their reports are usually pretty sketchy, and they usually are somewhat interested in showing how the accident was the "other guy's fault."

The policeman then looks for, and interviews witnesses. They frequently give conflicting testimony. From all this, the policeman makes notes. When he gets back up to the station, sometimes a day later, he takes his "cold" notes, and tries to reconstruct what he thinks happened.

Then the newspaper reporter comes in. He reads the report, and again he abstracts as much information as strikes him as pertinent. He then makes his notes, and after visiting all of the offices and sources on his "beat", he returns to the office, and types up his story.

Ordinarily, this is checked by the editor, given a head, which in the very few words that fit into a headline, must try to give the gist of the story. The editor checks for spelling, names, punctuation, etc., and sometimes rewrites parts of the story.

It then goes to the linotype operator, and proof-reader, and make-up man. At any point it is subject to human error in making a mistake.

But finally it appears in the paper, usually the day after it happened. Frequently the parties in the accident are horrified. They had hoped that their side of the story would be told in more detail, that certain things would be included that they remembered to tell some of their friends. They then blame the newspaper for not including the "whole" story.

The newspaper and its reporters do the best they can in the time and space allotted them. They cannot cover every story in person. They have to briefly sum up many stories. And 99% of the stories depend on how accurately someone else reports the news to them — in official releases, or in publicity releases, or as organization reporters.

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## TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

### WANE-TV

Channel 15

MONDAY

Evening

6:00—Bachelor Father

6:30—Walter Cronkite — News

7:00—The Big News

7:30—To Tell the Truth

8:00—I've Got A Secret

8:30—Big News

9:00—Lucy Show

9:30—Danny Thomas Show

9:55—Andy Griffith Show

10:00—The Detectives

11:00—Big News

11:30—Surprise Six

TUESDAY

Morning

7:25—Daily Word

8:00—Surprise Semester

9:00—Captain Kangaroo

9:30—Divorce Court

10:00—CBS News

10:30—I Love Lucy

11:00—The McCoys

11:30—Pete and Gladys

Afternoon

12:00—Love of Life

1:25—CBS News

12:30—Search for Tomorrow

12:45—Guiding Light

1:00—Ann Colone Show

1:25—News

1:30—As the World Turns

2:00—Password

2:30—Houseparty

2:50—To Tell the Truth

3:25—CBS News

3:30—Edge of Night

4:00—Secret Storm

4:30—Early Show

Evening

6:00—Bachelor Father

6:30—CBS News

7:00—Big News

7:30—Death Valley Days

8:00—Red Skelton Show

8:30—Jetticoat Junction

9:00—Jack Benny Show

10:00—Garry Moore Show

11:00—The Big News

11:30—Surprise Six

WKJG-TV

Channel 33

MONDAY

Evening

6:00—News

6:15—Gateway to Sports

6:30—Weatherman

6:50—Huntley-Brinkley Report

7:00—Sea Hunt

7:30—Monday Night Movie

9:30—Hollywood and the Stars

10:00—Sing Along With Mitch

11:00—News & Weather

11:15—Sports Today

11:30—Tonight Show

TUESDAY

Morning

7:00—Today Show

9:00—King and Odie

9:15—The Lee Phillip Show

9:30—Coffee Break

10:00—Path to Live By

10:30—Say When

10:55—NBC News

11:30—Word for Word

11:00—Concentration

11:30—Missing Links

12:00—News At Noon

12:15—Weatherman

12:30—Wayne Rogers Show

12:50—Truth or Consequences

1:00—NBC Day Report

1:30—Jane Fanning Show

2:00—Your First Impression

2:30—Dennis James

3:00—CBS News

3:30—The Doctors

4:00—Loretta Young Show

4:30—You Don't Say

4:50—Match Game

5:00—NBC News

5:30—Santa In Wonderland

6:00—Bozo The Clown

6:30—Hillman

Evening

6:00—News

6:15—Gateway to Sports

6:30—The Weatherman

6:50—Huntley-Brinkley Report

7:00—Battle Line

7:30—Mr. Novak

8:30—Redigo

9:00—Special

10:00—Telephone Hour

11:00—News and Weather

11:15—Sports Today

11:30—Tonight Show

WPTA-TV

Channel 21

MONDAY

Evening

6:00—6 P.M. Report

6:15—Ron Cochran — News

6:30—Quick Draw McGraw

7:00—A Search for Adventure

7:30—Special

8:30—Wagon Train

10:00—Breaking Point

11:00—Murphy Martin — News

11:15—Weatherman

11:30—Steve Allen Show

TUESDAY

Morning

9:00—Fun Time

9:30—The Jack LaLanne Show

10:00—Tennessee Ernie Ford

10:30—Day in Court

10:55—Farm News Round-Up

11:00—Price Is Right

11:30—Seven Keys

Afternoon

12:00—News

12:30—Father Knows Best

1:00—General Hospital

1:30—Quick Draw McGraw

2:00—Wire Service

2:30—News

3:00—Queen for a Day

3:30—Who Do You Trust

4:00—Trailmaster

5:00—Mickey Mouse Club

5:30—Lone Ranger

Evening

6:00—6 P.M. Report

6:15—Ron Cochran — News

6:30—Yogi Bear

7:00—Zorro

7:30—Combat

8:30—McHale's Navy

9:00—Greatest Show on Earth

10:30—Fugitive

11:00—News — Murphy Martin

11:15—Steve Allen Show

## No One Injured In Rash Of Accidents

Sunday's blast of wintry weather brought the usual rash of traffic accidents, with three occurring in the city and two more in the county between Sunday and this morning's early hours. Fortunately, no injuries resulted from any of eight weekend crashes.

At 2:30 a. m. Sunday, a car driven by Arellia B. Helmrich, 48, route 2, Decatur, slid around a corner and hit a parked pickup truck owned by Norman B. Rorick, of 1104 W. Monroe St. The truck was parked on the west side of 11th street, and was struck by the car which was westbound on Monroe street and turned right onto 11th. The auto slid on the slippery pavement and into the front of the pickup truck.

Damages were estimated at \$200 to the Rorick truck and \$150 to the Helmrich vehicle.

At 7:05 a. m., Sunday, an auto operated by Joe McBride, 50, of 384 Stevenson St., skidded into the rear of a car driven by John E. Shaffer, 22, of 904 N. 13th St.

**Hit in Rear**

Both autos were southbound on 13th street, and as Shaffer slowed for a car turning into Jackson St., his car was struck in the rear. Damages were estimated at \$350 to the Shaffer car and \$100 to the McBride auto.

Autos operated by Larry Leo King, 16, route 1, Decatur, and Frank Schuller, Jr., 53, route 2, Decatur, were involved in a mishap at the intersection of 13th and Washington streets at 7:10 a. m. today.

King was eastbound on Washington, stopped for a stop sign, and then pulled onto 13th, striking the left side of the northbound Schuller vehicle. Damages were listed at approximately \$100 to each vehicle.

Another city mishap occurred at 9:55 a. m. Saturday, at 337 Winchester St., when a car driven by Otto Wefel, 74-year-old Preble resident, hit a parked car owned by Karl F. Johnson, 751 Park View Drive.

Wefel was northbound on Winchester and struck the left side of the Johnson car, which was parked on the east side of the street. Wefel's auto received an estimated \$30 damage, while the Johnson vehicle was not damaged.

**Car Totaled**

At 7:55 a. m. today, a car driven by Edward James Ross, 21, of Celina, O., went out of control on slippery U. S. 27, two and a half miles north of Berne. Ross was southbound when his vehicle hit a stretch of ice and snow, and went out of control, going off the right side of the road and turning around in a ditch. Deputy sheriff Warren Kneuss, who investigated, estimated the 1953 model car at a total loss.

At 5:10 p. m. Sunday, cars operated by William C. LeFever, 79, route 2, Berne, and Josef N. Kahler, 30, route 1, Berne, collided when the LeFever auto went out of control.

LeFever was southbound on U. S. 27 two and a half miles north of Berne, when his auto went into a spin on the slippery highway, left the road on the left side, and then came back onto the road, ramming the right front of the northbound Kahler car. After striking the other vehicle, the LeFever auto went off the left side of the road again, coming to rest in a field some distance from the highway.

Damages were high, with deputy sheriff Harold August estimating damages at \$300 to the LeFever auto and \$250 to the Kahler car. A residence on the Franklin Steury road, route 1, Berne, was broken off and estimated at a \$10 loss.

**Falls Asleep**

A driver falling asleep, and not the weather, was the cause of a two-car crash at 11:50 p. m. on U. S. 224, in front of the Stratton Place entrance, just outside the city limits.

Darvon Dee Light, 25, of route 6, Decatur, was westbound and admitted he fell asleep at the wheel, as his car crossed the center line and hit a car operated by Stephen Lee Brandenburg, 22, of the Hi-Way trailer park. Brandenburg was eastbound, and his auto received approximately \$350 damage, while the Light vehicle suffered an estimated \$75 damage.

Deputy sheriff Warren Kneuss, who investigated, cited Light for driving left of the center line.

Another county mishap happened at 3:20 p. m. Saturday on U.S. 27, a mile and a half north of Berne.

Albert Yoder, 54, of Berne, was answering a volunteer fireman's call, and as he was northbound, he came up behind another northbound auto operated by Mary C. Bollinger, 35, route 1, Monroe.

Yoder was unable to either pass or stop in time, and attempted to pass on the right, but struck the right rear fender of the Bollinger car.

Damages were estimated at \$400 to the Yoder car, \$150 to the Bollinger vehicle, and \$10 to a post on the Rufus Sprunger residence, that was broken off.

Yoder was charged with speeding by deputy sheriff Harold August and will appear in Berne J. P. court at a later date.

## Buys Health Bond

### USE CHRISTMAS SEALS



## FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS and other Respiratory Diseases

The Delta Theta Tau has voted purchase of a \$5 health bond, officials of the Christmas seal campaign in Adams county announced today. All proceeds from the annual sale are used in the fight on tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases and to provide clinics and otherwise carry on the combat against disease.

## Democrat Writer To Marine Corps Duty

Michael Thoele, Decatur Daily Democrat feature writer since last June, left Saturday on a six-months leave of absence to complete his military obligation to the United States Marine Corps. He will return to the newspaper next July, on his release from active duty to the reserve outfit in Fort Wayne. During the past six months, Thoele has regularly covered the county commissioners and city council meetings, many special meetings, and written feature stories and editorials. Many of the features were combined with photos taken by David MacLean, Decatur free-lance photographer.

## Beer Is Assistant Berne Postmaster

Raymond Beer, well-known here in Boy Scout work, and a Berne rural carrier for 25 years, has been named assistant Berne Postmaster, succeeding Herbert L. Burd, who retired. Beer has served five years as district commissioner in the Boy Scout program, and has been scoutmaster of the Berne troop, having been active for more than 22 years in scouting.

## Hockey Results NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Scores

Montreal 5, Detroit 2

Toronto 3, Chicago 0

Boston 8, New York 6

Sunday's Scores

Boston 2, New York 2 (tie)

Chicago 3, Montreal 0

Toronto 5, Detroit 3

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Scores

Fort Wayne 9, Windsor 2

Muskegon 2, Des Moines 1

Port Huron 4, Toledo 2

Sunday's Scores

Chatham 5, Fort Wayne 3

Port Huron 8, Muskegon 4

Windsor 3, Des Moines 2 (over-time)

**New York Stock Exchange Prices**

MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T. 140 1/4, Central Soya

28, Du Pont 24 3/4, Ford 50,

General Electric 83 3/4, General

Motors 78 3/4, Gulf Oil 47 1/2,

Standard Oil Ind. 60 1/2, Standard

Oil N.J. 72 1/2, U.S. Steel 52 1/2.

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damage.

Deputy sheriff Warren Kneuss,