

**MOOSE LODGE
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 8 P.M.
SQUARE DANCE, FRIDAY, DEC. 20th**

**Masons To Observe
Feast Of St. John**

Masons of Decatur and surrounding area will join in a statewide observance of the Feast of St. John the evangelist Friday evening, Dec. 27.

Under the sponsorship of the grand lodge, free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, lodges in hundreds of Hoosier communities will

pay traditional honors to one of its two patron saints. The organization's other patron saint is St. John the Baptist.

Judge Arthur A. Osburn, of Marion, grand master of Masons in Indiana, has authorized all lodges to celebrate St. John's day with a revival of an ancient "table lodge" ceremony, including special music and talks. In his proclamation Judge Osburn described the occasion as "an hour of fraternal fellowship rich in Masonic tradition."

Table lodge ceremonies will be held in the banquet halls of the following lodges in this area:

Ossian Lodge No. 297 and Bluffton Lodge No. 145 at Ossian; Decatur Lodge No. 571; Decatur; Monroeville Lodge No. 293, Monroeville and Olive Branch Lodge No. 248, P. O. at Monroeville; Geneva Lodge No. 621, Geneva.

The Indiana Masonic calendar provides for annual celebrations of the two patron saints, one in December and the other in June, each on the local level. This Hoosier

program is unique; nothing similar to it has been attempted by the grand lodge of any other state.

**New York Stock
Exchange Prices
MIDDAY PRICES**

A. T. & T., 138%; Central Soya, 27%; Du Pont, 238%; Ford, 49%; General Electric, 85%; General Motors, 79%; Gulf Oil, 47%; Standard Oil Ind., 63%; Standard Oil N. J., 74%; U. S. Steel, 53%.

**Asks Bible Reading
In Public Schools**

The National Association of Evangelicals has adopted a resolution proposing a change in the U. S. constitution to allow Bible reading and prayer in public schools. Dr. Jared F. Gerig, president of Fort Wayne Bible College and first vice-president of the National Association of Evangelicals attended the executive committee meeting of the N. A. E. in Chicago on Tuesday, December 10, when the resolution was adopted.

The Decatur Missionary church and the First Missionary church of Berne are members of the N. A. E.

The complete text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, evangelicals are committed to the conviction that, while Church and State must be separate, the State has an irrevocable obligation to the transcendent God of the universe and to objective justice, and in view of this fact, has an obligation to inculcate in rising generations the belief that religion, morality and knowledge are essential to good government and the happiness of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States declared that state-sponsored Bible reading and prayer as religious exercises are unconstitutional and illegal on the ground that the principle of separation of Church and State inherent in the First Amendment would thereby be transgressed; and

WHEREAS, the resulting revolutionary changes in long-established practices are beginning to create a moral and religious vacuum in our educational system in which secularism, humanism, practical atheism and morality are beginning to take root and thrive; thus threatening the very foundations of our society and the welfare of the nation,

THEREFORE, the National Association of Evangelicals proposes and endorses six courses of action, to wit:

I. The enactment of suitable legislation by the Congress of the United States, in the form of an amendment to the Federal Constitution which will strengthen the present provision for the free exercise of religion in our national life and allow reference to, belief in, reliance upon, or invoking the aid of God, in any governmental or public document proceeding, activity, ceremony, school or institution.

II. The affirmation of the public school's duty to do full justice to the large place of the Judeo-Christian tradition in our American heritage. There should be in all areas of subject matter an objective presentation of the contribution made by the Christian faith to the development of that heritage.

III. The respectful teaching of the Bible as history and/or literature as an integral part of the public school curriculum.

IV. The full academic freedom for Christian teachers to teach from a Christian standpoint and to witness by example and personal lift to the effects of Christian commitment.

V. The development of a strong sense of responsibility on the part of Christian parents for the religious education of their children. We call upon parents to conduct daily periods of family devotions and Bible reading in the home and to give every possible encouragement to the development of their moral and spiritual nature.

VI. The active resistance to any hostility toward a religiously based view of life as it may appear, may involve personal prayer in the public schools. This sacrifice by Christian parents and Christian teachers and in some cases may require the establishment of Christian day schools to safeguard the American Christian heritage.

Believing that ours is a nation under God and remembering the divine promise, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," the National Association of Evangelicals commits itself to the foregoing courses of action and will seek to promote them as widely and effectively as possible.

**Attend Meeting On
Law Enforcement**

Sheriff Roger Singleton, deputy Harold August and new state police detective sergeant Alan D. Copps attended a meeting of Michigan-Indiana-Ohio law enforcement officers in Defiance, O., Tuesday.

Feature of the MIO meeting was a film, recently released by the Ohio state highway patrol, of tragic automobile accidents, which was shown to the large number of law enforcement officials from the three states that attended.

A smorgasbord was served before the showing of the film, and the officers and officials were given the opportunity to discuss various problems and law enforcement matters.

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