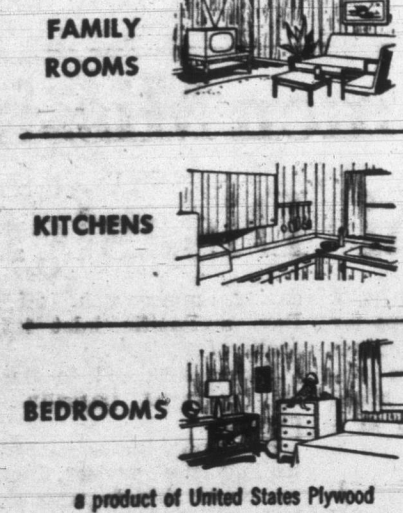
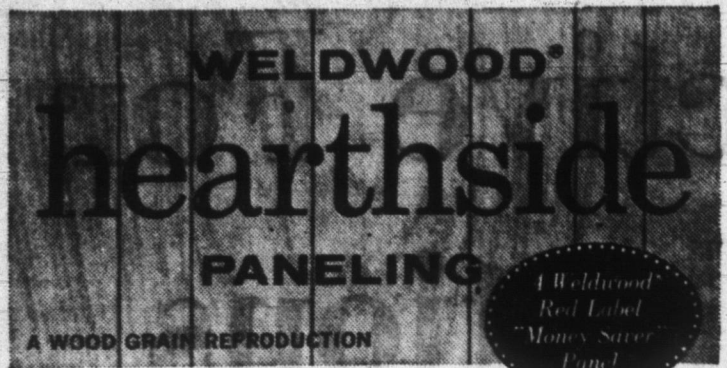




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Benefit Dinner For Vera Cruz School

Vera Cruz opportunity school parents and friends will sponsor a dinner Saturday, Feb. 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion dining room, 111 West Washington street, Bluffton.

A cafeteria style ham and steak dinner will be served. Tickets, priced at \$1.75 and \$1, may be purchased in advance from parents, or at the door. In Bluffton, tickets may be purchased at the Maynard Rich barber shop, Russell Huffman, Bluffton, is ticket chairman.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to the building fund. The new 40 by 80-foot addition is now under roof. The addition will contain a 38-52-foot multipurpose room, office, lounge, store room and rest rooms. C. K. Reid, treasurer of the building committee, reported recently that to date \$17,643.66 has been given toward the project. This total also includes interest accumulated over the past five years.

Although the addition is under roof, contractor Andrew Schrock reports funds are running low. Items that have not been installed to date or remain unfinished are the heating, finished plumbing, wiring, light fixtures, insulation, ceiling and painting, inside and out.

The committee in charge of the Feb. 29 benefit dinner includes Mrs. Carl Hildebrand, Adams county, and Mrs. Harold Andrews, Bluffton, chairmen; Mrs. Lloyd Flechter, Mrs. Homer Ginter, Mrs. George Millington and Mrs. Paul Baumgartner.

New York Stock Exchange Price MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 44 1/4; Central Soya, 28 1/4; DuPont, 26 1/4; Ford, 32 1/4; General Electric, 88 1/4; General Motors, 78 1/4; Gulf Oil, 50 1/4; Standard Oil Ind., 63 1/4; Standard Oil N. J., 80 1/4; U. S. Steel, 54 1/4.

Smoking Decline Is Reported In Nation

By WESLEY G. PIPPERT
United Press International

One month after the surgeon-general's report linking cigarettes and cancer, state revenue figures indicate that Americans are smoking less.

A United Press International survey today showed that in almost every state polled, income from cigarette taxes is running less than before.

Income ran higher in Indiana, but only because the cigarette tax was increased by the 1963 Legislature. State tax stamps were bought for 49 million cigarettes in January compared with 56 million in January last year, a decrease of 16.7 per cent. But revenues were higher because of a penny-a-pack increase in the tax.

South Dakota showed a 24 per cent drop. Kansas revenue from cigarettes in January was the lowest in 17 months. Gov. Edmund G. Brown based his California budget on the assumption the average person would smoke four packs less this year.

There was some indication, however, the cutback in smoking would be temporary. California tax officials said they believed many persons would try to kick the tobacco habit—and fail.

Notes Rise

Idaho officials counted a \$27,000 drop in January over previous Januarys, but state tax collector Floyd West noted that cigarette smoking seemed to be on the rise again. Whereas the drop amounted to 15 per cent after the U.S. Public Health Service report Jan. 11, the decrease now is only 5 to 10 per cent.

Arkansas residents apparently turned to drinking instead of smoking. Arkansas cigarette tax revenue dropped \$43,400 in January but the tax on liquor produced \$79,000 more last month and on beer an additional \$30,000.

New Hampshire tobacco receipts were down \$65,000 in January compared to December. State tobacco tax collector Paul Casci estimated cigar and pipe smoking increased 25 per cent and cigarette smoking

dropped only 3 per cent.

Pennsylvania reported its 8 cent cigarette tax yielded \$924,000 less than expected during the first seven months of the fiscal year — including \$165,000 under estimates in January.

Ohio reported an increase in cigarette tax collections of \$1.1 million during the fiscal year up to the time of the surgeon-general's report. Since then, the increase has shrunk to \$600,000.

A cigarette tax division official in West Virginia said wholesalers had told of a 10 per cent drop in cigarette sales. This reflected a drop of \$84,000 in collections during January, but the official said this could be misleading because of complex factors.

Tennessee said it was making 38 per cent more from cigarette taxes so far this year — but because of a broadened tax base. If it were not for the new tax base, the revenues would have dropped a half million dollars.

Lenten Services At Zion United Church

The Lenten season will be observed with a series of special services in the Zion United Church of Christ, Third and Jackson streets, beginning Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Mid-week services will be held each Wednesday for six weeks, with each service scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. Sunday morning services will be held at the usual hour of 10 o'clock.

In the opening service Wednesday evening, the pastor, the Rev. William C. Feller, will preach the sermon on the theme, "Christ's Gracious Invitation." The senior choir, under the direction of Roger Spencer, will sing, "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree" by Maryott.

The other mid-week services will have the following themes: Feb. 19, "The Cost of Discipleship," Feb. 26, "Words of Eternal Life," March 4, The Women's Guild quiet hour will be held, with the theme, "At the Crossroads," Mar. 11, "Following After," and Mar. 18, "The Face of Jesus Christ." The presentation

of the confirmation class will follow this service.

A candlelight communion service will be held Good Friday evening. The sermon meditation will be "The Solemn Spectacle." The Sunday morning sermons will be as follows: Feb. 16, "The Cross, A Lesson in Obedience," Feb. 23, "The Cross, A Lesson in Sacrifice," March 1, "The Cross, A Symbol of Judgment," March 8, "The Cross, A Convincing Power."

Sunday, March 15, The Heidelberg College concert choir will present a concert of sacred music during the morning worship hour.

Palm Sunday, March 22, a class of young people will be confirmed. The sermon theme will be "A Day of Triumph." And the theme for Easter Sunday, March 29, will be "The Empty Tomb." At this time there will be the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the reception of new members.

All of the services of this church are open to the public. All members are urged to be present in all of the services, and an invitation is extended to all residents of this community, who are without a church home, to make use of the services of this church for worship and Christian fellowship.

Plan Youth Morning Services In Lent

The senior high youth of the Decatur Evangelical United Brethren church will hold Wednesday morning services during the Lenten season. The first of these will be tomorrow morning, in the Bethany dining hall, 327 Winchester St., beginning at 7:15 a.m. and dismissing at 7:45 a.m. This is Ash Wednesday, and a holy communion service will be conducted, and all youth are asked to enter quietly and take places at the tables.

All high school youth of the community are invited to attend.

Bomb Threat Hoax At Muncie Schools

MUNCIE, Ind. (UPI) — About 3,200 Muncie high school students were given an unexpected break from classroom routine Monday when authorities evacuated two schools following telephoned bomb threats.

About 1,700 students were taken from their books at Muncie Central and another 1,500 at Muncie South. Authorities searched the school buildings carefully but turned up nothing.

Authorities said it appeared the bomb threats were hoaxes.

Lincoln's Hopes for the Negro

IN HIS OWN WORDS



"What I would most desire would be the separation of the white and black races."

(Spoken at Springfield, Illinois, July 17, 1858), Abraham Lincoln Complete Works, edited by Nicolay and Hay, published by The Century Company, 1894, Volume I, page 273.

"I will say, then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races—that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes,—nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which will ever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together, there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I, as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

(Spoken in sixth joint debate with Senator Douglas at Quincy, Illinois, October 13, 1858), Abraham Lincoln Complete Works, edited by Nicolay and Hay, The Century Company, 1894, pages 369, 370, 457 and 458; also at Charleston, Illinois, September 18, 1858, in fourth debate with Douglas.

"Why . . . should the people of your race be colonized, and where? Why should they leave this country? This is, perhaps, the first question for proper consideration. You and we are different races. We have between us a broader difference than exists between almost any other two races. Whether it is right or wrong I need not discuss, but this physical difference is a great disadvantage to us both, as I think your race suffer very greatly, many of them by living among us, while ours suffer from your presence. In a word we suffer on each side. If this be admitted, it affords a reason at least why we should be separated. It is better for both, therefore, to be separated."

(Spoken to a committee of colored men at the White House, July 14, 1862), The New York Daily Tribune, August 15, 1862, page 1; New York Semi-Weekly Times, August 15, 1862, page 5.

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Cyprus Leader May Ask U. N. To Intervene

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI) — Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios today was reported hardening in his attitude toward the proposed NATO peace force and leaning toward direct United Nations intervention in his country's crisis.

The countryside was reported tense but quiet after the latest fighting between Greek and Turkish Cypriots Monday.

Diplomatic hopes were fading that a peace force plan could be approved by all parties involved and implemented before the smoldering communal hate erupts into full-scale civil war.

Western sources said Makarios was becoming impatient with the failure so far of the United States, Britain, Greece and Turkey to come up with a peace plan acceptable to his government. It was felt that Makarios considered the London peace conference to have ended in deadlock, leaving an appeal to the U.N. Security Council as the best recourse for a solution to the crisis.

The communal dispute over constitutional rights has resulted in increasing clashes, kidnappings and lootings between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. The latest outbreak Monday was a gun fight at Episkopi in which one Greek Cypriot was killed and one Turkish Cypriot was wounded.

U.S. Undersecretary of State George Ball was pressing diplomatic negotiations on a revised Anglo-American proposal for a 10,000-man force to keep the peace in Cyprus pending a political settlement. He discussed the revised version with Greek officials Monday in Athens before moving on to Ankara for talks with Turkish leaders.

Informed sources said the new version was different in that it omitted reference to the original idea of using NATO soldiers — including U.S. troops — for the peace force. It apparently would leave the force's composition open to negotiation with the Cyprus government.

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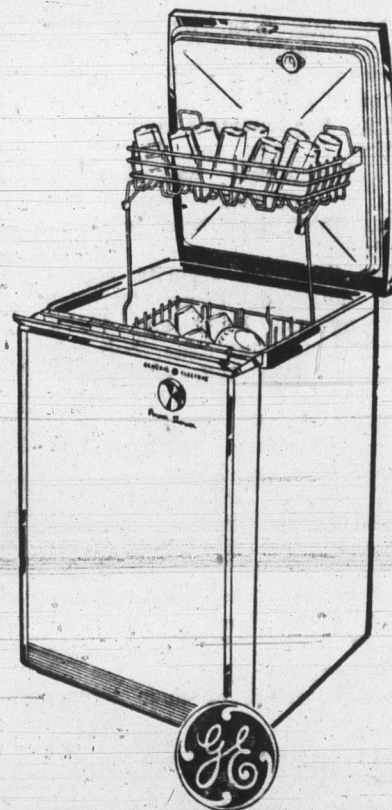
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