

## VFW And Auxiliary Plan Chicken Supper

The Decatur Veterans of Foreign Wars post and its ladies auxiliary will sponsor a chicken supper at the post home Saturday, with serving from 5 to 9 p. m.

All proceeds from this joint supper will go to the new VFW

post building fund.

The local post has received word from the department of Indiana that its 100 per cent goal was reached Jan. 25, one of only four posts in the state with membership in the 201 through 300 group to attain this honor. The post is hoping to reach a membership of 300 by March 3, which will be the 18th anniversary of its charter.

It was also announced that the annual rabbit and chicken supper will be served at the post

home from 5:30 to 9 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 29.

The VFW post will also sponsor the "lite a bike" project in the near future. Enough tape has been received for 1,000 bicycles in Decatur, and through the cooperation of the local police department, the VFW will arrange to have bicycles equipped with reflector tape, which will aid in safety of bicycle riders.

The VFW has undertaken this project on a national basis. The tape is furnished by the Minne-

sota Milling and Mining Co. Local schools will be contacted in the near future as to the date and location where the bicycles will be taped.

## New York Stock Exchange Price MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 147½; Central Soya, 29; DuPont, 26½; Ford, 32¼; General Electric, 88½; General Motors, 78½; Gulf Oil, 49½; Standard Oil Ind., 63¼; Standard Oil N. J., 81¼; U. S. Steel, 54¾.

## Lenten Services At Lutheran Church

Two midweek services will be held on Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 p. m. and at 8 p. m. at Zion Lutheran church, Monroe and Eleventh streets. The general theme will be "Hands of the Passion" and each week the pastor, the Rev. Richard C. Ludwig, will preach on a sermon topic concerning it.

Tonight's message will be "Hands of Humility." Next week the title will be "Praying Hands." The following weeks will have topics of "Healing Hands," "Accusing Hands," "Guilty Hands," and "Wounded Hands." Children of the Zion school will present special music.

The congregation has been conducting an evangelism campaign during the past several weeks. Personal calls on various homes in the community have been made and special invitations extended. These Lenten services are somewhat informal and guests are especially welcomed.

Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Zion parish hall, a new series of lectures on the basic principles of Christianity will begin. All materials for this course are made available at no charge by the congregation. Although completion of the course plus a confession of faith through the rite of confirmation makes one eligible for communicant membership in the Lutheran church, no obligation is assumed and guests are invited.

## Area Residents Fined In Courts

Several area residents have been fined this past week in Van Wert and Bluffton courts.

Alvin August Krueckeberg, 35, of route 5, was fined \$5 and costs in Van Wert municipal court on a charge of driving a vehicle without a muffler. He pleaded guilty to the charge, which was filed by the Ohio highway patrol.

James A. Elliott, 20, of route 6, was fined a total of \$21.75 for speeding 82 miles an hour in the 65-mile-an-hour zone on state road one north of Ossian Jan. 10. He was fined in the Bluffton justice of the peace court during the past two weeks.

Wilbur E. Hawkins, 24, Monroe, was fined \$22.75 for speeding 53 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone in Petroleum on state road 1 Jan. 4. This was also in the Bluffton JP court.

Vernon B. Hebble, Jr., 17, route 5, was fined \$20.75 for unreasonable speed on state road 316 east of Bluffton and \$1.75 for muffler violation on January 12; he was fined \$27.75 for reckless driving in Bluffton on Jan. 11.

Betty J. Steffen, 17, of Bluffton route 4, was fined \$27.75 for failure to yield the right of way in an accident in rural Wells county on January 3.

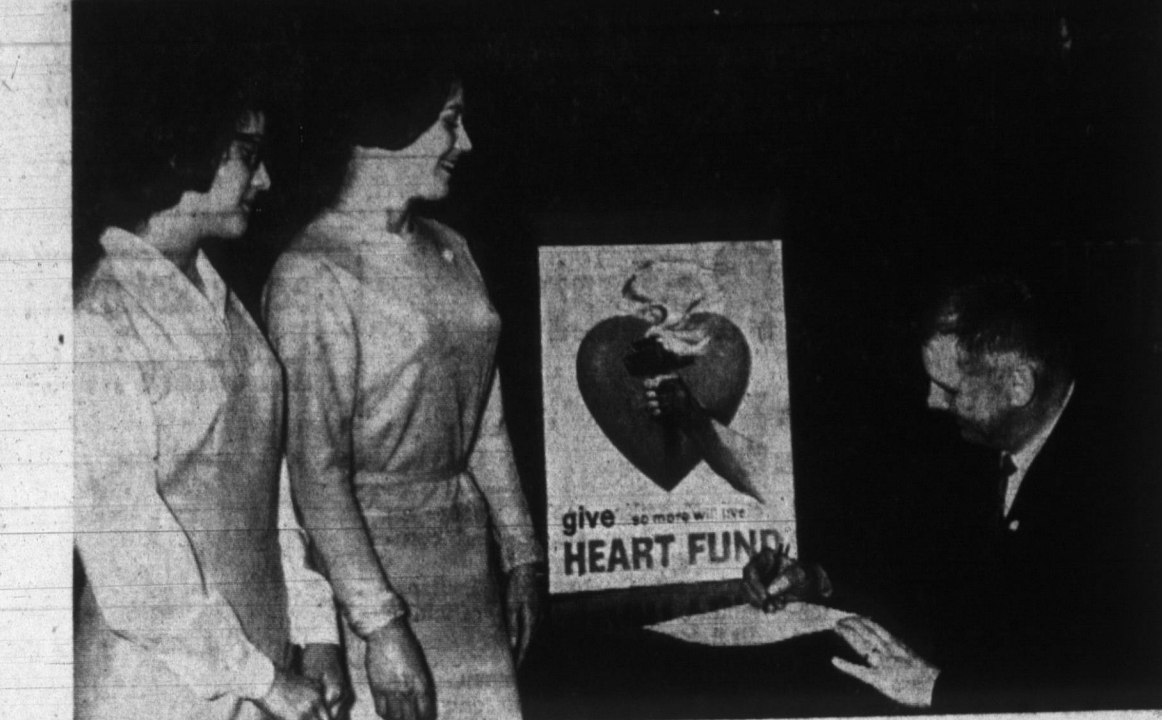
David Lee Runkel, 18, of route one, Geneva, was fined \$1.75 for a muffler violation on state road 1 south of Bluffton Jan. 30.

## Driver Is Arrested Following Accident

A Decatur resident was arrested following a two-car accident at the intersection of Monroe and Seventh St., at 10:34 a. m. Tuesday.

William Clarence Huffman, 74, of 203 N. 16th St., was westbound on Monroe street when his auto rammed into the rear of a parked car owned by Clarence Allen Stapleton, 43, of Homestead 11. The Stapleton car was parked on the north side of the street, facing west, near the intersection of Seventh St.

Huffman was ticketed for reckless driving and cited into justice of the peace court. Damages were estimated at \$800 to the Stapleton car and \$250 to Huffman's vehicle.



**SIGNS PROCLAMATION**—Mayor Carl D. Gerber signs the proclamation which appeared in Tuesday's Daily Democrat, proclaiming the month of February as Heart Month in Decatur. At left are Ann Gross, chairman of the Northeast Indiana Heart Association, and Anita Zintmaster, queen of the local Heart Fund drive. — (Photo by Cole)

## 148 In County Are Recipients Of Public Aid

Adams county has slightly over one-third the national rate of recipients of public assistance, it was announced today.

The government has just released, in the first report of the kind it has ever issued, data on the amount of money being spent in Adams county for public aid.

The number of people receiving such assistance, as well as the amount they get each month, are detailed for the local area and for every other part of the country.

The report, entitled "Public Assistance in the Counties of the United States," is from the department of health, education and welfare.

### Adams Against Trend

It shows, for the country as a whole, that the declining rural areas are the ones with the greatest proportion of people requiring assistance. However, the average payments are lowest in those very areas, it finds. The highest are to families and individuals in the far west, the west north central region and the industrial northeast.

In proportion to population, there are fewer residents of Adams county receiving old-age assistance, which is a major type of aid, than in many sections of the country.

### Only 148 Here

Recipients of such relief, which goes to needy persons over age 65, number 148 locally. It is at the rate of 59 per 1,000 men and women in that age group. This compares with the United States rate of 148 per 1,000.

The average amount they receive per month is \$68 locally. Assistance is also provided to needy families with dependent children under the age of 18. Of the 9,768 children under 18 in Adams county, aid is required for 78 of them.

An average of \$24 a month is provided for each dependent. The remaining category covered in the report relates to permanently and totally disabled people in the 18 to 65 group.

None of the 12,360 people locally who are in that age span are currently receiving aid, according to the findings. The grand total being paid to local beneficiaries each month, under these programs, is estimated at \$11,900.

The government points out in the report that there is a wide range, as between one area and another, in the amount of aid granted through these federally-assisted programs.

It states that it is dependent upon local economic and social conditions.

**MARINE PRIVATE** Elias M. Caciono, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias T. Caciono, 716 Meibers St., recently completed a week of testing and screening at the Naval air technical training center at Memphis, Tenn. During the week he received a battery of aptitude tests and was interviewed to determine eligibility for technical training in preparation for aviation duty in the Marine Corps.

## Men's Prayer Group Meets Twice Monthly

Two years ago a group of interested men met on Saturday morning at the Country Charm restaurant for the purpose of prayer and interdenominational fellowship. As the result of this meeting there has been a prayer breakfast held on the first and third Saturday mornings of every month since. The purpose of these meetings is to offer opportunity for any man in the community and the surrounding area to meet in the fellowship of prayer, a place where he can meet and pray with men of all faiths. The prayer breakfast has been well attended in the past two years and is now experiencing much growth.

A very distinct answer to prayer and work of this group has been the support of the Youth for Christ program that now exists and is growing in Decatur and all of Adams county. The present newly elected chairman of this prayer group, Donald Sliger, layman of the Decatur Baptist church, would like to take this opportunity to invite any man in the community to attend at least one of these prayer breakfasts and see and feel the challenge it might offer.

Future plan for this group is for a banquet to be held on a Saturday night, at the Community Center at which the wives will be guests, so they might see and hear the purpose of this group. Stanley Tam, a Christian businessman of Lima, Ohio, is trying to be secured as guest speaker for this occasion.

This Saturday morning, at 6:30, the Decatur men's prayer group will hold their regular meeting. The speaker will be Robert Strickler, layman and member of Decatur Church of God.



**RECEIVES HIGH AWARD**—Gary Teeple, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Teeple of 234 S. Fourth Street, was presented the God and Country award Sunday. Rev. Fuhrman Miller, second from left, pastor of the Decatur E. U. B. Church, presented the award to Teeple during the regular services Sunday. Rotary troop 61, of which Gary is a member, witnessed the presentation of one of Scouting's highest awards, as did Scoutmaster Ron Secaur, left, and the youth's parents, shown at right. — (Photo by Cole)



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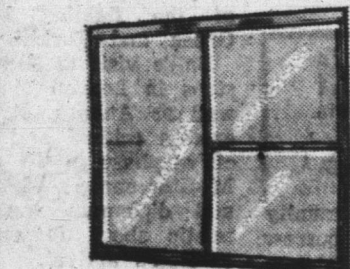
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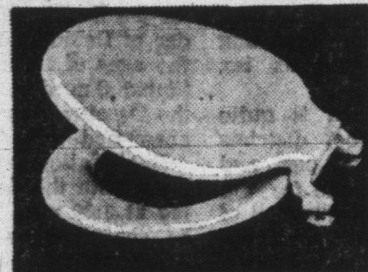
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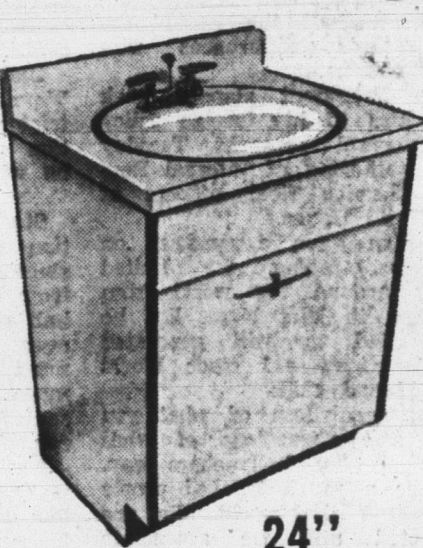


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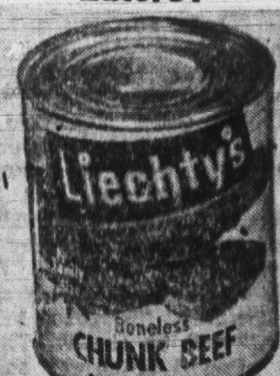
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