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Hamblen Is Named Sub Mail Carrier

Don L. Hamblen, 640½ N. Third street, has been named substitute rural mail carrier to replace recently appointed Dick Schieferstein on route 3, postmaster John Boch stated today. Schieferstein, who also has a trucking business, has had to resign because the rural route work takes much more time than he expected, or can spare from his regular business.

Hamblen, a local insurance agent, is a son-in-law of Thurman Baker, of Geneva, a local Central Soya employee, and president of the Geneva town board. Schieferstein had only replaced Henry Oetting two weeks ago in the substitute job. Oetting resigned to run for commissioner, first district. The regular carrier, Robert August, is recovering from surgery, and is expected to return to work soon.

Kenneth J. Secaur Undergoes Surgery

Kenneth J. Secaur, route 5, coffee salesman and well-known horse show enthusiast, is reported recovering from major surgery at a Fort Wayne hospital, and is expected to be brought home Saturday.

Secaur underwent surgery recently for a self-contained tumor. He is expected to be back at work in about five weeks.

Methodist Church Steeple Removed

The steeple at the Methodist church is being removed because the slate roof is beginning to fall off the Rev. A. C. Underwood stated this morning.

A large rig, parked on Fifth street for the past two days, started work this morning removing the steeple. The steeple will be torn down to the bell.

New York Stock Exchange Price MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 141; DuPont, 261; Ford, 37; General Electric, 90½; General Motors, 84½; Gulf Oil, 51½; Standard Oil Ind., 63½; Standard Oil N. J., 82½; U. S. Steel, 56½.

U. S. Disarmament Chief Optimistic

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst When the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initiated the partial nuclear test ban treaty in Moscow last July 25, they still were a long way from the general and complete disarmament which all three declared to be their goal.

As a matter of fact, it left intact the huge nuclear arsenals built up both by the United States and the Soviet Union, and, if it had significance it primarily was one of hope.

Generates Hope

"For 18 years," Secretary of State Dean Rusk told the Senate, "we have held the Communist drive in check largely by the deterrent force of our military strength."

But if the promise of this treaty can be realized, if we can now take even this one step along a new course, then frail and fearful mankind may find another step and another until confidence replaces terror and hope takes over from despair."

The hope generated by the Moscow agreement in a world tired of cold war persisted last Jan. 21 when the 17-nation disarmament conference resumed deliberations in Geneva.

United Nations Secretary General Thant has declared that both U.S. and Soviet policy is shaped by "an obsession with the past" — the United States by Pearl Harbor, and the Soviet Union by 1919 when the Western Allies attacked the new Bolshevik state.

And in Geneva existing differences between the two nations quickly reassured themselves.

Same Differences

They were the same differences which through 18 years and millions of words of talk had prevented real agreement. On the one hand was U.S. insistence on inspection and control of step-by-step disarmament and on the other Soviet charges that the West simply sought to spy on Soviet secrets. Even so, U.S. disarmament chief William C. Foster re-

turned to Washington in optimistic mood. He believed substantial progress would be made this year on slowing the arms race.

He believed the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. could agree to a halt in the manufacture of fissionable materials for nuclear weapons and to a freeze on nuclear weapons. Rusk has suggested the possibility of agreement on measures to prevent surprise attack.

Plan Meeting Tuesday On Mental Health

All Decatur and area citizens interested in mental health are urged to attend an informative meeting in the Indiana & Michigan building Tuesday, March 17, according to Mrs. Sherman Stucky, president of the county chapter of the Mental Health association.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. and Mrs. Stucky will be present to detail the needs of the county chapter. Also present will be Mrs. Jerry Mast of Indianapolis, regional director for this area, and Jim Myers of the Fort Wayne State school.

Mrs. Roger Von Gunten, Adams county Gold Lady chairman, and Mrs. Arlie Sprunger, "Adopt-A-Patient" chairman, will explain their services at the meeting. A question and answer session will follow the speakers.

School Again Closed Because Of Outbreak

FRANKFORT, Ind. (UPI) — About 230 pupils of the Scircleville Elementary school were on vacation again today because of an outbreak of infectious hepatitis.

The school was closed two days week before last and three days last week because the number of cases increased. It was closed again this week until Thursday, Principal Bill Lambert announced, when the number of cases grew to nine during last weekend.

St. Mary's River Near Flood Stage

The St. Mary's river has neared the 13-foot flood stage, and is expected to rise even higher within the next few days.

Louis Landrum, of 1038 N. Second St., who checks the river daily, reported a height of 12.13 feet this morning, down somewhat from the 12.82 recorded at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The river does not begin causing problems until it goes several feet over the flood stage, but will more than likely rise higher in the next few days as the recent snow begins to melt.

Decatur Student Is Heidelberg Pledge

Paul Feller, son of the Rev. and Mrs. William C. Feller of Decatur, has been pledged to Nu Sigma Alpha society at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., according to the dean of men, Archie Thomas.

High School Juniors Take Merit Tests

A total of 37 of 42 Decatur high school students took the national merit scholarship qualification test Tuesday despite heavy snows, and 18 Monmouth juniors and three rural Decatur juniors will complete the test today, Dean T. Dorwin, North Adams guidance director, said today.

Dorwin and Mrs. Dorothy Schnepf will supervise the tests again today. The tests are closely supervised and strict, unvarying rules apply. Special permission had to be obtained to reschedule some of the tests today.

Dorwin stated that about 30% of the Decatur juniors and 35% of the Monmouth juniors took the test.

The tests are a valuable aid in counseling for post-high school work and education, and the higher scores are used for many national scholarship awards to hundreds of colleges.

ADAMS COUNTY AREA YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY

Thursday, March 12

7:30 p.m.

at the

Decatur Missionary Church

10th Street at Dayton Ave.

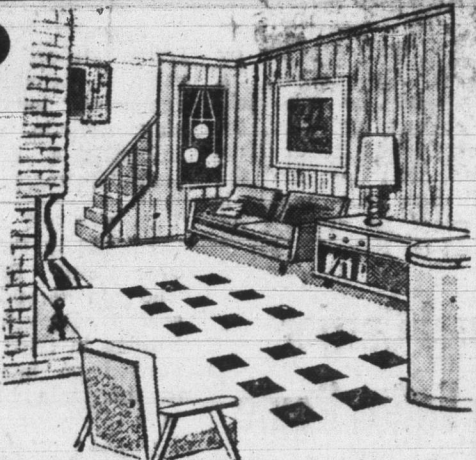
- Marion College Varsity Quartet
- Testimonies by the Young Men
- Rev Howard Noggie, Field Representative of Marion College will be the speaker.



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