

Deadly Killer In Heller Aquarium

By Dick Heller, Jr.
A deadly killer from the Amazon is visiting these days with the Robert Heller family, 404

Limberlost Trail, where he seems to be more of the Caspar Milquetoast type, according to family members.

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Before you pack your suitcase and decide to leave good old Decatur, let us hasten to point out that the "deadly killer" is not a member of the Mafia, nor even a hashish-crazed Arab. The "killer" is a tiny fish!

A five-inch-long specimen of the deadly little piranha, from the Amazon valley in South America, has found its way into the Robert Heller aquarium.

Science-Fiction Thriller

No doubt you remember reading books about the small fish which swarm in the streams of the upper Amazon valley, and that prey on any warm-blooded animal that finds its way into the stream, stripping even large cows of their flesh in minutes flat? Remember the old movie serials in which the villain frequently perished in the swirling waters, with the fish all over him?

Well, as Bob Heller points out, they may be killers in big schools in their native territory, but they're cowardly little fish in an

aquarium. In fact, as someone enters the room, the fish covers in a far corner of his watery home.

Not Very Brave

And, if you turn on a bright light near the fish, he will keel over and lay on his side, feigning death. The first time that it happened the Hellers were about ready to start artificial respiration when the fish recovered, as they turned off the light.

And what does such a tropical fish eat? Obviously, the Hellers couldn't stuff a whole cow in the aquarium, so they started with hamburger. But apparently when a little fish wants warm-blooded animals, he wants them with the blood still warm, because Decatur's visiting piranha just won't eat dead hamburger.

A number of other tasty things were tried, but Mary Pat Heller, a fifth-grade student at Lincoln school, drew the line when the family wanted to "borrow" some of her live guinea pigs! A substitute had to be found.

Likes Fish

The piranha was finally found to like fish, and particularly flounders and other easily found fish from our local markets. It was no longer necessary to think about trapping small warm-blooded animals to throw into the tank!

And so a small fish that looks something like a strong toothed, wide-mouthed bluegill is making its home with the Hellers, who hope it never reaches its maximum size of 18 inches, which would pretty well crowd the aquarium space at 404 Limberlost Trail!

Several More File Declarations Today

Several more declarations of candidacy have been filed in the county clerk's office, as the Thursday, March 26 deadline approaches. The only person to file on the Democratic ticket was Louis W. Reinking, Jr., seeking to be South Preble's precinct committeeman.

Four Republican candidacies were filed, all for delegates to the Republican state convention. David H. Campbell, of 358 S. Third St., Thomas A. Miller, of 1038 Master Drive, Herman L. Lankenau, 414 N. Third St., and Leland Neuen, of Berne, filed to represent districts 11, 9, 10 and 12, respectively, at the state convention. Harvey Jones, a resident of route 6, Decatur, filed his 8, respectively, at the state convention for the board of trustees of the Adams Central community schools.

License Bureau To Close Good Friday

Mrs. Bernadine Heller, manager of the Decatur license bureau, announced that the license bureau will be closed all day, Good Friday.

Southeast Cub Scouts Meet Tuesday Night

The Southeast Cub Scout pack will meet Tuesday evening instead of Thursday evening as scheduled. The meeting will be held at the Southeast elementary school.

Australian Lady Is Visiting Here

After a trip halfway around the world, a 70-year-old mother is visiting with her daughter for the first time in some 13 years. Mrs. Esther Louise Luestner arrived in Decatur Tuesday for an indefinite stay with her daughter, Mrs. Doreen Reiff, wife of Jack Reiff. The Reiffs reside at 120 Limberlost Trail in the Stratton Place addition.

Mrs. Reiff's mother left Australia Monday morning of last week, and arrived in San Francisco around 5:30 o'clock that evening. By Tuesday morning, around 10 o'clock, she was talking with her daughter for the first time since 1951.

Adelaide Resident

Mrs. Luestner resides in Adelaide, South Australia, which is a city of 750 to 800 thousand population, and one of the four largest cities in the country.

Mr. Luestner is retired and he and a son, who is Mrs. Reiff's brother, and works as a customs official in Australia, did not make the trip.

This was the first time Mrs. Reiff and her mother had gotten together since 1951, when Mrs. Luestner made the trip from Australia for the first time since her daughter came to this country in 1945.

This is, however, the first time Mrs. Luestner has visited in Decatur, as on her previous visit the Reiffs resided in Bluffton. The Reiffs moved to Decatur when Jack, an Indiana & Michigan employee, was transferred to this city after I & M purchased the electric utility here.

Prominent Indiana School Teacher Dies

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Miss Ella C. Sengenberger, 73, one of Indiana's best known high school journalism teachers, died Saturday.

Miss Sengenberger taught at Indianapolis Tech for more than 40 years until she retired in 1959. She helped found the faculty division of the Indiana High School Press Association and took an active part in the organization since it was founded in 1922.

Public Invited To Visit Egg Trees

The Easter egg trees in the Decatur library are reported as lovelier than ever. There is a tree in the adult department on the first floor, and another in the children's department on the second floor.

The public is invited to view these trees. Recent visitors to the library include Mrs. Larry Wendel, Cynthia and Lee Wendel of Van Wert, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Watson, Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Ross and Lindell Ross of Ohio City, O.; C. I. Knutsen of Marion; Mrs. Harold Runion and Mary, Martha, Marilyn Runion of Van Wert, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Shock of Van Wert, Margo Perry of Franklin.

Youth Uninjured As Scooter Hits Auto

A local youth escaped injury in an accident involving the motor scooter he was operating and an automobile at 11:47 a.m. Sunday.

Kenny E. Gase, 16, of 103 S. Tenth St., was driving the scooter east on Adams street and as he attempted to turn right onto Line St., his vehicle struck a northbound car driven by Rebecca Jane Durbin, of route 3, Decatur.

The impact threw Gase about 10 feet, but he escaped without injury. According to the city police report, the Durbin car was over the center line. Damages were estimated at \$35 to the Gase vehicle and \$10 to the car.

Two Collide

Autos operated by Thomas Lee Schell, 17, of 939 Parkview Drive, and Fred W. Busche, 78, of 303 N. Ninth St., collided at 3:17 p.m. Monroe St., Saturday at 3:17 p.m. Schell was westbound when Busche backed from a driveway into the path of the Schell car which sustained an estimated \$40 damage. The Busche auto was not damaged.

Driver Is Arrested Following Accident

Robert Eugene Kelly, 21-year-old resident of route 6, Decatur, was arrested and charged with reckless driving following a traffic accident at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. Kelly was operating his auto east on Adams street when he struck a pick-up truck parked on the south side of the street in front of the home of the owner, John Mazelin, of 1012 W. Adams St.

The force of the impact knocked the pick-up into a light pole, shoving it over, and the truck crashed into the front porch of the Mazelin home. Kelly and a passenger, David Rash, of route 6, Decatur, were injured and taken to the local hospital for treatment. Damages were estimated at \$400 to the truck, \$200 to the Mazelin home, \$300 to Kelly's car and \$75 to the light pole.

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Delay Restoration Of Traffic Lights

Chief of police Grover Odle said this morning that the traffic lights at the intersection of of Monroe and Fifth streets will not be used again until the repair work on the Pennsylvania railroad crossing is completed.

None of the four lights at the intersection is working, but stop signs have been erected to halt traffic traveling north and south on Fifth St. Once the crossing is repaired, the stop signs will be taken down and the lights restored to working order.

The light on the northeast corner was knocked down by a semi-trailer truck Friday evening, and the control box was on that pole, so the mishap knocked out all

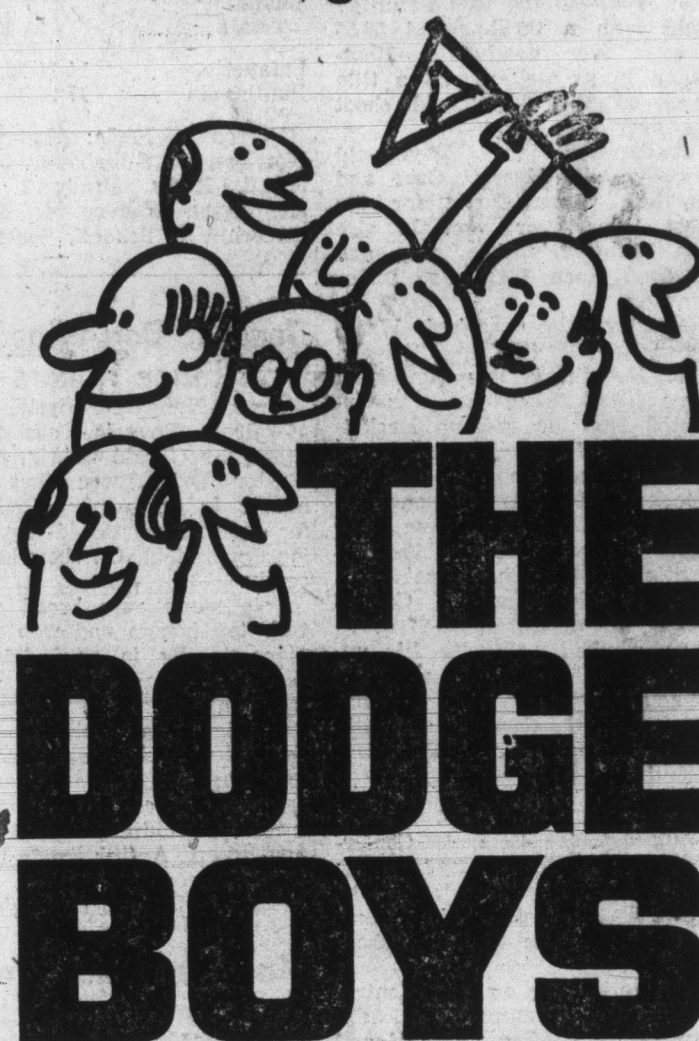
four lights. The highway department and city police decided not to put the light back up as it would more than likely be knocked over again in a short time.

Hartford City Editor Dies Saturday Night

HARTFORD CITY, Ind. (UPI) — Private funeral services will be held here Tuesday for Ralph W. Monfort, 81, editor and publisher of the Hartford City News-Times.

Monfort, who had been in the newspaper business here for about 60 years, died suddenly Saturday night about an hour after he was admitted to Blackford County hospital. He had been ill for a few days.

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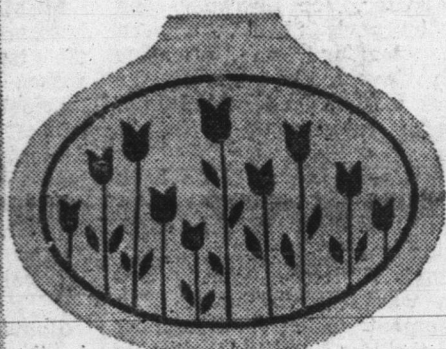
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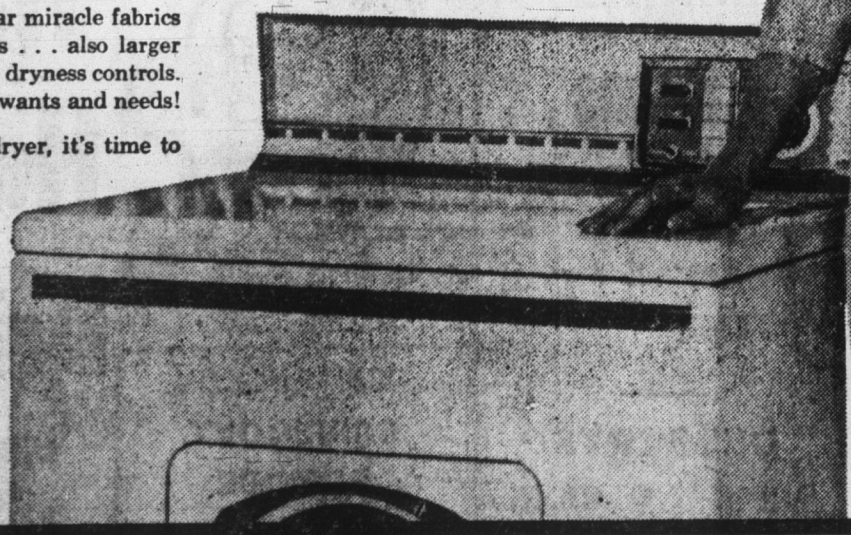
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