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Objectors To School Reorganization Take Case To High Court

Assignment Of Errors Filed By Objectors

The North Adams-South Adams school reorganization case is now before the Indiana supreme court, with the plaintiffs, Robert J. Rice, et al., filing an assignment of errors on March 25, the final day.

The plaintiffs now have 30 days in which to file a brief, which will contain detailed information on the errors which they allege happened in the long suit which was heard in the Adams, Wells, and finally Huntington court, with a Jay and Blackford judge thrown in for good measure.

DeVoss Handles Suit

North Adams' community schools attorney John DeVoss will handle the case of North Adams; Severin H. Schuriger won the lower court case before the Huntington court, aided by a number of Huntington and local Adams county attorneys representing various different groups. Schuriger conferred this morning with DeVoss on the case, and offered his records.

The suit was originally filed against the school reorganization board, now pretty well defunct;

Included with the present fil-

ing was a complete transcript of the new voluminous lower court case. Thomas D. Logan and Clarence R. McNabb are surmised to be still representing the plaintiffs, who are trying to dissolve the North Adams Community school system. If the system is dissolved, it is not known exactly what will happen, since the old school systems no longer exist.

The suit was decided in Huntington circuit court last July 3, when the judge there dissolved the injunction against creation of the North and South Adams community schools. On July 10 the motion for a new trial by the plaintiffs was overruled, opening the way for the appeal to the Indiana supreme court.

Whitehead Denies Injunction

On May 2 Judge Burl V. Whitehead, of the Jay circuit court, assumed jurisdiction. Judge Whitehead (Continued on Page Three)

Started in 1959

The 1959 legislature authorized the reorganization of all the school districts in the state, and Oct. 17, 1959, Judge Myles F. Parrish appointed the Adams county committee.

June 20, 1961, August Selking, chairman of the committee, received a letter from the state committee granting them an extension until Oct. 17, 1961, to file the final plan.

Oct. 2, 1961, certain of the plaintiffs filed recommendations for changes in the proposed plan, and the committee had to take time to consider the proposals.

Submitted Plan in 1961

The county's plan was submitted to the state commission Dec. 13, 1961. In a letter dated Feb. 2, 1962, the state committee approved the Adams county plan as proposed.

March 9, 1962, the county committee requested Judge Parrish to issue a call for a special election May 8. March 13 the judge issued the call, and ordered the notices of May 2 that the supreme

The first motion, to vacate the court entry calling the election, was filed by Robert J. Rice, et al., March 26, 1962. On March 27 Judge Parrish set the case for hearing on April 2; on March 30 the defendants filed their certified report of polling and voting places for the special election.

On April 2 the court heard the evidence, and took it under advisement, and on April 6 overruled the motion. No appeal was taken by the plaintiffs.

More Maneuvers

On April 11 a temporary writ of prohibition was filed in the Adams circuit court, followed by a notice of May 2 that the supreme

Schumacher Rites Thursday Morning

William J. Schumacher, 79, lifelong resident of Decatur, died suddenly of a heart attack at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning at his home, 614 South Fifth street. Although he had been in failing health, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Schumacher retired a number of years ago from the General Electric Co., and previously was employed by Lobe Bros. for many years.

He was born in Decatur Feb. 19, 1885, a son of Frank and Phoebe Keiper-Schumacher, and was married to Miss Minnie M. Blauvelt May 24, 1910.

Mr. Schumacher was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, and was Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Margaret) Beal and Mrs. James (Catherine) Murphy, both of Decatur; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Curtis Moser of Decatur, and one brother, Frank (Shucks) Schumacher of Lafayette. Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The Fourth Degree K. C. will post an honor guard at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Involves Every Person

The planning process of involving every citizen, so that they can see that planning is as important a function as any other governmental operation was carefully explained.

Rohrbach stated that the process by which planning is accomplished, and Adams county made a moving part of the country's growth and economy, is to be stressed, and that when the county hires a county planner, he will work to make him a working planner, out every day among the people, not a map reader stuck away in a dusty county office.

The entire board was present before Rohrbach finished his long presentation. He was introduced by planning commission attorney Lewis L. Smith, following a brief review of the purpose of the meeting by plan commission chairman, William F. Schnepp. (Continued on Page Four)

Reflectorized Road Markers Discussed

Reflectorized road markers for each of Adams county's 551 intersections moved a step closer to reality Monday when the Adams county commissioners examined a type of sign offered by one company, Associated Sign & Post Co., of Muncie.

The aluminum green and white signs are 20 inches wide and six inches high. They have aluminum mountings and would be mounted on the top of metal poles. The signs would be one on top of the other.

Numbering Undecided

The commissioners examined the signs, and stated that they also have several other makes under consideration.

The numbering system has not yet been decided on. The commissioners at present seem to prefer the Purdue type system, with 100 N., 100 S., 100 E. and 100 W., etc., type of signs, while the county highway superintendent, Lawrence Noll, and county engineer, Walter Gilliom, prefer the more simple system of number which the highway system and maps now include, 1, 2, 3, 24, 25, etc.

Make Wishes Known

County residents, and those who have used different numbering and naming systems, are invited to write the Adams county commissioners at the court house and explain any system they favor or oppose, giving reasons for each. The commissioners have had one estimate of \$8,000 to buy and erect signs, and they wish to please as many people as possible, and avoid any change in the future, since it would involve expensive duplication.

The commissioners are also interested in getting a sign that is least likely to be damaged by malicious youths, a problem that has increased with the availability of autos to young men who seem to have plenty of extra energy, and frequently spend it causing very expensive damage to road signs, and other county highway property, adding dollars to the tax roll every year.

One particular type of sign discussed above, will be on display in the Decatur Daily Democrat window for a week or so, Noll announced, so that interested may see it.

Attendance Contest Planned By Lions

The attendance contest to be sponsored by the Decatur Lions club during April and May is ready to go, according to an announcement at Monday evening's meeting. The club has been divided into teams, one captained by Herman Krueckeberg and the other by Jack Gordon. Lions are on notice that if they fail to show up at meetings without notifying their captain they may expect to be pestered by telephone calls and visits.

Also during the business meeting, a letter was read from the leader dog center explaining how a local club can secure a leader dog for a blind person. As part of the procedure the blind person is expected to go through a period of training with the dog at the dog training school under careful supervision, since it is considered absolutely necessary that the blind person and leader dog be well acquainted with each other before they start out on their own.

It was reported that six local Lions have signed up to attend the district convention in Alton next Sunday.

Attention of all Lions is directed to the fact that there will be a meeting of the club next Monday evening due to the fact the Wildcat baseball meeting which had been set for next week has been rescheduled for a later date.

Cancer Film Shown

The evening's program was devoted to lung cancer due to smoking cigarettes. Robert Holt house, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Doyle Collier, president of the Adams county chapter of the American Cancer Society and her assistant, Mrs. Robert Krueckeberg. Before presenting the society's film on lung cancer due to smoking cigarettes, Mrs. Collier explained that giving such a program was part of the Indiana Society's RES program.

She said "R" stands for research; E stands for education; and S stands for service. Under the R part the society has given around \$3,000 yearly to Indiana and Purdue Universities for research. Under the E part the society is showing films to school students, especially at the high and junior high level; and she noted the film shown to the Lions is being shown at every high school in the county. Under the S part the society provides drugs and transportation to cancer centers to those in need of such services.

The film left little doubt that

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Charles J. Miller Dies Last Evening

Charles J. Miller, 76, well known Decatur man and lifelong resident of Adams county, died at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Adams county memorial hospital, where he had been a patient for the past week. He had been in failing health for some time.

Born in Adams county Sept. 23, 1887, he was a son of Mathias and Mary Ackerman-Miller, and was married to Miss Bertha Steigmeyer June 11, 1912.

Mr. Miller was employed for years at the General Electric Co. plant in this city until his retirement a number of years ago.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, Third Order of St. Francis, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, of which he was a past grand knight.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Marcellus Miller of Lima, O., Leo Miller of Orange, Calif., and Donald R. and Eugene L. Miller, both of Decatur; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Lucille) Rumschlag, Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Wiseman, and Mrs. Wayne (Celeste) Peterson, all of Decatur; one sister, Mrs. Anna Meyers of Avilla; three brothers, Frank, Bernard and Edward Miller, all of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Three children preceded him in death.

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Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p.m. Wednesday until time of the services. The Third Order of St. Francis will recite the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, followed by the Holy Name society at 8 p.m. The Fourth Degree K. C. will post an honor guard at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and will act as honorary pallbearers. Nephews of Mr. Miller will be active pallbearers.

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County Dump Full

The commissioners decided to wait until the city had decided on what course it will take before taking further action on a county dump program. The county is presently paying the city \$400 a year for use of the local dump.

Present Dump Full

The present dump site is practically full, and something must be done soon, Mayor Gerber explained. The remaining area will be filled in with street sweepings.

The mayor stated that the city expects to level the new city parking property this spring as soon as the weather permits, stone it, and permit free parking until a means of paving and possibly metering it can be set up that will be paid for from the parking meter fund.

Attendance Officer

Following Mayor Gerber, county superintendent Gerald Wizard asked the commissioners and their county attorney if the county attendance officer's salary available for the remainder of this calendar year to Mrs. Mildred Foley, although she was actually hired by the three separate school boards, would apply to her successor, Harvey Haggard.

County attorney Macklin said that he felt that it would, but that the three individual school districts should include it in their own budgets for the next year and following years, rather than in the county budget, since there is no longer a county attendance officer needed.

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Mayor Gerber explained that the city had received only the one bid, which was for quite a bit more than they had expected,

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