



LOUIS A. JACOBS, right, of Holthouse Drug company, receives a certificate of distinction in the 16th annual brand name retailer-of-the-year awards competition from Jay N. Cooke, president, Glenbrook Laboratories Div., Sterling Drug, Inc., and chairman of the drug, toiletry, cosmetic & sundries division of Brand Names Foundation, Inc., sponsors of the competition.

Holthouse Drug Co. Is Awarded Honor

A certificate of distinction was awarded to the Holthouse Drug Company of Decatur, in the brand name retailer-of-the-year awards competition, drug store Class II category. The award was presented by Brand Names Foundation, sponsors of the annual competition, at a luncheon held in the Imperial Ballroom of the Americana Hotel, New York City.

Louis A. Jacobs, president of the firm, accepted the award stating that "self-selection is an important part of today's drug merchandising and we know our customers prefer to pick up their brands they already know and trust. Our job is to make the brands easily and quickly available, and this was our prime objective in our remodeling plans."

In 1871, John B. Holthouse, father of one of the present owners, began his drug career in Decatur and the family name was adopted in 1906. Early this year a new corporation was formed to permit the sale of stock to Daniel R. Freeby, a pharmacist who came to the company in 1958. This continues a long tradition of welcoming employees into the

store's membership which was inaugurated early in its history. The store now occupies two premises and employs 25 on its staff. The company has a long and colorful ownership history. Holthouse started in business with a Dr. Dornwin and a corporation was formed consisting of Holthouse, Callow and Heuer in 1898. In 1906, Lawrence Kleinhenz became a stockholder in place of Callow and the Holthouse name was the official company name. In March, 1940, Robert J. Holthouse, who was working at Firestone after graduation from Indiana University, and his sisters purchased the outstanding stock from Heuer and the Kleinhenz heirs. From graduation at Valparaiso University, Louis A. Jacobs came to Decatur in 1940 and in 1946 a partnership was formed between Jacobs and Robert Holthouse which operated the business until the new corporation was formed early this year. Jacobs and his wife, Wilma, live with their three boys and daughter in the community where they enjoy civic and community affairs.

Awards in this sixteenth annual Competition were given to 120 firms in 23 categories of retailing, representing 34 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

The climax of the two days was the Brand Names Foundation's annual banquet on Wednesday evening, which was also held in the Imperial Ballroom of the Americana. The banquet ended with entertainment, provided in honor of the occasion by the Columbia Broadcasting System, starring Marty Allen & Steve Rossi, the Mattison Trio, and Leslie Uggams, with music by the Ray Block orchestra.

Clyde L. Taylor Is Promoted By A & P

DETROIT — Clyde L. Taylor, general superintendent of A & P Food Stores' Toledo unit, has been elevated to the post of vice president of the company's central western division. In making the announcement, division president, Byron Jay said Taylor will continue to head A&P's Toledo unit, which operates store in parts of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Upon graduating from the University of Michigan in 1928, Taylor started with the food chain and has served in numerous capacities including sales manager for the Detroit, Toledo and Louisville units. He also was assistant director of sales for the company's central western division for more than a year prior to his promotion to general superintendent of the Grand Rapids unit in 1956. He held this post until March, 1963, when he was placed in charge of the Toledo unit.

Library Egg Tree Being Dismantled

Saturday a number of out of town visitors visited the Decatur public library to see the egg tree. It is being dismantled now and the eggs put away for another year. Those who came last Saturday were: Richard Lummers, route 6, Decatur; Miss Margaret Becker, Fort Wayne; Gloria J. Theye, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Lewis Linton, Van Wert; Rose Mary Linton, and Vicky Linton, Van Wert; Mrs. Vernell Haggber, Charlene and Darlene Haggber, Wren; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Swartzlander, Monclova, Ohio; Becky Cline, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Pat Bailey and family, Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bixler, Fort Wayne.

Last year the Research club of Hartford City visited the library during the Easter week and were so enthusiastic about the tree that they persuaded their librarian to start an Easter egg tree in their public library. The women of the club helped to paint the eggs and to promote interest in it.

Miss Bertha Heller, librarian,

said, "we were delighted to receive a picture of the tree with about two hundred eggs on it. That is the size tree we started with, but now we have about 1600 eggs. We appreciate the interest our town people have had in this project. They have furnished such beautifully painted eggs that our tree has become quite famous. The author of the book "The Egg Tree" writes that the picture of our tree is the loveliest of any she received. The fine community spirit in Decatur shows in the success of "The Egg Tree."

Story Hour Saturday At Public Library

Heralding the springtime, the story hour at the Decatur public library Saturday will feature a film strip entitled "The Circus Baby." The children will also enjoy the story "Pussycat." which is about a cat who went out searching for spring. There will be other stories too, that will delight all children between the ages of 5 and 7. The story hour is a weekly feature at 1:30 p.m. each Saturday in the children's department of the Decatur public library.



A STUDIO IN HOLLYWOOD?—No, the stage in the Decatur high school auditorium where the fourth-period speech class is rehearsing for its one-act play "The Neighbors," to be presented Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Tickets, priced at 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults, may be purchased from members of the class. The cast members shown above are, left to right, front: Nancy Gerber, Connie Teeple, Sally Schnepf and Carmen Lopez. Standing are Sharon Harden, Steve Hazelwood, student director Dave Baker, Betsy Schnepf and Tom Macklin.—(Photo by Cole)

Two Sentenced To State Penal Farm

An Adams county man and a Petroleum resident were sentenced to terms at the state penal farm at Putnamville in city court this morning.

City court Judge John B. Stults sentenced Anthony Frank Glendening, 55, route 2, Geneva, and Robert E. Dalyrample, 44, Petroleum, to terms of six months each at the farm.

In addition, each man was fined \$1 and costs, totaling \$20. Both were charged with public intoxication and Dalyrample was also charged with improper registration.

Arrested in Geneva The two were arrested in Geneva about 2:15 p.m. Wednesday by town marshal Preston Pyle, and were held in custody at the Adams county jail until their court appearance this morning.

They were stopped by Pyle while riding in an automobile in Geneva. Neither had sufficient funds to pay his fine this morning, and thus they will also have to "lay out" the \$20.

Order Two Belgian Doctors Face Trial

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—A district court today ordered two doctors to stand trial on charges of failing to treat a dying child because they were participating in a nationwide doctors strike.

Drs. Achiel Robberechts, 53, and Jan Geens, 62, were released without bail but a spokesman for the court in the Flemish city of Turnhout said they will stand trial when a preliminary investigation is ended.

The strike went into its ninth day today with no sign of compromise by either side. The 10,000 doctors are protesting a new "medicare" health law extending free medical service and government regulation of the medical profession.

Doctors' Federation spokesman Dr. Andre Wynen said Wednesday night the federation would call off its voluntary emergency service at hospitals if any more doctors "are arrested as a result of accidents."

Driver Is Arrested On Speeding Charge

An Adams county motorist has been cited into justice of the peace court on a charge of speeding—traveling 75 miles per hour in a 30 mile zone in the city.

Leonard George Schug, 17, route 1, Monroe, is scheduled to appear in J.P. court April 13, at 7 p.m., to answer to the speeding charge. He was arrested by the city police at 1:50 a.m. today, on Mercer Ave., and charged with driving 75 miles per hour.

Eugene Farlow Dies Wednesday Afternoon

Eugene Farlow, 62, of Berne, died at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday at the Adams county memorial hospital following an illness of three months. Surviving are his wife, Leona; two daughters, five grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Yager funeral home in Berne, with burial in MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 11 a.m. Friday.

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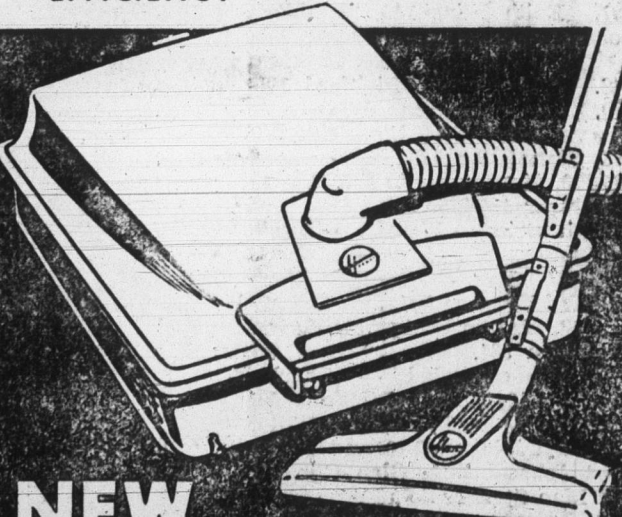
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