

Erie Lackawanna Reduces Deficit

NEW YORK — The Erie Lackawanna railroad has made a sharp reduction in the deficit for the first quarter of this year

which will amount to about \$3.3 million, compared with a 1963 deficit of \$6.7 million, or \$3.4 million better than a year ago. William White, chairman, announced at the annual meeting of shareholders held today. He attributed the improvement to a 2.0

per cent increase in revenues and a 55 per cent cut in expenses. He predicted a deficit for the full year 1963 but considerably less than in previous years. He has set a goal of being in the black in 1965.

Fire Pack Of Thermometers Out In Space

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) — Scientists successfully fired a 200-pound package of thermometers into space Tuesday to study atmospheric heat.

The payload rocketed back to earth at 25,000 miles per hour, streaking across the sky like a fiery meteor and plunged into the South Atlantic Ocean about 5,200 miles southeast of here.

Herbert A. Wilson, manager of Project Fire, said preliminary data radioed back from the payload "looked very favorable." The spacecraft was designed to take more than 300 measurements of space heat for scientists to plot the safe return to astronauts from the moon and other planetary voyages.

Several hours before the shot, the third stage of a Delta rocket ignited during an indoor test and shot while hot gases and flames through the concrete test buildings. Three men were critically burned and eight others injured. The booster was being readied to hurl a satellite into orbit next Tuesday.

S. J. Dagle, an engineer for Ball Brothers Corp., of Boulder, Colo., received burns over his entire body. L. D. Gabel, also a Ball Brothers engineer, and J. W. Fassett, a space agency engineer from Merritt Island, Fla., received 80 per cent burns. All were in critical condition.

Investigators from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., arrived Tuesday night to join an Air Force board of inquiry set up to seek the cause of the accident. It was the first serious incident involving a rocket blast here.

NASA said the accidental igniting of the Delta rocket's third stage, loaded with 455 pounds of solid propellants, occurred while the engineers and technicians were preparing the rocket and its satellite payload for a balancing test.

The rocket shot up from a work stand and kicked off the satellite, an orbiting solar observatory. Hot gases spewed out of the building and buckled a folding door covering one end of the structure.

Midnight Deadline For Tax Returns

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Midnight tonight is the witching hour for an estimated 9 million Americans filing last-minute 1963 federal income tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was braced for a flood of late returns today. It was estimated that nearly one-seventh of all the returns the IRS is expecting—9 million—would pour into tax offices before the midnight deadline.

Returns must be postmarked by midnight tonight if the taxpayer is to avoid interest and penalty charges. Those prevented from filing on time for some reason may get an extension from their local tax office.

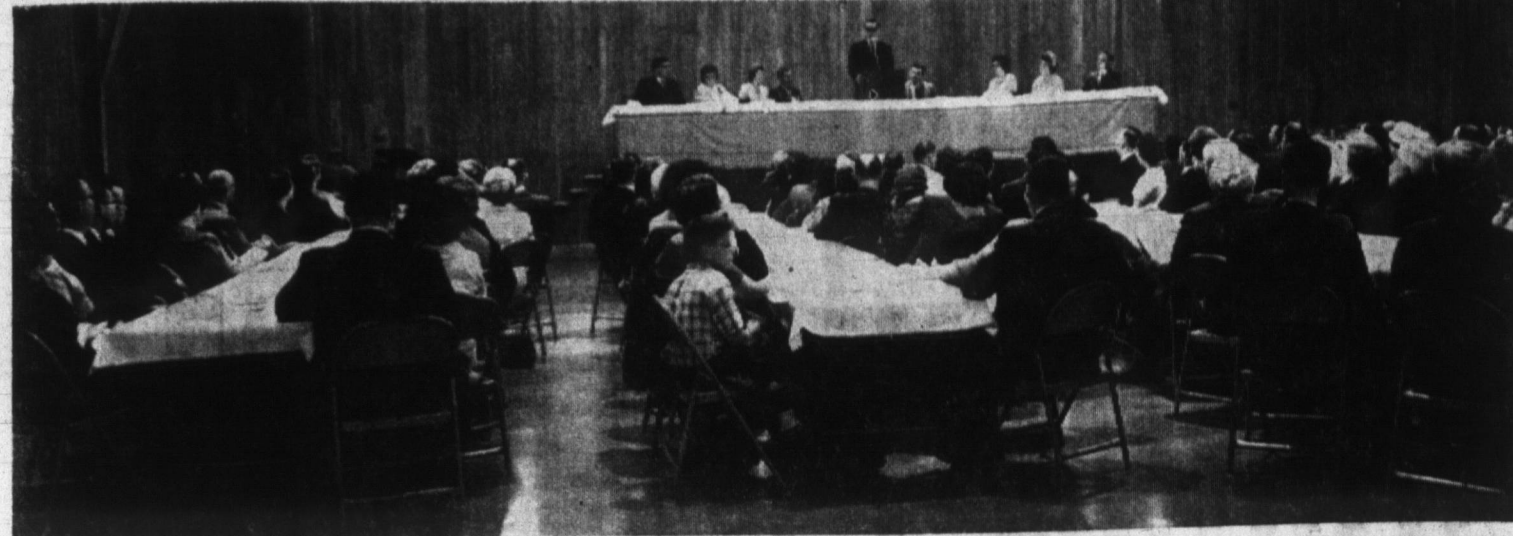
Rep. John J. Rhodes, R-Ariz., believes that the least the government can do for the taxpayers is to allow him to mail in his return postage-free. He estimated it would cost the government between \$3 million and \$4 million.

"Most private creditors show their customers the courtesy of a self-return, pre-paid envelope, and it occurs to me that such a concession might mitigate the agony of this annual experience," Rhodes said, adding that he planned to introduce legislation to that effect.

Sentenced For Life On Kidnap Charges

GREENFIELD, Ind. (UPI) — A man and a woman were sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday for the kidnapping of a motel clerk in 1962.

Wilbur R. Davis, 33, and Jeannette Atherton, 30, Indianapolis, were found guilty in Hancock Circuit Court last week in connection with the abduction, beating and robbing of Howard Hopkins at the Alamo Plaza Motel at the east edge of Indianapolis.



125 PEOPLE RAISED \$800 for the Adams county Youth for Christ program Tuesday night at the Decatur Community Center. Interest in Decatur in the program has grown considerably, and the group is reaching a group of young people that is not reached effectively by any church, its sponsors say. — (Photo by Cole)

Youth For Christ Banquet Held Here

The Youth for Christ banquet of the Decatur area was held Tuesday evening at the Decatur Youth and Community Center, with 125 in attendance. The invocation was given by Rev. Wilmer Watson of the Church of the Nazarene. Dinner music was furnished by Miss Judy Hakes. Group singing was conducted by Glen Habegger. Special music was furnished by a girls' quartet from Adams Central high school.

LeRoy Sprunger, director of the Adams county area Youth for Christ, introduced Sharon Hardin, president of the Decatur-Monmouth Youth for Christ club; Pam Nidlinger, treasurer of the club; and Dave Hammond, a member of the club. They each gave their testimony and told what the Youth for Christ club meant to them. Sprunger explained that the purpose of the YFC club is to challenge Christian teens to "Walk the Talk" and "Living the Life" on the school campus.

The goals of the club are: 1. To reach the unreached through the Christian student. 2. To promote Christian character and Christian leadership. 3. To create wholesome Christian fellowship.

Jerry Mitchell, chairman of the Decatur advisory committee, introduced the committee members of the Decatur area and also the Berne area YFC committee members.

Mitchell also introduced Tedd Bryson, vice president in charge of the Great Lakes area of YFC from Grand Rapids, Mich., the speaker of the evening.

Bryson has worked with YFC for twelve years. He pointed to "some of the problems we have in the United States with our young people, and how we have tried various attempts to correct them, which have failed. The situation seems to be getting worse. The trouble is not with working mothers, although that may add to the problem. Psychiatrists have not solved the problem nor is it caused entirely by the slum areas. The problem is in the hearts of the young people, and Christ is the only answer."

Youth for Christ International has two lifeline camps in Indiana, which are furnished by Gov. Matthew Welsh for the purpose of helping those young people who get in trouble. Gov. Welsh has seen what a change YFC can make in the life of girls and boys and for that reason gave the use of the camps to YFC International to help other young people.

It costs an average of \$9 a day when a young person is institutionalized to support them, buy food, etc. It costs a lot less to reach the child before they are in trouble. Chances for reaching the teens once they are out of high school is 70 to 1.

There are Youth for Christ clubs in the Decatur-Monmouth area, Adams Central, Berne junior high, Berne senior high, Bryant, Geneva and Portland. The Decatur Saturday night Youth for Christ rally was started in April of 1963 with the club for Decatur and Monmouth starting a short while later.

Rev. Robert McQuaid, of the Decatur Baptist church, and the master of ceremonies, also pointed out the importance of not pointing a finger at the young people, but pointing the way for them to go, Christ's way.

Levy License On Pinball Machines

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UPI) — The Fort Wayne City Council passed an ordinance Tuesday night levying a \$100 license fee on each pinball machine in the city and banning such machines within 1,000 feet of any school building.



YOUTH FOR CHRIST VICE PRESIDENT for the Great Lakes area, Tedd Bryson, center, is pictured above with Jerry Mitchell, Decatur Youth for Christ chairman, and LeRoy Sprunger, Berne, Adams county Youth for Christ director. Bryson was the main speaker at a fund-raising rally of the county club Tuesday night at the Decatur Community Center. — (Photo by Cole)

McNamara Scores LeMay Testimony

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara appeared determined today to answer criticism of defense policies as fast as it arises in this election year.

In a statement that surprised many Pentagon officials because it seemed to involve McNamara in a row with a subordinate, the Defense Department took unusual steps Tuesday to contradict testimony of Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force chief of staff.

The effect was to propel into the open the controversy within the department over the size of the nuclear weapons arsenal and the need for developing a new bomber for the 1970s.

The department obviously was stung by LeMay's testimony, which was given a House appropriations subcommittee in February but made public only Tuesday.

Between the time that he testified and the publication of his views, LeMay was reappointed by President Johnson as Air Force chief for a term running until Feb. 1, 1965.

Nominating Group Named By Jaycees

The board of directors of the Decatur Jaycees selected a four-member nominating committee for the upcoming election of new officers, in their regular meeting Tuesday evening. Named to the nominating committee were past presidents Ted Hill and Gene Zinn, Roger Genis and this year's president, Ralph Biggs. The new officers will take office in July.

The board also moved to hold a second junior golf tournament this summer, with Hill named chairman of the project. The winner of the tournament, held among local boys, will advance to the state Jaycee tournament to represent the local organization.

Stuns Officials
The LeMay testimony that apparently stunned top Pentagon officials said that there was a "narrowing" gap between America's superior nuclear power and Russia's. LeMay also said he had emphasized to President Johnson the need for a new bomber in the 1970s.

The bomber that the Air Force wants is called AMPS for Advanced Manned Precision Strike System. It would be able to fly at intercontinental range at about 1,650 miles per hour, sweeping low under enemy radar and hitting targets with missiles from 50 miles away as well as dropping new types of small-yield nuclear weapons comparable with World War II blockbusters.

LeMay also made clear in his testimony his belief that America should not concede to Russia the only 100-megaton weapons but should develop its own bomb of that size.

Answers Questions
In issuing the Defense Department statement, a Pentagon spokesman said it was intended to answer questions raised by various people, including Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., about the extent of U.S. superiority over Russia.

LeMay did not contest present superiority but was concerned about the future as the bomber force diminishes. Depending on missiles alone would endanger the defense of the country, he said.

The Pentagon statement, which contained previously secret information, said the fact was that U.S. superiority "has been increasing and we intend that it shall continue to increase." The statement included an intelligence estimate that the Soviet Union had about 180 intercontinental missiles, compared with a previously unannounced figure of 750 for the United States.

Two Accidents Are Reported In City

Three autos were damaged in a pair of two-car accidents Tuesday, which were investigated by the city police.

Autos driven by William Allan Schafer, 17, of 340 N. Fifth St., and Arthur Clarence Garner, 65, of 1203 W. Monroe St., collided at the Five Points intersection at 5:10 p.m.

Schafer was northbound on Winchester street and when he turned left onto Adams street, his auto was struck on the right rear by Garner's vehicle, which was southbound on Second street. Damages were estimated at \$175 to the Garner vehicle and \$40 to the Schafer auto.

Autos operated by Betty L. Hurlinger, 22, of 721 Elm St., and Karen A. Hirschy, 19, route 4, Decatur, collided as both were westbound on Elm at 2:06 p.m.

The Hurlinger car had stopped to back into a driveway, and the Hirschy car was passing on the right, when the two collided. Only the Hirschy vehicle was damaged, an estimated \$60.

Local Art Exhibit Scheduled May 8

Local artists of the Decatur area are invited to exhibit their work at the annual local artist exhibit sponsored by the Color Wheel club of the Decatur high school. The exhibit will be held May 8 at the school gymnasium and will be open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this exhibit to see the wealth of home town talent; no admission will be charged. Also featured will be an exhibit of local high school art work.

Hubert Feasel, high school art instructor, requests all local artists, who would like to exhibit drawings, oil paintings, watercolors, or any other type of crafts to contact him before April 29. All exhibits are to be entered in the show between 3 and 5 p.m. on May 8 and are to be picked up after 9:30 p.m. A limit of five entries is requested.

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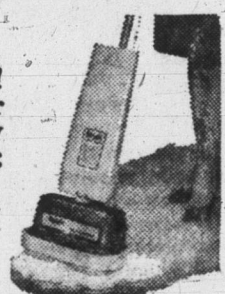
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