

# Society

## OBSERVE BIRTHDAY WITH DINNER SUNDAY

A birthday dinner was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fox of near Monroe in observance of the birthdays of Ferris Fox, Raymond Becher, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ehrman, Kevin Ehrman, Earl Shelton, and Mrs. Richard Fletcher.

Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Becher, Amy and Audrey; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kirchofer; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Koons, Greg and Jill; Mr. and Mrs. Leonid Fox, Judy and Debra; Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Fox and Kelli; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shelton, Pam and Bradley, all of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ehrman, Kay, Keith, Kendra and Kevin of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dubach of Berne; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dubach, Wally, Linn, Bob and Becky of near Geneva; Mr. and Mrs. Max Habegger, Patti and Fred of Fort Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fletcher and Angela of near Craigville.

Unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dubach, Brent and Judy of Fort Wayne.

The Calvary EUB church's mother-daughter banquet will be held May 6 at the Palmer House in Berne. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to note the change of time and place from the previous announcement.

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## Sidewalk Sale Is Set For July 15

The Pochontas Lodge is sponsoring a record hop, Friday, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Decatur Youth and Community Center. Mrs. Robert Witham is serving as chairman for the event.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m., the Decatur public library's story hour will feature the film strip "The Biggest Bear," which won the Caldecott award for best illustrations in 1953 and which has been a favorite of young readers.

The variety of other subjects will be of interest to children between the ages of 5 to 7—a "Once upon a time" story, a tale about a bat, and another about a very sly inchworm.

## CARRY-IN SUPPER AT PLEASANT MILLS

The Pleasant Mills Community organization will sponsor a carry-in supper, Monday, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

Special features of the evening will be a program given by the school children, cake walks, and other festivities.

All community residents are invited to join the fun and fellowship.

## 39ERS CLUB MEETS TUESDAY EVENING

The bi-monthly meeting of the Thirty-Niner's club was held Tuesday evening at the Decatur Youth and Community Center.

Following the supper a short business meeting was held. Thirty eight members and one guest, Mrs. John Marshal, were present. Phil Sauer and his wife, members of the club, held their golden wedding celebration Sunday.

A short talk was given by L. E. Archbold on his trip through Mexico.

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., the Fort Wayne dog obedience club will hold a show at the Community Center sponsored by the Thirty-niner's club. The show will be open to the public, and no admission will be charged.

The Jolly Housewives home demonstration club will meet Tuesday at the Lutheran Parish hall at 7:30 p.m. The flower bulb and seed sale will not be held.

The She Bee club (Citizen Band Radio) held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Peggy Hosa. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Wilford Plasterer. Thirteen members were present. A silent auction was held. Refreshments of salad, nuts, candy, and coffee were served. The May meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Vernon Ginter.

The Academy of Friendship held their monthly meeting at the Moose home with the co-chairmen in charge. During the business meeting, plans were made for the chapter night to be held in June at the Moose home. A social hour followed. Games were played and a lovely luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Dallas Brown, Mrs. A. J. Zelt, Mrs. Tom Noll, and Mrs. Wanda Oelberg.

## ENTERTAIN MOTHER ON 77TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Alger entertained in their home on route 3, Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Alger's mother, Mrs. Elery Schroll, for her 77th birthday. Mrs. Schroll received many lovely gifts.

Present for the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Elery Schroll; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Schroll and children Rita, Allen and Regina; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speicher and daughters Melanie, Claudia and Bobbie Dee; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Briner and sons Kenneth, Dennis and Chris, all of North Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroll and daughter Jane of Kokomo; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bensinger and children Brian, Beth Ann and Stephan of Findlay, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Alger of Wabash; Miss Caroline Alger and Richard Olson of La Grange Park, Ill., and the host and hostess.

## School Prayer Hearings Are Opened Today

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The congressional leader of a campaign to amend the Constitution to permit prayer and Bible reading in public schools said today Americans overwhelmingly supported "this sacred project."

Rep. Frank J. Becker, R-N.Y., was the first witness as the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on the emotion-charged school prayer issue.

In prepared testimony he attacked opponents of worship in public institutions as "cynics" and "atheists," and left an implied warning that Congress would be snowed under by citizen protests if it did not act.

Becker is the sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment that would override Supreme Court rulings that religious exercises as part of a public school program violate the First Amendment of the constitution.

About 60 other members of Congress, also sponsors of similar legislation, were scheduled to give supporting testimony before the committee this week. In the following three weeks the committee will hear testimony on both sides of the issue from some 80 church leaders, legal experts and other public witnesses.

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