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SEVEN CENTS

North Adams School Has 19 New Teachers On 1964-1965 Staff

Nineteen new teachers, almost 20% of the staff of 102 teachers, will greet North Adams students on the rapidly approaching first day of school, Gail F. Grabil, superintendent, announced today.

One teacher was secured last Saturday, and the final teacher was secured Tuesday noon to fill out the list of those needed to administer the five schools in North Adams Community Schools.

Only a cafeteria aide at North-west school needs to be hired before school officially starts next week, Grabil stated. Teachers were especially hard to get this year, and he had to contact every school in the state before obtaining his final list. No school had a list of any who had not already been offered contracts.

School Board Officers

The school board for the 1964-65 school year is: Dr. James M. Burk, president; Clarence Bultemeier, vice president; Richard J. Macklin, secretary; Russell Flemming, treasurer; and Herbert N. Banning.

There will be two new faces among the 11 included in North Adams' administration group this year. Mrs. Anna Alton has been added as a secretary in the superintendent's office, and Jerry Leitz, Lincoln school teacher, will have the added duty of attendance officer on a temporary basis, Grabil stated.

The administrative staff includes: G. M. Grabil, superintendent; Mrs. Marlene Bitner, secretary; Mrs. Alton, secretary; Mrs. Catherine Grabil, school nurse; Leitz, attendance officer; Deane T. Dorwin, director of guidance; Hugh J. Andrews, principal Decatur high school; John E. McConaha, principal Monmouth school; Hubert Zerkel, Jr., principal Lincoln school; Sylvester Everhart, principal Southeast elementary; and Floyd A. Reed, principal, Northwest elementary.

Eight Special Teachers

There will be eight special teachers this year for the school district, including two new ones. Michael Coulson, of Fort Wayne, a 1964 Ball State Teachers College graduate, will succeed James Robinson on the Monmouth faculty for art, and will also teach part-time at the junior high at Lincoln.

Miss Phyllis J. Young, of Portland, will succeed Miss Nancy Bennett as speech and hearing therapist. She is a 1964 Ball State graduate. Other special teachers are: Kay Daugherty, remedial reading; Gary Geissler, elementary physical education and high school wrestling and baseball; Helen Haubold, high school and elementary vocal music; Kathryn Kauffman, elementary art; Clint Reed, elementary band and vocal music; and Bernadine Van Skyke, elementary physical education.

Decatur High School

Decatur high school has the

Laura Kohne Quits As Clerk-Treasurer

City clerk-treasurer Mrs. Laura Kohne, who has held office since 1960, submitted her resignation Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Decatur city council. The resignation is effective October 1.

Decatur mayor Carl Gerber said this morning that Mrs. Kohne's resignation, although unexpected, still represents a considerable loss to the city administration. "I hate to see her leave," Gerber said. "The entire council knows that she has been a great asset both to the past administration and to this administration. She's a very conscientious worker."

Former mayor Ron Gage, who held office during Mrs. Kohne's first term, concurred in these views. "She was a great help in my administration," he said. "All of us found her very cooperative. She was a real asset to the city government."

Mrs. Kohne, a native of Washington, Ind., came to Decatur in 1928. She was married to attorney Ed A. Bosse, who died in 1957. They had one son, Thomas D. Bosse, who is now associated with a Cleveland brokerage firm Bache and Company.

She was elected to the clerk-treasurer position in 1959 and took office in 1960. She was reelected last year, without opposition. On April 24 of this year she and Decatur druggist Raymond B. Kohne were married.

An active citizen, she has been a member of the library board, the Civic Music association, St. Mary's church council and the recreation board. She has also



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served as a director of the local Red Cross chapter and has worked several years on the Decatur Community Fund Drive. In 1963 she was listed in the national publication "Who's Who of American Women."

Her letter of resignation, read at the council meeting, stated in part: "My association, since 1960, with all city officials, department heads and city employees has been most pleasant. I want to thank each and every one of you for your kind considerations and cooperation. It has been a real pleasure working with all of you."

Gerber said this morning that a successor to Mrs. Kohne would be named at the next meeting of the city council September 15.

Johnson Orders FBI New North Adams School Teachers Investigate Charge

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson has ordered the FBI to investigate a Republican charge that former Senate aide Robert G. Baker was involved in a \$25,000 campaign contribution "kickback" case, the White House said today.

White House Press Secretary George E. Reedy said the President had been told Tuesday after Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., made the charge against Baker and former ambassador to Ireland Matthew McCloskey.

Reedy said Johnson's request to the Justice Department to launch an FBI investigation covered all the matters raised in Williams' speech Tuesday, including the fact that the money was believed to have gone to the Kennedy-Johnson campaign fund in 1960.

"As I said yesterday, we had no knowledge of these matters" Reedy told newsmen.

"When these facts were reported, the President asked the Justice Department to make an FBI investigation of this matter," he added.

Williams' key charge alleged that McCloskey, former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee and head of a Philadelphia construction firm, paid a \$35,000 kickback on a contract for building the Washington, D.C. stadium, including \$25,000 that went into the Democratic campaign coffers.

Asked for Johnson's reaction to the charge, Reedy said: "The rest of the Monmouth staff include: John E. McConaha, principal; Donald E. Elder, social studies and coach; Clark Klop, social studies; Miss Dianne Linn, English and librarian; William Mull, junior high math and English; Robert Shoemaker, science general agriculture; Brice B. Smith, math and science; Agnes Yager, commerce, Latin and German; Earl Dawald, grade 6; Robert Banks, grade 5; Gloria Nelson, grade 4; Marjorie Fifer, grade 3; Vera Harris, grade 2; Roxana Gump, grade 1; Jesteen Cole, kindergarten.

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"Such charges are not uncommon. I doubt it (Johnson's reaction) was one of surprise. It's a campaign year."

But he declined to say that the senator's allegations were politically motivated, when pressed if this was his implication.

As for Williams' demand that the Democrats should reopen the Baker investigation in Congress, Reedy said there was no constitutional way for the President to order Congress to do anything.

Williams said the campaign money was part of a \$35,000 "kickback" made by McCloskey after his company received the construction contract on the Washington, D.C. Stadium. He said the other \$10,000 went to insurance agent Don B. Reynolds for acting as intermediary.

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County Planner Is Hired By Board

James A. Cox, of near Miami, Fla., a graduate planner with 30 years experience, has been hired as the first planner for Adams county. William F. Schnepp, president of the county planning commission, announced today.

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Petition Filed With Council

A petition signed by nearly 60 residents of North Fifth street was submitted Tuesday night to the Decatur city council by Rev. Richard Van Hoosen.

The petition, protesting traffic conditions and speeding in the city, stated: "We, the undersigned, being directly affected and concerned about the traffic problem that exists on North Fifth street, hereby solicit the police department and all other responsible agencies of local government to make adequate inquiry into existing traffic conditions on the north side of Decatur, and in particular on Fifth street, to determine the seriousness and magnitude of the vehicular lawlessness to which we hereby bear witness; and further, to take the appropriate action to control, direct and/or eliminate the problem in the interest of personal and public safety."

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