



Dick Heller, publisher, writes the paper's editorials and handles much of the political news. He has been publisher for more than eight years.



Ralph Sauer, treasurer and business manager, has been with the newspaper for six months. His work includes billing and maintaining financial records.



Dave Heller, advertising manager, directs the newspaper's advertising business. He has been with the Democrat for more than 26 years.



Pete Reynolds, managing editor, oversees the assembly of each day's paper and selects wire service and local stories. He has been with the paper 32 yrs.



Bob Shraluka, sports editor, assembles each day's sports page, and covers the police station and courts. He has been with the paper for five years.



Fred Isch, shop foreman and makeup man, has the important job of assembling each day's front page. He has been with the Democrat for eight years.



Eva Miller, society editor, handles weddings and club events, as well as proofreading news copy. She has been with the Democrat for two months.



Mike Thoile, reporter, covers official meetings and writes feature articles. He has been employed by the Democrat for one year.



Rich Braun, makeup man, assembles ads and half of the pages in each day's paper. He has been with the Democrat for more than eight years.

A Newspaper Is Many Things to Many People

It's made up of a lot of people, including the ones you see on this page.

It's a big event in Washington or Indianapolis, or a little one in Decatur or Monroe or Preble.

It's government from White House to courthouse to city hall to police station.

It's business, it's industry. It's a showcase for the community's merchants to display their wares. It's an ad for a babysitter or a lost dog.

It's a flowery description of a blushing bride's dress. It's a story of the last meeting of the ladies' sewing circle.

It's a long pass, a home run, a 300 game, a hole-in-one or a sectional victory.

It's an announcement of a meeting, a bulletin for a church, a review of a high school class play.

It's information about you, your neighbor, the lady down the street or the family who lived here five years ago.

It's a big story, a little story, an editor's opinion, a sportswriter's prediction, a reader's disagreement.

It's a mirror of life in Decatur, Adams county, the state, the nation . . . as essential as the clock and the calendar.

It's a story about people and the things they have a right to know.

It's freedom.



Mary Erp, circulation manager, handles circulation business for carrier and rural subscribers. She has been with the Daily Democrat for five years.



Dick Reidenbach, advertising salesman, makes calls on the Democrat's advertising customers and assembles ads. He has been with the paper six years.



Dave MacLean, professional freelance photographer, has, for the past two years, done most of the newspaper's photography work on an assignment basis.

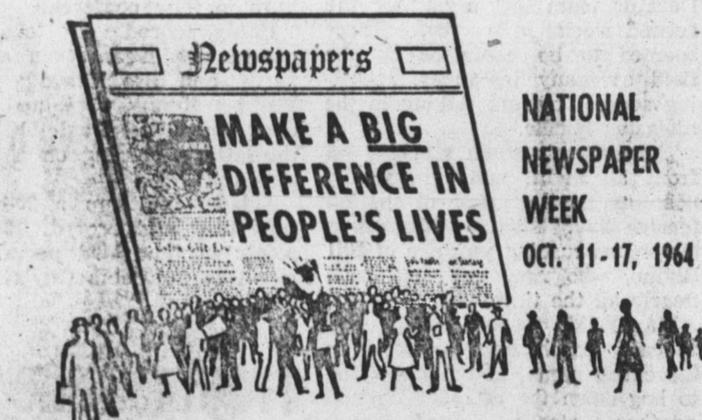
THIS IS NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK -

and the official time for tooting one's own horn. So, herewith we present a brief sketch of members of the Decatur Daily Democrat team.

The players on this team devote each week day to putting out the best newspaper possible in time to meet the three o'clock press deadline.

Some of them you may know. Others are probably strangers. But in another sense you are acquainted with each of them — for their work comes into your home every day.

Meeting that deadline and producing a completely new product every day is a challenging task, requiring a variety of technical and artistic skills, to transform the words and pictures of the day's news and advertising into metal and ink. This is the game that the team plays. You are, at the same time, our spectators, our goal and our scorekeeper.



Robert Garard, linotype operator, runs a machine which sets body type and much of the advertising copy. He has been with the paper for 48 years.



Kenn Vanhorn, linotype operator, runs the machine which sets type for editorials and advertising material. He has been with the Democrat for 8 years.



Olin Moeschberger, linotype operator, runs the automatic typesetter which sets wire news from punched tape. He has been with the paper four yrs.



Robert Wemhoff, stereotyper who leadcasts much of the Democrat's advertising material, has been an employee of the newspaper for more than 11 years.



Dan Cole, mailer and assistant pressman, has been with the Decatur Daily Democrat for more than a year. He operates the addressing machine.



Norb Blecke, carrier salesman supervisor, distributes papers to Democrat's carrier boys. He has been with the newspaper for more than eight years.



Bill Trickey, mailer, has held his present position for six months, having graduated to it from a job as Decatur Daily Democrat carrier.



Larry Fravel, linotype operator, operates the machine which sets many of the newspaper's headlines. He has been with the Democrat four years.