

EDITORIALS

NOT A WORD HEARD

Despite the fact that this is the second issue published in the month of August, it is still a deep dark secret about the planning for the caucuses of the parties in the two towns for the selecting of candidates for this November's town board elections. Usually by this time much talk has been going around as to various people interested in running for the positions as both the five board positions and the clerk-treasurer's jobs are up for their election. However, this year not one word has been heard and this August task still faces both parties in both Walkerton and North Liberty.

In recent years, the serving on the town boards has become much less desired as it seems that the duties, responsibilities, the problems, etc., have continued to grow and grow to the point where people simply don't want to hold this position. It is obvious, in both Walkerton and North Liberty, that pressures are much greater on the town boards to do their job right as it is no longer just a job of running a town the way one feels best, it is a job of first of all meeting legal requirements as more and more restrictions are being put on towns and cities where a lot of the business of operating the town is dictated to the boards. Not only are these many regulations and decisions dictated to the board at higher levels, but they are more restrictive and harder for the boards to cope with. Add to this the fact that in recent years, labor problems have infested down to the small town level which for years and years was never a problem.

The two parties will have a hard job finding what must be considered good candidates for the jobs. Even if the candidates do come forward, are these really people who want to serve and are really sincere in trying to handle the problems of the town, or is it just a case of people being asked or even "coaxed" into running just to fill the spots on the tickets.

There certainly has been much criticism heaped on the locals boards in recent years, but is there proper solutions? Most often, in this period of time, people running for the positions on the board are interested in their towns, but seriously, are they qualified to run a town? Are we getting to the place where those who handle the business of running our towns need schooling and instruction in this line? It certainly is something that in private business would be required. Some knowledge of what is and can be done would certainly be helpful. It is to the point that even the legal advisors to the various towns meet with decisions that are hard to make a decision on. And yet Walkerton and North Liberty and all the other small towns around can't afford professional people to fill the positions on the town boards. Maybe we are getting closer and closer to a manager type of supervision of the town's problems, with this position having the knowledge of what can be done and what should be done and then reporting back to the board their findings to aid them in their decision making. It has been done in operating schools for a long time, but operating a town, which likewise is a big business, has no such provisions.

At any rate, announcements certainly will be made in the next few days of the party caucuses to select candidates for the fall election. You don't have to be a stalwart of the party to participate in these caucuses, and you may just find out that this decision is as important as the one in the fall. Watch for these meetings and if you are interested, attend the caucus of the party of your choice. The more support and help the parties can get, the easier it is to do their job.



(TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE INDEPENDENT-NEWS)

1974

On Saturday, July 27, the Youth Group of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church held a Bike-A-Thon with 22 teens and adult sponsors traveling 15 miles around the lake and Walkerton area and netted 505 dollars which will go for the expenses for convention at Missouri.

P-L-J Schools will open on August 27 for the morning hours.

Football practice is underway with Urey Players to meet for their first day of practice on August 19 and the John Glenn team will have full scale workouts beginning August 15 in preparation for the season.

1969

Thomas W. Harlow, Sr., Director of the Department of Traffic Safety and Vehicle Inspection said everything is ready for the beginning of the mandatory portion of Indiana's vehicle inspection program. There are 3,898 Official Inspection Stations in the state and 10,083 Inspecting Mechanics to make the inspection.

At the market pork chops were selling for 99 cents a pound; spare ribs at 79 cents a pound; frying chickens at 37 cents a pound; legs at 69 cents a pound; thighs and breasts for 59 cents a pound; wieners at 69 cents a pound package; potato salad at 39 cents a pound; Hills Bros. coffee at \$1.79 for a three pound can; Carnation instant breakfast at 69 cents a jar; Lux bar soap at 7 cents each; wa-

termelons at 89 cents apiece; carrots at two pounds for 29 cents and Blue Bonnet margarine at four pounds for \$1.00.

1964

Three Lincoln Township 4-H's were grand champions at the recently held St. Joseph County Fair. Mary and Virginia Wray and James Hartsough are the one winning the grand championships.

1959

Miss Mary Ann Beasies, Route 2, North Liberty, baked a coffee roll that helped win her the baking grand championship at the fair. She also won grand championship honors in the senior division at the 4-H fair, also the county award in baking demonstration and the district honors at Wanatah. At the State Fair she will give a demonstration on "Sugar and Spice And Things That Are Nice."

Appearing in this issue of the News will be found two legal notices having to do with the purchase and payment of a new fire truck for the Town of North Liberty. The movement came about when it was discovered that insurance rates for North Liberty property had been increased due to the fact that the Indiana Rating Bureau had reclassified the town, dropping it from a class 8 to class 9 in the matter of fire protection.

Two truckloads of structural steel for the framework of the new Wells Aluminum Corporation plant were scheduled to arrive here today,



Capitol Commentary

Governor Otis R. Bowen

■ Once again, natural disaster has struck Indiana, this time in the form of torrential rains that produced record flooding in many counties of Southern and Western Indiana.

Once again, the people of Indiana have responded in their usual exemplary fashion.

As swollen rivers surged through homes and communities, public officials and citizen volunteers were on hand to rescue stranded people. Numerous lives were saved. Friends and neighbors acted to provide food and temporary shelter for flood victims until government assistance programs could be put into effect.

Volunteer agencies, such as Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Menonite Relief Fund, quickly dispersed to the hardest-hit communities and began providing food, clothing and other essentials. State Police, National Guardsmen and Conservation officers were on hand to aid in rescue efforts — in addition to sustaining communications,

emergency transportation, and law enforcement services.

As river crests began moving toward flood-prone areas in Southwestern Indiana, volunteers organized to shore up threatened levees with earth-moving equipment and sandbagging operations.

Soon after President Carter's disaster declaration, state and federal Civil Defense authorities moved quickly to provide disaster relief to affected residents, farmers and businessmen.

The response has proceeded more smoothly than was our experience with previous federal undertakings of this type. Our state disaster relief agencies once again demonstrated their dedication and professional approach to emergencies of this type.

Most of all, our appreciation is owed to the hundreds of anonymous volunteers who have pitched in to help when their friends and neighbors were in trouble.

August 13.

The contract has been let to Reith Riley Construction Company of South Bend for the building of the new parking lot for the North Liberty Methodist Church.

A moonlight Cabaret Dance has been planned as a St. Patrick's Woman's Club benefit for Saturday, August 22, at the school grounds. The Harmoniers Dance Band from South Bend have been booked.

1954

Dr. Carl M. Ebersole and Dr. Paul Bourne have made arrangements to take over the office and equipment of Dr. George Nassef who is leaving for service in the U. S. Navy on August 1.

The well in Place Park was shut off Tuesday morning to remain closed as long as water conditions will permit according to town board president, Dr. Walter De-naut. This is the offending well, whose water has created no little discussion and a lot of dislike for the well known H2O.

A historical pageant depicting scenes of the history of the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren were presented July 30 and 31 in observance of its Centennial Sunday.

The Walkerton High School Band, under the direction of Robert Barton, received second place in class C bands Saturday at the International Friendship Gardens Music Festival.

Eugene Eib, who has had the Standard Oil dealership in Walkerton area since May, 1953, has sold the business to Wally Pickavet, of Koontz Lake. He has contracted to teach the fifth and sixth grades in the Walkerton schools. Mr. Eib purchased the oil business from E. N. Resler, who retired.

At the market two pounds of first cut pork chops were selling for 99 cents; three pounds of club steaks for 99 cents; three pounds of ground beef for 99 cents; Boston butt pork roasts, two pounds for 99 cents; Coca-Cola, handy 12's for 55 cents plus deposit; cigarettes, regular size carton at \$2.14; mushroom stems and pieces, 27 cents for a four ounce can and all five cent candy bars now three for 11 cents.

1944

This item may cheer the hearts of the younger generation depending on school busses to get to that certain place, but that's the only bright spot in the tire picture. The Indiana District OPA issued addi-

tional dismal information this week and this time it concerned school busses. After pursuing the regulations carefully, district rationing officials announced they could find nothing which gave such busses priority. "School bus drivers, more than anyone else, will have to give their tires careful attention." "They have no priority in the present truck tire crisis and stand in danger of being grounded."

The Walkerton-Lincoln School will open September 5, according to Supt. James Campbell. There have been a few vacancies in the teaching staff, but these are being filled as rapidly as possible.

1929

The Walkerton and Lincoln Township schools will open on Wednesday, August 28, according to an announcement made by Superintendent B. A. Sweigart and Trustee Herman Bellinger. All pupils in town and township will report to their schools on that day for registration and enrollment. Class work will start on Tuesday, September 3, following Labor Day.

A new peppermint distill belonging to James Kneisley, west of Walkerton, was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin at 11 o'clock Monday night. Estimated loss was set at \$1,500.

Preliminary steps were taken to form a permanent organization of property owners at Koontz Lake Saturday afternoon when about 75 interested persons met at the Fairview store on the north side.

The first known windmills were used in the 12th century.



Shape Up For The Long Run



Shaping up has become the great American pastime. And it can be done painlessly and without strain with the proper combination of exercise and good nutrition. Aerobic exercises like jogging, biking and walking tone muscles and improve cardiovascular health. Serving main dish salads topped with a seasoned polyunsaturated corn oil dressing is a good nutritional counterpart for shaping up. Serve Tomato Salad Dressing with a variety of greens, raw vegetables, low fat cheese and poultry julienne strips.

A new booklet called "Shaping Up for the Long Run" describes the exercise - good nutrition connection, dispelling many of the commonly heard myths. For a free copy, write Mazola corn oil, Dept. SU-D, Box 307, Coventry, CT 06238.

TOMATO SALAD DRESSING

¾ cup corn oil	1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ cup cider vinegar	½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup catchup	1 clove garlic, minced or pressed

In small jar with tight fitting lid place corn oil, vinegar, catchup, Worcestershire sauce, salt and garlic. Cover; shake well. Refrigerate. Shake thoroughly before serving. Makes 1 cup.