

# EDITORIALS

## THE DREADED FIRE!

Once again early Saturday morning a dreaded fire broke out in the business district of Walkerton. There is nothing that can install more fear into a businessman in a "downtown" business in the older towns than a fire. Once again very satisfactory work by those unheard volunteer firemen, stopped the dreaded blaze in the middle of a block of older buildings, from spreading to more and more businesses.

There is no doubt that buildings as old as most business districts have in their wall-to-wall downtown sections, are old, often very old. Add to that the fact that towns the size of Walkerton and North Liberty, or even many larger, the equipment needed to fight fires in multiple story buildings just isn't feasible on the limited income these departments have. This makes the job that much harder and the work accomplished that much more appreciated.

The Saturday morning fire did put another big scar in downtown Walkerton. It was only last year in late May that the Rialto Theatre burned, doing considerable damage to the two buildings adjacent, but basically restricted to the one building as far as actual fire loss was concerned. Not too many years ago, around the early 1970's, the Paddle Wheel Restaurant and A & P Food Store were wiped out by another downtown fire, eliminating two more businesses from the business district.

The outstanding fact of these three "downtown" fires is that in all three, no loss of life or serious injury was incurred. It is bad enough for property damage that results, but the fact that no one has been hurt and that all three fires were contained in relatively small areas considering the possibilities that exist, we have been fortunate. Much of the credit must go to the local fire department and the fire departments that assist in fighting these major blazes.

After talking to the owner of the Burger Store, Doug Stooks, on Tuesday, it is still uncertain what the future will hold for that business. It is a shame that a business that had been improved and expanded considerably, and one that was doing well, be wiped out in such a tragedy. We can only hope that everything works out for the replacement of the Burger Dairy Store in the future and we also hope that all affected businesses do not suffer too much from this latest tragedy. It certainly is a horrifying experience to witness . . . but satisfying after it is over that more serious loss of property and certainly of life or serious injury was spared.

## REMEMBER WHEN...

1974

The Town Board of Walkerton at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 16, approved a resolution enrolling the town as a member of the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG).

All boys planning to participate in football at John Glenn High School should see Mr. John Hostawser to pick up physical slips at their earliest opportunity. Non-contact drills will begin on Monday, August 12, at 8:00 a.m.

Who's Who Among American High School Students honors Michael Daube, graduate of John Glenn High School, who was recently notified that he is to be featured in the eighth annual edition of the largest student award publication in the nation for the second consecutive year.

The St. Joseph 4-H County Fair will be held August 5-10 at the fairgrounds, Ironwood and Jackson Roads, South Bend.

At the market center cut pork chops were selling for \$1.09 a pound; first cut chops at 89 cents a pound; country style ribs at 89 cents a pound; rolled pork loin roast at \$1.49 a pound; sliced bacon at \$1.09 a pound; cole slaw at 55 cents a pound; five cans of Nine Lives cat food for \$1.00; 33 ounce bottle of Downy fabric softener for 69 cents; 64 ounce bottle of Era detergent for \$1.99; king size bottle of Ivory Liquid for 59 cents; five pounds of flour for 89 cents; 15 ounce box of Cheerios for 64 cents; eight ounce carton of yogurt for 25 cents; a pound of American cheese at \$1.39; and a three pound can of Crisco for \$1.59.

1969

A three-day antique show, with proceeds going for local scholarships, is being planned by the Epsi-

long Chi chapter of Tri Kappa, Walkerton. The show will be held October 24-26 at the Harold C. Urey Middle School gym with Mrs. Wayne Burch in charge.

A steak sale at the market had T-bones at \$1.39 a pound; sirloin at \$1.29 a pound; porterhouse at \$1.49 a pound; boneless sirloin tip steaks at \$1.29 a pound; rolled rump roast at \$1.09 a pound; old fashioned loaf at 99 cents a pound; braunschweiger at 49 cents a pound; wieners at three pounds for \$1.00; bacon at 79 cents a pound; five eight pacs of hamburger buns for \$1.00; a quart of Kraft mayonnaise for 59 cents; taco flavored chips at 37 cents a bag; three tins of tuna for \$1.00; town house crackers at 39 cents a box; two pound can of Chase & Sanborn coffee for \$1.19; Fleischman's margarine at three pounds \$1.00; two heads of lettuce for 39 cents; apples at three pounds for 39 cents; and four cantaloupe for \$1.00.

1959

This past week at North Liberty, a new champion was crowned in Little League play. Manager Bob Baughman's Cubs won the title last Saturday by defeating a strong Tiger team by a score of 4 to 1.

Don Knowlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Knowlton, North Liberty, has been selected as the 4-H King of Liberty Township. He was selected on his record of Junior Leader work, achievement and a number of years he has been in 4-H work. The county king and queen will be announced at the opening night of the fair at the fairgrounds.

Indiana's squirrel season for the next three years will open August 15 and close October 13, announced by Kenneth Marlin, Director of Indiana Department of Conservation.

1944

Of the 2,037 electric irons coming in the fall, 838 of them are already authorized for civilian production, about 99 percent will be household models, mostly automatic and the remainder will be commercial models.

Harry Doll's Uptowners softball experts are beginning to smell the savory odors of nice rich brown fried chicken! And no wonder, because they now have those West Yorkers floundering around on the short end of 3-0 game count in a four out of seven game series with the said chicken served in dinner style as the payoff. The fourth game will be played on Sunday evening at the West York diamond at 6:00 p.m.

Anyone desiring voting applications which are to be sent to the member of Uncle Sam's armed forces, may secure them at Ted's Food Market, Smith's Shoe Shop or from C. G. Wolf, in North Liberty, or from Houser's Hardware in Walkerton. These applications should be secured at once and mailed to those soliders and sailors who are eligible and desire to vote in the coming fall elections.

The Community Church, Koontz Lake, has planned a special program for Sunday in observance of their third anniversary of its founding.

1934

With the assurance from the County Council that they would provide \$1,000 for the annual 4-H County Club Fair, plans for the exhibition are going forward each day with great speed at North Liberty, this year's hosts. The fair will be held in August.

Tragedy stalked at Koontz Lake on Thursday, July 26, when two little girls, of Chicago, drowned at 9:00 a.m. This is the second tragedy at the lake this year. The two were sisters, 11 and eight and an older sister was rescued.

Walkerton is to have a miniature World's Fair all its own, but for the pleasure of all, when the members of the Philathea Sunday School class of the Methodist Church give their annual garden party at the John Clark garden, Friday evening, August 31.

Plans for black-topping all the side streets in Walkerton, making them dustless and as good as paved have been set in motion by the Town Council. Only one obstacle remains in the way to prevent that action at once, and that is a lack of available funds. The council would like to borrow \$5,000 so that the work can be started at once.

The closed State Bank of Walkerton will pay a dividend of 10 percent beginning August 1 and continuing until all depositors have received their allotment, according to A. S. Blaine, receiver. This is the third payment of 10 percent made by the institution since its closing May 21, 1932.

John Godfrey lost one of his pickle plants Saturday afternoon when the Heinz pickle plant at Tyner caught fire and burned to the ground. This is one of the stations under the direction of Godfrey. A new receiving station in the Tyner territory will be erected at once. The new crop has just started to be harvested.

Gross income tax distributions being made to schools of St. Joseph County total \$171,400, according to information received by J. W. Bouse, educational reference director of the state department of public instruction. Distributions are based on \$22 for each teaching unit in the schools.

The 14th annual Homecoming of the Tyner U. B. Church was held on July 8, at the church, with Rev. Groves, of Logansport, giving the forenoon address. A basket lunch was served at noon to 75 persons.

Earl Hendricks, 44, of Hamlet, was instantly killed by lightning in his home last Friday. Hendricks was caught in a rainstorm and come into his home with his clothing wet, he talked to his wife in the kitchen, went into another

room of the home and was struck by a bolt of lightning.

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers and suppliers who supported the Burger Dairy Store. Thanks to you, we were enjoying a very good season.

We would also like to give our thanks and deepest gratitude to the Walkerton, Koontz Lake, North Liberty and Polk Township Fire Departments for a job well done and for going above and beyond their call of duty. Most of these men had probably not even gone to bed yet when the alarm came in, but they stayed with the fire all night long and through part of the next day. Most on-lookers went home when the blaze died down and didn't have a chance to see the fireman's unglorified work of cleaning the streets and sidewalks of debris and putting away equipment, etc.

Our thanks also to the Walkerton Police Department, the E.M.T.'s, the city electric department and everyone else who helped in limiting this tragedy to just the fire. We thank God that no one was seriously injured.

We would also like to thank the literally hundreds of people, both friends and piers alike, who came to us with the offer of "if there is anything I can do to help, just let me know". It's thoughts like these that make us realize that Walkerton really is "a nice place to live".

As for the future, it's just too early to tell. We all realize that the Burger Dairy Store was well sup-

ported, and an integral part of Walkerton that should be replaced.

Sincerely,  
Doug & Jill Stooks  
and Gladys Prentis

## Half Fee Schedule In Effect August 1

Effective August 1, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles will once again implement the half fee schedule for Indiana license plates. This pertains only to license registration fees and will have no effect on the excise tax fees.

Passenger plates, recreational vehicle plates, motorcycle plates and truck plates carrying the gross weight capacity of 7,000, 9,000 and 11,000 pounds of which expire on a staggered monthly basis, will be half fee only if a vehicle is purchased after the individual's registration month.

The following types of plates are always half fee, regardless of the vehicle purchase date, if the plate is purchased on, or after August 1: trailers, busses, trucks in excess of 11,000 pounds, farm trailers, farm trucks, tractors, antiques, redeclared weight, and semi-trailers (with the exception of two-year semi-trailer plates, which are always full fee).

Shop and Save in Walkerton!

When tea was first introduced in the American colonies, many housewives served the tea leaves with sugar or syrup after throwing away the water in which they had been boiled.

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