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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, of Walkerton, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Milner, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to Paul Martindale, son of Mrs. Frances Martindale, of Plymouth, and the late Mr. Pat Martindale.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of LaVille High School and is attending Ancilla College. Her fiance is a 1980 graduate of Plymouth High School and Indiana University.

A May 10th wedding is being planned.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Adams, Walkerton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Daria Kay, to Robert Dean Sherbino, son of Mrs. Miriam Sherbino, Niles, Michigan. They are planning a July 26th wedding.

PURDUE OFFERS VIDEOTAPES ON MAINSTREAMING HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Purdue University is releasing four new videotapes on mainstreaming handicapped students in the regular classroom. Available for rental or purchase, the tapes are a joint project of the Department of Education and the Division of Independent Study.

"These videotapes help teachers, parents and administrators gain confidence as they integrate special-needs students into the regular classroom," said Shirley M. Davis, director of the Division of Independent Study.

Filmed in actual classroom situations, the tape titles are "Mainstreaming The Orthopedically Handicapped", "Mainstreaming The Hearing-Impaired", "Mainstreaming The Visually Impaired", and "Equipment And Materials For Mainstreaming The Visually Impaired".

Topics emphasized in the tapes include organizing the classroom environment, sensitizing the peer group to the handicapped student, and peer tutoring. The tapes also include interviews with teachers and parents about their mainstreaming experiences.

Education Professor Sylvia Kotter, coordinator of the project, said, "Each tape is accompanied by viewing notes which contain supplementary information, tips for teachers, lists of supportive

agencies and available resources."

She said the tapes are valuable not only for in-service training but as a continuing resource to help teachers.

Tapes are available for 10-day rental or for purchase in formats of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch cassette, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch VHS, or $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Beta II or III. Cost per tape for 10-day rental is \$70.00; for purchase, \$175.00.

To order, contact Shirley M. Davis, director, Division of Independent Study, 116 Stewart Center, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. 47907.

STATEHOUSE REPORT

By C. Edward Cook

General Assembly Starts

The General Assembly convened January 7 to begin the 1986 "short session". The state constitution allows us to meet for only 30 session days and we must be done with business by March 15. Leaders in both parties agree that we will probably be finished with business by the end of February.

Lottery

The possibility of establishing a statewide lottery as a new source of funding will once again be considered this year. It is estimated that a lottery could raise as much as \$185 million each year.

Last session the Senate approved a resolution that repealed the state's constitutional ban, but it died in a House committee by a 5-6 vote. However, this year, one of the lottery's opponents on the committee has announced he will support a repeal of the ban.

If a lottery measure is passed this session, it will have to be passed again by the legislature in 1987 or 1988 before going to a state-wide referendum for approval.

Liability Insurance

Another money matter which will be a top priority this session is liability insurance.

Many cities, counties, public school systems and state universities in Indiana are facing a crisis in soaring liability insurance costs. For example, Purdue University's premiums tripled last year.

The most likely solution will be the establishment of a state administered insurance pool allowing cities and other public corporations to pay into a fund and avoid some of the costs associated with being insured by private companies.

License Branch Reform

Reform of Indiana's political controlled license branch system is another issue which will come up again this year.

Governor Orr has proposed a plan turning administration of the branches over to the state and making their patronage employees state employees. But opponents of the plan in the Governor's own party say that this plan might increase costs by as much as \$30 million.

I support reform that takes politics out of the system but keeps additional costs at a minimum. Such reforms could include placing license branches in the county treasurer's office or allowing for private management of county branches through competitive bidding.

Poor Relief

One of the most controversial issues before the Indiana General Assembly is township poor relief. Poor relief is designed to provide emergency help to families who are in urgent need of rent, utilities and food.

Poor relief funds come from local property taxes subject to the state's property tax freeze. 122 townships in the state are now spending more than can be raised from frozen local taxes. The most pressing problem is in Lake County's Calumet Township, which may be as much as \$25 million in debt.

Proposed solutions include ev-

erything from arranging for special state grants and subsidies to mandating that distressed areas raise local income taxes to cover their debts.

Where To Reach Me

I encourage all the citizens in my area to let me know how they feel on any of the issues discussed by the General Assembly this session. You can reach me by using a toll-free number (1-800-382-9842) or write to me at: State Representative Ed Cook, State House, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204.

NON-CREDIT CLASSES

AVAILABLE AT JOHN GLENN

Free, non-credit classes in basic skills and GED preparation are available now from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., at John Glenn High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings and at the North Liberty Elementary School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Classes are small and individualized and may be entered at any time during the school year. With the help of a certified teacher, adults may upgrade grammar, spelling, math and reading abilities to prepare for the GED test as well as for personal satisfaction.

For more information about these classes, call Carol McKirgan, 233-6181, or John Arnett, 586-3195.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP 4-H ENROLLMENT TUESDAY

The Liberty Township 4-H enrollment will be held on Tuesday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the North Liberty School Cafeteria. Any boy or girl who will be 10 this calendar year up to 19 years old are welcome.

New projects for 1986 are clowning, memory book, microwave cooking, crops and dairy beef.

Mini 4-H for eight and nine year olds will be offered also. Their projects include animal friends, collections, foods, gardening, models and sewing.

Hope to see any boy or girl interested in 4-H at the meeting on Tuesday.

PROJECT SAFE TO END

JANUARY 31, 1986

The final day householders may make application for assistance under the State Allowance for Energy (Project SAFE) program will be Friday, January 31, 1986, according to Jean Merritt, executive director of the Indiana Department on Aging and Community Services, the state agency which administers the program.

Both regular Project SAFE and Emergency Project SAFE will be unavailable after this date. Demand for Project SAFE assistance has been so great that more than 130,000 households have been assisted.

Because of this overwhelming response and a reduced federal appropriation this year, funds will soon be exhausted.

Additional information for those who have not yet applied or for those who have questions about the program is available. The toll free number is 1-800-622-4973.

SENATE REPORT

By V. Richard Miller

The 50 members of the Indiana Senate filed 498 measures for consideration by the Senate during the 30-day session of the legislature, which last Friday concluded its first full week of activity at the State Capitol.

Foremost among the issues confronting legislators in 1986 are options for the problems of township poor relief funding, liability insurance availability and cost for both government and business, and consideration of alternatives to the license branch system. In addition, a number of the bills address Indiana's continuing commitment to improvements in our

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public education system.

Also on the legislative agenda are questions concerning the administration of welfare programs in the state. Phase 6 of the Orr-Mutz economic development package, measures to improve the coordination of probation service within the criminal justice system, and state regulation of day-care centers. Proposals to initiate the Constitutional amendment process to permit a state lottery have been filed in the Senate again this year.

Due to the state's economic forecast, which shows economic conditions remaining relatively stable through mid-1987, additional spending programs will have to be carefully considered during this legislative session. The two-year state budget adopted by the General Assembly in 1985 appears to be close to the target for the amount of revenues projected to be received through June of next year. Essentially, this means that programs and services funded by the state will not have to be cut; however, not much extra remains for the legislature to appropriate in 1986.

Examination and discussion of bills consumed most legislators' time this week, as lawmakers undertook the task of becoming more familiar with the issues to be debated this session. Work of the Senate committees will be the focus of legislative activity beginning Monday, when the hundreds of bills assigned to the committees for hearings come under the scrutiny of committee members.

Senator Miller has introduced a bill to solve the Marshall County banking problems. S.B. 483, to permit political subdivisions to deposit and invest funds in a bank or trust company with an office or branch in that county. Current law requires the bank or trust company to have its principal office in that county.

In next week's column, we will

take a closer look at some of the issues being discussed, and report on the progress of bills making their way through the legislative process.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In loving memory of Darryl L. Eddinger, who passed away January 14, 1985.

When I must leave you
for a little while,
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears

And hug your sorrow
to you through the years

But start out bravely
with a gallant smile;

And for my sake
and in my name

Live on and do

all things the same,

Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,

But fill each waking hour
in useful ways

Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer

And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near.

And never, never,
be afraid to die

For I am waiting

for you in the sky!

Marcia, Courtney & Brooke

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

TO MEET JANUARY 16

The Walkerton Area Fourth of July Committee will meet Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lions Youth Building.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Those who are not registered to vote can do so at the Walkerton License Branch.

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