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EDITORIALS

Beware Smiling Bandit

While we are extremely conscious of burglaries at stores, there is another bandit who often strikes at this time of year. He is more subtle, but none the less dangerous.

He is the bandit who carries a contract instead of a crowbar. He comes boldly knocking at your door or cheerfully telephoning your home armed with a "special deal" just for you. He gains your confidence with flattery and his pleasant voice and pleasing manner are disarmingly sincere as he describes how you "were chosen to be one of the very few people" to try his product.

This is the person who has a deal for you on siding, storm windows and doors, roofing, furnace repairs, or whatever home improvement is on the market. He may very likely confide that be-

cause he wants to get started in this area, he will give you a very special rate which is below cost just for the advertising it will give him. He also may have a deal for you in which you may share in the profits of any future sales he makes in the area.

Beware. Don't sign. Investigate. Check your local dealer just to be sure. The deal that sounds so good may be full of holes. And the price may not be so good when the traveling salesman travels on and leaves you with no recourse if the work is not satisfactory.

A bargain is not always a bargain when you understand the whole deal.

Check with your local dealers first. They will be here tomorrow if you need them.

—The Zionsville Times

Bayh Amendment

Birch Bayh, Indiana's junior U.S. Senator, continues to gain stature in the eyes of veteran Washington observers and political figures. His alertness, his quickness to seize hold of legislative theory, and his determination to advance the cause of mankind through legislation have all won plaudits.

Not the least of his accomplishments in the 2½ years of the Indiana Senator's tenure in office is the Bayh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which would assure the country of leadership if a President should become disabled. The Senate recently passed the proposal by unanimous vote.

By its vote, the Senate decided the wisest way to correct this long-standing fault in our Constitution was to submit a constitutional amendment to the state legislatures. Suggestions that this could be done by statute, a device Congress has ignored since the beginning, were rejected.

The Senate also decided, by this vote, that whatever risks might be involved in the system set up by the Bayh amendment were far outweighed by the danger the country has been risking since 1789—the lack of legal authority for the Vice President to assume the duties of an incapacitated President during his incapacity. There have been scattered fears, for instance, that some Vice President might try to usurp presidential powers on a trumped-up basis.

The Bayh amendment provides that an ailing President may voluntarily turn over his authority to the Vice President.

There would be no doubt in that case.

But if the President is too ill even to make that decision, the amendment enables the Vice President to assume the duties if a majority of the President's Cabinet so certifies. If an ailing President, believing he had recovered, declared himself ready to resume the job and the Vice President and a majority of the Cabinet were convinced otherwise, Congress by vote could resolve the issue.

Some fear that Congress might play politics in such a situation, and it might. But with today's instant communication, when the whole country would know every detail of congressional behavior and a President's illness, this risk is reduced tremendously.

"I have more faith in the Congress acting in an emergency in the white heat of publicity, with the American people looking on," said Senator Bayh. "The last thing Congress would dare do would be to become involved in a purely political move."

The Senate, for the most part at least, agreed with Bayh.

Senate action on the amendment is a major step toward removing the question of what would happen if a President were disabled. Now it is up to the House, and prompt action should be paramount.

With most of the state legislatures in session this year, it would be possible to get the amendment ratified within a few months. And that would be none too soon. —The Wakarusa Tribune.

FARM NOTES

By DON FRANTZ
County Agriculture Agent

TWO LAWS, one very recent and one passed by the 1963 legislature, are of interest right now due to recent actions.

The 1963 Drainage Law was passed with certain amendments. Questions have arisen concerning cleaning of certain ditches right now. The Drainage Act was amended to not set up a new Drainage Board. The Board of Commissioners will act as the legal body in drainage actions. The important item in the new law is that it was not labeled as emergency legislation and it will not take effect until January 1, 1966. Therefore all questions of cleaning will be handled the same as in years past. We will get a copy of the new legislation and prepare a digest on it as soon as it is published.

THERE HAVE also been people in the Lakeland area ask what their rights are in the question of Plain

township transferring to the Warsaw Community School System. The question is, can this transfer be made without consulting persons in Jefferson, Van Buren, Tippecanoe, and Turkey Creek townships?

The basis of the proposed transfer in House Bill 1154, the School Corporation Annexation Act of 1963. It is commonly called the Bodine Annexation Amendment. What it says is essentially this:

Two school corporations can adopt substantially identical annexation resolutions stating that all or a part of one corporation will become a part of another existing school corporation. The resolutions must contain certain items, such as description, time of annexation, terms and conditions affecting the education of students, disposition of assets and allocation of previously collected funds.

When the two Boards making the resolution officially adopt the resolution, it must be published stating that it will go into effect within thirty days or at a time specified in the resolution which ever is later.

If there is no remonstrance, the annexation goes into effect on the specified date.

If there is a remonstrance, the

bill specifies that certain reasons must be given for the remonstrance. It must be signed by registered voters in the corporation being transferred equal to either (1) ten percent of the total voters in the school corporation or (2) fifty-one percent of the total voters in the territory being annexed. There is a time limit involved and procedure for a court ruling is prescribed in the Bill.

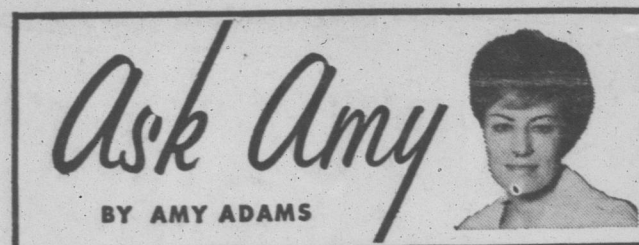
This is to answer the question as to whether or not others in a school corporation affected by a question of this kind do or do not have a voice in the proceedings. It is obvious that they do if there is sufficient interest.

AFTER-EFFECT OF MEASLES SERIOUS

A recent Sunday magazine article declares that continuing research has determined that the after-effects of measles may be far more damaging than many other children's diseases. Instead of accepting measles as a childhood nuisance, "better have it and get it over with," parents are now urged to take the necessary steps to protect their children against the disease.

The worst complication is encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. Many other effects are not revealed until later years, including ear infections that can permanently impair hearing, and other virus infections. Almost half of the youngsters who get measles, even those who suffer no immediate severe complications, will for as long as a year tend to be in poor health and miss more school than other children.

Dr. Morton Andelman of the Chicago Board of Health says, "There is growing evidence that this disease, even in mild form, may play a significant role as a cause of mental retardation, learning difficulties, and personality changes. Public health authorities now say that measles is a preventable disease. Vaccines that provide immunization have been available for two



CYNTHIA IS HER NAME!

Dear Amy: My name is Cynthia and I'm a married woman. When I was very young, my parents nicknamed me "Cookie." As I grew up, everyone called me "Cookie." I didn't mind when I was young and single, but now that I am married and have children of my own, I resent "Cookie" very much. When I tell my husband, my family and friends to please call me Cynthia, they laugh and say they can't; I'm just plain old "Cookie" to them. I don't like it and want to know how I can change this?

Cynthia

Dear Cynthia: A long established nickname is difficult to erase. Correct your family and friends each time they refer to you as "Cookie," but don't expect quick results. Constant reminding may work in time. That's the way the cookie crumbles! (Forgive me, I couldn't resist the pun.)

Dear Amy: I am dating a sweet, reserved 'cat-got-her-tongue' type of girl whose father is a psychiatrist. She's all right, I guess, but she doesn't do much talking.

I discussed this with my mother, and she suggested I talk to her father. One evening when I went to her house, I got her dad alone and I asked him what's wrong with his daughter. He said it was up to me to get his 'flower' to blossom forth.

I'm a senior in college and if this is all the advice he can offer, who needs her. There are plenty of 'flowers' in the garden. What's your opinion?

Jack

Dear Jack: True, there are plenty of flowers in a garden, but the kind you describe sounds rare indeed. She may just be a late bloomer. In which case, you may have discovered a fine species of American Beauty. But if she bores you, son, and you are not the type to let grass grow under your feet, broaden your horizons.

Dear Amy: I am 65 years old, suffering from a heart condition and have

years, but most parents are not aware of this fact. Children should have this immunization, and parents should consult their doctors about it. Administration to infants under nine months is not recommended.

DECREASE IN CLAIMS

Increasing activities in the limestone industry and in construction and trucking, along with some recalls to work and new hires in industry were reflected in a 2.03 decrease in unemployment insurance claims last week. Lewis F. Nicolini, director of the Indiana Employment Security Division, said a total of 31,974 claims were filed, compared to 34,017 the week before and 44,168 during the same week in March last year.

Only a few of the Division's offices reported any increase in claims and all were minor except in the Fort Wayne area where there was a 655 jump in initial claims. A plant there laid off 700 employees when production slowed due to need for materials from a supplier plant closed by a labor dispute.

Increased agricultural specialization on large-scale farms results in waste handling and disposal problems. Principal wastes are manures from 211 million cattle, sheep, and swine, 365 million egg-laying chickens, and 2 billion fryers; crop residues from 313 million harvested acres; dead animals; and agricultural chemicals, fertilizer and pesticides applied to crops, but which remain on food and soil or in runoff and ground water.

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CREATIVENESS SPARKS

HOME SEWING LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Creativeness is the big "why" behind the ever growing home sewing trend. Women enjoy using color, line and texture to achieve becoming costumes. The feeling of accomplishment that comes with wearing the garment and receiving compliments are other important factors, says Mrs. Bonita Farmer, Purdue university clothing specialist.

Reporting on a survey by the Women's Fashion Fabrics Association, Mrs. Farmer explores other factors behind the increased fabric, pattern and machine sales in this country.

Sewing to save money is still an important reason. By making the garment, the homemaker can select better quality fabrics and notions for a fashion design with a smaller investment than for ready-made garments.

In addition, the extra touches of workmanship increase the wear life of the garment and make care easier and less expensive (especially true for children's clothing).

Good fit may be listed as another of the benefits.

A desire of individuality is another factor. Boredom with the sameness of ready-made clothing is relieved by unique combinations of pattern and fabric. The homemaker can express her own good taste.

Men are getting into the act, too. They feel great pride in wearing custom sport coats tailored by their wives or daughters. Some adventuresome young fellows are even

trying out the sewing machine themselves!

HOW TO CONTROL ANTS

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Not limited to summer, ants may be pests at any time of the year.

Those that invade homes and buildings usually nest near foundation walls or under concrete slabs. Carpenter ants may build nests in timbers of buildings as well as in hollow trees and stumps.

To prevent ants from invading the house, locate and destroy the nest, probably in the soil around the foundation.

If ants do get in, apply insecticide on their entry way, hiding place or nest. Look especially at foundation walls, doorways, window sills, baseboards, behind built-in cabinets, beneath appliances.

Houses built on concrete slabs often have serious ant problems which may need professional pest control services.

For details of ant control in home and lawns, see Purdue university's Extension Mimeo E-22, "How to

Control Ants." Indiana residents may obtain a free single copy from county extension offices, or from the Agricultural Publications Office, AES Building, Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind. 47907.

SYRACUSE MAN ESCAPES INJURY IN CRASH

Paul D. Lockwood, r 1 Syracuse, escaped injury when his 1959 Ford collided with a New Paris Creamery truck driven by Kenneth E. Nicolai, r 1 Syracuse, at the junction of county roads 46 and 31 about two and a half miles east of New Paris Friday morning, March 26. A passenger in the Lockwood car, Orval Lockwood, was not injured.

The investigating officer, Elkhart county deputy sheriff James Newton, stated that Lockwood told him he was driving north on C. R. 31 and then drove into the path of the westbound truck. Damage to both vehicles was \$500.

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