

## Sheriff's race draws attention

C. Alan Rovenstine

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hard to make myself available here either by telephone or by personal contact.

"I spend most of my days in the jail, (but) I still want to keep an ear open to the community."

His job as sheriff isn't an easy one, Rovenstine admits. "I believe you have to love this work or it probably will drive you nuts. There are bad times, but the good that comes from it is the good you can do, what we can do for the people of the county."

Since his term as sheriff, major crimes in the county are on the way down. "We have turned the corner. We hope to keep it that way. Statistics show that major crimes are decreasing in the county, slowly, but they are... the scale has gone downhill."

"We're proud of our program. We feel the boys are doing a really good job."

Controlling drunken driving is an important goal for Rovenstine's administration. He said the community wants the problem stopped. "I feel we're doing a fairly good job, but we will keep monitoring it."

So far this year, Rovenstine said all law enforcement officials in the county have reported over 200 "operating while intoxicated" arrests.

"One of my main goals when I became sheriff was to serve the people of this county. And we have tried very hard to do that. We've hired police officers from various parts of the county, to give them more service. I think we've made some major arrests throughout the county and in about every community in the county. Several small... no big, crime spree, and several juvenile problems, going on within the smaller towns of the community, we've been fortunate to solve or slow down. This is what I feel good about."

Charles Parker

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have to be a professional police officer, number one, and number two, you need to be a public relations person also," he said.

"I don't classify myself as a politician... I'm a strong believer that nobody is above the law, and nobody is below the law. When it comes to the law, everybody is equal."

## Brisk vote expected Tuesday

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neth R. Everest and Gary LaMar Tusing, advisory board

Jefferson — Jesse Berger, trustee; Harlan Wuthrich, Dale H. Berger and Lee A. Beer, advisory board

Senate Race

Of interest to many is the race for US Senator with two men wishing to return to Washington and a third seeking to become a freshman Senator. Incumbent Senator Richard Lugar, of Indianapolis, a Republican, is seeking re-election. His Democratic opponent is Congressman Floyd J. Fithian of Lafayette. Fithian chose not to enter the congressional race this year, deciding instead to oppose Lugar who is completing his first term in the Senate. Also on the ballot is Raymond James of Middletown, the American party's candidate.

Four men seek the position of secretary of state — Incumbent Republican Edwin J. Simcox of Indianapolis, Democrat Stephen Beardsley of New Albany, American party candidate John A. Eineman of Indianapolis, and Liberal Stephen Lee Dabsbach of South Whitley.

Charles D. Loos of Clero, a Republican; Otis E. Cox of An-

derson, a Democrat; and Cletus R. Artist of Rochester, an American party candidate; are all seeking the state auditor's post.

Voters will have to choose between four men for the office of state treasurer. Seeking re-election is Republican Julian L. Riden of Logansport. Other candidates are Democrat Rich Bell of Indianapolis, American party candidate Marty L. Dickerson of Indianapolis; and Liberal John W. Rothrock, Jr., of Indianapolis.

Kosciusko County is in two different congressional districts. John P. Hiler, LaPorte, a Republican incumbent, and Richard Clay Bodine, Mishawaka, are seeking to represent the third congressional district; and Elwood H. Hillis, a Republican, and Allen B. Maxwell, a Democrat, both of Kokomo, seek election in the fifth district.

In the race for state senator of the 17th district Gene Snowden of Huntington, a Republican, faces Paul R. Anders of Columbia City.

Republican incumbent Thomas L. Maury of Warsaw is unopposed on the ballot for state representative of the 18th district. Former Milford resident Gregory E. Mishler of Bremen, a Republican, faces Leland Beery of North Manchester, a Democrat, in the 22nd district.

## Conley resigns at Milford

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been built up higher than existing lots and water runoff will be onto the neighbors' properties. The board asked Maria Lozano, clerk-treasurer, to contact Paul Reith, president of Leisure Living Inc., about the problem.

The board also approved the purchase of a Sharp SF-750 copier at the price of \$2,000. The town will be paying \$1,600 of the cost at this time and the balance will be paid at the beginning of 1983.

A question was raised about what is being done with the unsafe buildings in the town. Town Attorney Bob Kirsh stated he would not be able to do anything about the town's code until Thursday or Friday due to a jury trial. He added he will contact T. A. ("Al") Miller and Norman Lovell, the town's building inspectors.

The town will receive a donation from CTB, Inc., (Chore-Time-Brock) in the near future. This donation will be specified towards the purchase of an eight channel police car radio. Last year the donation went towards the purchase of a heater on the town's tractor.

A special meeting is expected before the next regular meeting on November 9. This meeting will involve Dan Brown of Phend and Brown, Inc., Milford, on estimates for drainage and repairs to the east alley behind main street businesses; and a solution to the sewer connection problem of Gary Miller.

## Halloween party in Syracuse announced

The Business and Professional Women of Syracuse are concerned about potential problems and dangers awaiting and met by Halloween trick-or-treaters.

As an alternative to trick-or-treating on Friday, Oct. 29, the BPW has reserved the Saint Andrews United Methodist Fellowship Hall for a Halloween party for area youngsters.

The party is scheduled for the same hours as trick-or-treating times, from 6 until 8 p.m., and will feature costume judging and refreshments for all children. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

The BPW is in need of donations for the party and president Carol Elder has stated, "It is our civic duty to protect our children from potential harm." Items needed include cider, donuts, candy and prizes. Volunteers to assist BPW members are also needed.

Everyone is encouraged to help by donating time or refreshments and can contact either Jeanne Gardinar at 457-3165 or Carol Elder at 457-4591.

## Third cheese distribution in Indiana

The third Indiana distribution of surplus federal government cheese will begin in early November, according to Governor Robert D. Orr. Kosciusko County will receive 16,320 pounds of cheese.

Specific dates for obtaining cheese at neighborhood sites are not yet available. But, a county-by-county distribution system has been established by the Indiana Department on Aging and Community Services, according to Jean Merritt, who heads the state agency.

In this third go around, a total of 2,016,000 pounds of cheese will be available to older people, the disadvantaged and the unemployed. This will bring the total of surplus cheese distribution in Indiana to 5,685,385 pounds.

The distribution pattern will be similar to that employed in the two previous efforts with cheese available in five pound blocks at more than 1,000 sites state-wide.

Disadvantaged and unemployed heads of household will again be eligible to receive cheese. The income guidelines for disadvantaged families are: one, \$7,020; two, \$9,330; three, \$11,640; four, \$13,950; five, \$16,260; six, \$18,570.

Add \$2,210 for each additional family member to determine eligibility.

Those who are unemployed will receive five pounds of cheese regardless of their income over the past 12 months.

Indiana Agencies on Aging and Community Action Agencies will handle cheese distribution to the general public in the areas they serve.

## FFA plot harvested

Members of the Wawasee FFA chapter held their annual harvest day last Saturday at the FFA test plot on Kern road. Eight different varieties were on test this year from Pioneer, Becks, ACCO and Pride seed corn companies.

Donating equipment to help with this year's harvest were Nelson Beer, Bob Beer, Howard Beer, Curt Richcreek, Dr. Albert Schafer, and Harvey Hansen. Complete results of the field trials are available through the vocational agriculture department at the high school.

## Financial responsibility required for motorists

Beginning January 1, 1983, Indiana motorists will be required to provide proof of financial responsibility prior to registering a vehicle. Pursuant to legislation passed in the 1982 Indiana General Assembly, the public may satisfy this new requirement in one of the following ways:

Provide proof of insurance. (The 1983 pre-printed registration form will have a space provided for the insurance company name — not the agent's name — and the insurance policy number. A signature under penalty of perjury will be required.)

Provide Public Service Commission of Indiana Number. These numbers are issued to interstate and intra-state carriers who are regulated by the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Provide a certificate of self-insurance. Self insurance is obtained through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Indianapolis, but only available for large fleet owners. Individuals may not become self-insured.

Post \$40,000 cash bond with the State Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Michael M. Packard commented, "Although this new law does not become effective until January, many

Hoosiers leave the state for the winter months and make arrangements for their plates to be renewed or purchased in their absence. We need to inform these individuals of the new requirement prior to their departure to avoid any unnecessary delays which might cause them to be driving on expired license plates while out of state."

By law, the BMV may not issue a new license plate or renew a multi-year license plate until this requirement has been met. Because the 1983 registration form will be considered an affidavit of proof of insurance, no registration forms may be accepted which do not display the signature of the registrant.

## Wood stoves leading cause of home fires

Wood stoves are the leading cause of home fires in Utah and Wisconsin, says Bill Field, Extension safety specialist at Purdue University, and Indiana is close to joining these ranks.

For years, electrical system malfunctions were the leading cause; but as people try to beat the high cost of energy, wood stoves are threatening to take the lead in many midwestern and northern states.

Field recommends being very cautious about the purchase and installation of a wood stove. Take the time to thoroughly investigate the stove, and its construction, the dealer, and installation procedures, he recommends.

Shop around and listen to what several dealers and installers have to say. Those who down-grade safety or seem to cut corners at the cost of a safe installation should be avoided.

If you buy or rent a home with a wood burning stove already installed, Field advises hiring a competent installer to check the work before using the stove.

Because the increase in wood burning stoves is relatively new, many building codes are inadequate. When in doubt, contact your local building inspector and ask him or her for good reference material.

Safe operation also is necessary. Unsafe operating practices can undo a safe installation.

Field recommends reading and faithfully following all manufacturers operating instructions. Because of the possibility of law suits, most reputable manufacturers give very detailed instructions. Although they may seem nit-picking, they can save your home and your life.

## Growing season terminates

The long growing season was brought to an end on Sunday, Oct. 17, according to Goshen College weather observer Lores Steury.

The last frost of spring was April 22; the first fall frost on October 17; making the growing season 178 days. That is 25 days longer than normal.

The longest growing season on record was in 1973 with 200 days. The first fall frost in that year came on November 4. The years 1917 and 1929 had the shortest growing seasons with 122 days.

Steury reported that all area crops were mature and there was little or no damage except to late fall flowers.



**PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS** — Participation was brisk in this year's pumpkin decorating contest sponsored by Syracuse merchants, with winners showing up at the lobby of the State Bank of Syracuse for the above photo. Winners were as follows:

"Bert and Ernie" by Vicky Brown won Best of Show for \$20. Adult winners were: First, "Wicked Witch" by Bobbie Laughlin (\$15); second, "Little Witch" by Alesia Kiser (\$10); and third, "Bride" by Lynn Stalter of North Webster (\$5).

From 0 to six age group winners were: First, "Pac Man" by Tad Byrd (\$15); second, "Turtle" by Jennifer Bradley of Milford (\$10); third, "Clown" by Chris Crow (\$5); fourth, "Space Monster" by Amy Bradley of Milford (\$1); fifth, "Kool Aid Kid" by Kory and Jody Brown (\$1); and sixth, "Farmer John" by Page Price and Nicole Neff (\$1).

In the Junior High category "Little Orphan Annie" by Troy Dull won \$15.

## Communication stressed at LCEA interview

By GAIL WIDMOYER

The importance of open communication between teachers, administration and school board members was a recurring theme at an interview session between the Lakeland Community Educators Association and candidates for open positions on the Lakeland Community School Board, last night (Tuesday).

Alan Zerkel, LCEA president, conducted the session which was attended by candidates Charles Koser, Jr., District 2 (Turkey Creek Township); Marguerite Hoerr, District 3 (Van Buren and the east half of Jefferson Township); Dave Carey, District 1 (Tippecanoe Township); Henry Smith, District 2; the LCEA executive board; and approximately 30 teachers and concerned citizens.

Introductory comments recapped personal biographies and reasons for seeking positions on the school board. All candidates expressed an interest in children's welfare throughout the school system and stressed the importance of education to the local community and America in a broader context.

In judging attainment of educational objectives by the administrative and teaching staff, incumbents Hoerr and Carey evaluated both groups' efforts as good. However, Smith was not as complimentary, saying he believed the administration needs to do thorough research in goal setting. While Koser is unaware of existing written evaluations on either group, he believes the two groups are setting goals "quite adequately."

Carey expressed the difficulty of predicting future needs "within the budget realm" in regards to staff reduction for both teachers and administrators. Mrs. Hoerr affirmed the difficulty and further stated staff reductions are a "necessary evil" that no one

likes. She continued to say with cooperation and careful planning, hopefully the system could avoid more staff reductions.

Koser recognized the reduction force committee for their group effort and expressed an interest in continuing such a group, saying, "detrimental effects" could hopefully be avoided. Smith sees the Indiana state funding formula as the "culprit for staff reduction" and believes such a problem should have been seen in advance.

All candidates were in agreement with keeping class size at the smallest level to benefit learning effectiveness. The two incumbents stressed the importance of remaining within the bounds of a set budget when considering class size.

**Importance of Communication** While open communication was stressed in all areas, communication was deemed especially essential when considering the possibility of program reduction.

Mrs. Hoerr said the largest return from tax expenditures comes from those dollars spent on education but continued to say "sound academics should be stressed at the expense of extra-curricular programs." She also noted tax expenditures can be changed but the school board as a group needs input from teachers and citizens.

Carey stated an extensive study would have to be conducted before tax expenditures could be changed and further said there would always be a difference of opinion between teachers, administrators and board members. He too stressed the importance of group efforts in determining program cuts if necessary.

Smith also believes an extensive study should be conducted, however, the subject of the study should be the administrative structure. The extra-curricular programs "take a beating," according to Smith, and adjustments should be made

by restructuring available funds.

Koser noted the state legislature must change its policy before the local school systems can adjust their programs. By examining curricular programs and eliminating extra classes such as "body-building" (which was recently dropped from the class schedule), and by encouraging volunteer programs, monies can be adjusted and spent in areas where needed.

Communication was once again stressed in regards to Public Law 217 which concerns negotiations.

Negotiations are a "fact of life" for the school system said Mrs. Hoerr, and "communicating across the negotiating table is important even if both sides don't agree."

Carey stated, "Discussions and negotiations are beneficial and advantageous if they're done intelligently," and the process should be handled fairly on both sides through communication.

With a business background and experience in the negotiation process, Koser said negotiations are "the only way to make things work."

Smith thought the intent of the negotiation law was honorable, however, he said neither teachers nor administrators were prepared for the process. In order for effective negotiations, they "must be the up front, communicating type."

The "chain-of-command" must be retained for smooth operations by all concerned, but board members are available for teacher concerns and open to suggestions for alternate plans, agreed the four candidates.

Teachers' salaries were a final concern expressed by the LCEA at the question session.

Koser noted that until the In-

diana State Legislature changes funding policy, it will be necessary to keep salaries low, but he did see value in instating a merit pay schedule for teachers who go beyond required work.

Smith also saw benefits in a merit pay plan and believed in order to change state policy, representatives should be brought to the local systems.

Mrs. Hoerr offered no answers but believes future challenges could be met with team work from all areas.

Carey expressed the essential need for salaries to keep pace with cost of living and inflation levels, but noted increase capacity rests with the state legislature.

An informal social time followed the interview session where visitors were free to speak personally with the candidates.

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