

**Meyer**

DECATUR — Charlotte Meyer, 90, of Decatur, died 1:30 a.m. Monday (May 11, 1998) in Manor Care Health Services.



**Charlotte Meyer**

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Presbyterian Church. Her body has been donated for scientific research.

Arrangements are by Dawson & Wikoff West Wood Street Fu-

neral Home. Family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church or the Arcadia Unit of Manor Care Health Center.

Miss Meyer was born in Decatur, Oct. 17, 1907, the daughter of Edward W. and Ellen Vermillion Meyer. She graduated from Decatur High School in 1925. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1931 from Millikin University. She received her master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1937. She later took graduate courses from the universities of Illinois, Wisconsin, Chicago and from Columbia University. Miss Meyer's career in Decatur Public Schools spanned 39 years in teaching and administration. When she retired July 1, 1968, she was the assistant superintendent in charge of elementary education. She then went to the National College of Education in Evanston for five years, where she supervised student teachers. Her research and writing included Places and People in Old Decatur, Places and People in Decatur 1900-1929, and the History of the First Presbyterian Church. Her research materials are in the local history room of the Decatur Public Library. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Association for Childhood Education, Illinois Education Association, Illinois Elementary Principals Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Illinois Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, and National Commission on Safety Education. Miss Meyer participated in many community activities including Zonta Club, Millikin Alumni Association, Decatur Historical and Architectural Sites Commission, Macon County Historical Society and Millikin University Summer School Program. She was also a board member at the YWCA, Decatur Day Care Center, Mental Health Association and the Boy's Opportunity Home. Miss Meyer received the Decatur Historic Preservation Award in 1986, Heritage Network of Decatur and Macon County in 1990. She was first to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award in Education in 1987, and Millikin's Alumnus of the Year Award in 1964.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Anna Belle Meyer.



**Decatur high school Girl Scouts** met Wednesday with their captain, Miss Charlotte Meyer of the zoology department, and selected Georganne Stauber and Mary Ann Stofft corporals. The new patrol leaders are Dreuanne Davis, a new member from Kirkwood, Mo., and Rowena Dickey. Ruth Yaekel was made treasurer, and Winifred Diller was made scribe. Two girls started out in the tenderfoot rank. First and second class scouts took up signaling. Plans were started for an overnight hike.



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# H. S. STUDENTS NOW PUT SCHOLARSHIP FOREMOST

## 175 on Honor Roll, or 14 Per Cent. of Total; Only 4 Per Cent. Failing, as Compared to 17 in Last Year's Terms

As proof that the continuous emphasis on scholarship over everything else in the High school this year has borne fruit, is the announcement by Principal T. M. Deam that 175 of the 1,233 students, or 14.2 per cent, are honor students, that is, they have made grades of A and B during the year. Of these, 46, or 4 per cent have kept their grades that high all through the year. This is a splendid record for the school, and one of which the principal and faculty, as well as the students, are justly proud.

That with the large mass of students as well as with the honor ones, serious work is being done in the High school is shown by the fact that there are but four per cent of the students failing.

Three years ago, when the High school was running with double periods, 17 per cent of the students were failing.

### Now Respect High Grades.

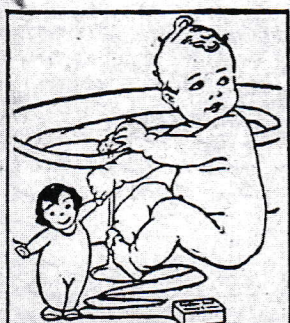
Teachers, students and principal have worked together on scholarship this year as never before, and the desire to make, and respect for high grades is stronger in the institution than for a long time. Whenever it has been necessary to choose between activities and scholarship, scholarship has been emphasized. The students, according to Mr. Deam, are getting more out of their studies than they ever have.

In most cases the students who are making the high grades are the ones who are the leaders in the school activities, although there are a few instances where the leaders are not good students. Glen McClelland, president of the present Senior class, and chosen its valedictorian, has been a high honor student all four years he has been in school.

Following are the students in the High school who are on the honor roll. If there is a star with the name, it indicates that the student was on the honor roll for the whole first semester. The numbers indicate the periods during which the student made all A and B grades. Each semester is divided into three periods of six weeks each, and they are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 through the year. The sixth period is the final one, which is in progress now.

- Wilfred Steiner.
- Angeline Kincaid, 1, 5.
- Cordelia Kincaid, 1, 4.
- Charlotte Meyer, all.
- \*Frances Murphy.
- Thelma Scott, all.
- Mildred Seeforth, 3, 5.
- Ruby Wycoff, 5.
- Eleanor Marshall.
- Freda Barnett, 4, 5.

- Catherine Bowman, 4, 5.
- \*Alice Brown, 4, 5.
- Dorothy Cope, all.
- \*Bonita Feree, 4, 5.
- \*Mary Louise Henebry.
- \*Princess Hill.
- Kenneth Henninger, 3, 5.
- Dorothy Aboly, 3.
- \*Julia Bohon.
- Virginia Ammen, all.
- Margaret Cheyne, all.
- Marie Cline, all.
- Lucille Keen, all.
- Pluma Reeve, 4, 5.
- \*William Russell, 4, 5.
- Nanette Guest, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- Anna Mills, 1, 3.
- Mary Jane Mills, 3.
- Leone Phillips, all.
- \*Florence Pendleton, 4, 5.
- Glady's Fellard, all.
- \*Lillian Schmidt.
- Verna Wheeler, 3, 4, 5.
- \*Mildred Williams.
- Ruth Young, 2.
- \*Mary Reed.
- \*Annie Adams.
- \*Merle Ash.
- Dorothy Barnhart, all.
- Velma Bone, 3.
- Bernice Beckold, 1.
- \*Heleh Bricker.
- Lucille Chaille, all.
- Ermuna Busch, all.
- \*Florence Coles.
- Helen Clements, 2, 4, 5.
- Alan Chapman, 5.
- Lockie Cline, 2, 3.
- \*Inelda Curran.
- Tom Bohon, all.
- Geneva Porter, 2, 3.
- Jack Butt, 1, 3.



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# 123 STUDENTS TO GET HONOR AWARDS TODAY

## Are Marks of Distinction in Athletics and Scholarship

### IS SENIOR CLASS DAY

The semi-serious part of the class day program of the High school seniors will be held this morning at 9:30 in the auditorium, and in connection with the exercises honors for the year will be awarded to 123 students by Principal C. M. Dean. These are for distinction in scholarship, athletics, and school activities, and consist of letters, emblems and numerals. This is the last day of school, examinations beginning Monday.

The senior president, Glenn McClelland, will take charge of the program, following the awards by Mr. Dean, and members of the class will give the class poem, prophecy and song, eagerly looked forward to by other students.

#### These Receive Honors

The students who will receive the honors this morning are as follows:

- Basket ball—1st team—
- White (Grade 11 and above)
- Paul Offenberg
- Lance Raitan—1st
- Earl Richardson
- Frank Larson
- Red (Below 11)
- Clifford Mitchell
- Donald Wilson—1st
- Harold Saitley—1st
- John Perry
- Track—1st team—White—Richard Hughes
- Track—numerals (class event)
- 21
- Glenn McClelland Richard Hughes
- Earl Richardson Dorwyn Hennington
- Charles Burdick Donald Baird
- Junior Rothfus Franklin Bear
- Eugene Danarisen Herman Brueck
- Readers, Speakers, etc.
- Gold D's DeWitt—Gold D
- Margaret Humphrey Allen Jones
- Ruth Ackerman Perley Lepton
- Helen Krummick Herman Felchett
- Max Simons Verlan Pollock
- Verne Sutton Sidney Rosenthal
- Gold Alternates D Tom Sloan
- Tom Clark Elsie Ewertout
- Jessie Glasgow Everett Wilson
- Joe Kaseberg Erick Winter
- Revier Glory
- Belle Holt Girls' Athletics
- Emblem (10 points) Doris Kelley
- Emblem (15 points) Roberta Shields
- Emblem (15 points) Helen Hays, and
- Emblem (15 points) Emily Fleck
- D (White) 40 Points
- Margaret Lancaster Virginia Lipscomb
- Helen Clements Florence Hartman
- Thelma Erickson Eleanor Marshall
- D (Red)
- 1923
- Eloise Conaty Emily Fleck
- Lucile Quirkel Lucile Mortland
- Charlotte Musser
- Numerals (25 Points)
- Lucile Quirkel Ermina Dupch
- Nettie Martin Margaret Lancaster
- Helen Clifton Donald Evans
- Kate Schneider Lucile Ehrhart
- Dorothy Hamblight Helen Clements
- Morothy Shaw
- 1923
- Marjorie Hodgins Helen Phillips
- Elizabeth Tait Frances Hines
- Grace March Charlotte Musser
- Josephine Higman Gertrude Owen
- Jane Flynn Helen Tucker
- Helen Marshall Bona Cranston
- Edna Eddy Dorothy Bluckey
- Edith Chapman Helen McGark
- Virginia Lipscomb
- 1924
- Lillian Cook Dorothy Alaby
- Lucile Schudel Ruth Lange
- Salter Peterson Lona Lindsey
- Ruth Reedy Roma Shoemaker
- Virginia Ammen
- Sophomore Honors (Grade 11 and Above)
- Charlotte Meyer Anne Kuepfer
- William Russell Gladys Polard
- Mary McDonald Dorothy Cox
- Virginia Ammen Bessie Ferec
- Carolyn Freeman Lillian Schmidt
- Clara Pease Ora Erickson
- Ruth Ross Leon Phillips
- Lucille Koss Marie Cuse
- Frank Grossman Julia Bohon
- Florence Bendiguen Helen Voornis
- Bessie Dennis Augusta Walter
- Loretta Day Iris Mooney
- Mary Loube Hester Margaret Chayne
- 1924
- Loretta Pease Beulah Champ
- Plumma Beery Hazel William
- This group is larger this year than ever before.



# 7 PERCENT OF ALL H. S. PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL

## 81 Have No Grades Below B for Second Six Weeks' Period

### NOT A NEW RECORD

Eighty-one names appear on the Decatur High honor roll list for the last six weeks' period. This is 7 per cent of the entire enrollment, but is not as good as previously. Five home rooms—13, 102, 303, 311 and 312—had no A and B students at all. To be on the honor list a student must have no grade below B.

The honor roll for the second period is as follows:

<b>Senior home room—322:</b>	
Marie Ash.	Dorothy Keller.
Mabel Bartsch.	Agnes Koscielnny
Dorothy Boyer.	Hazel Leathers
Merle Clark.	Everett Common
Dorothy Dearth	Margaret Lindley.
Thelma Erickson	Geneva Logan
Lela Harris	Ned Pollard
Florence Hartman	Mildred Reeve
Josephine Hligman	Florence Scott.
Nancy Hill	Helen Shepard
Helen Hockaday	Pauline Hewart.
Helen Johns	Pauline Tucker.
Lorraine Johnson	Roger Yoder

<b>Senior home room—315.</b>	
Reba Hugenberga.	
Marie Williams	Ofel Etchison
Jaunita Storm	Iona Scott.
<b>Junior and senior home room—211:</b>	
Lucile Chamberlain	Geneva Porter
Teresa Dorian	Augusta Walter
Mary C. McDonald	
<b>Junior and senior home room—117:</b>	
Marion Benton	Viola Crosland
Margaret Kistler	Iris Moomey
Edna Reyer	Ronald Cassity
Mary Readhead	Wayne Grigsby
<b>Junior home room—209:</b>	
Marian Pease	Ruth Ross
<b>Junior home room—208:</b>	
Clarence Connolly	William Trisch
<b>Junior home room—210:</b>	
Gladys Pollard	Mary Hackett
Carolyn Drennan	Princess Hill
Fred Kaiser.	Florence Pendleton
Donald Wise.	Dorothy Mayes
Dorothy Abaly	Charlotte Meyer.
Mary L. Henebry	Dorothy Cope
Margaret Cheyne	Laone Phillips
Marie Cilae	Verna Wheeler
Nannette Guest	William Russel
Anna Higgans	
<b>Junior home room—319:</b>	
Carola White	Helen Scribner
Emily Johnson	
<b>Sophomore home room—118:</b>	
Louise Pringle	Oscar Tauber
Fred Salogga	Adelaide Pease
Glen Scribner	Emily McDavid
<b>Sophomore home room—119:</b>	
	Ruby Davis.
<b>Sophomore home room—110:</b>	
Mildred Galliger	George Singer
Jack Ayers	Robert Rockwell
Ruth Downing	
<b>Sophomore home room—104:</b>	
William Fenton	Ruth Stubbs
Eloyse Dickson	Alpha Vick

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Settlement of the recent strike of 900 operatives in one of the big textile mills in Rhode Island was due in a large measure to the activities of Miss Anna Weinstock, commissioner of conciliation of the United States department of labor, who took a leading part in the negotiations and who was loudly applauded by the strikers at the mass meeting at which it was voted to accept the terms offered by the company.



## LITERARY SOCIETIES NAME NEW OFFICERS

**Agora and Aristos of High School  
Choose Officers for Coming  
Semester**

Agora and Aristos literary societies of the High school held their election of officers for the coming semester recently. New officers are as follows:

### Agora

President—Reba Hugenberger.

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thing. She protests after she has told you carefully that she simply hasn't been able to get any of her Christmas stuff off because her husband's partner dropped in almost every evening, and you have drawn the inference of his interest in her that she meant you to draw. "Why the poor man is lonesome and he simply comes in here because he loves to play with the children. You know

Vice Pres.—Bessie Denise.

Secretary—Rachel Stone.

Treasurer—Alice Weld.

Parliamentarian—Mae Ross Taylor.

English Critics—Charlotte Meyer, Marian Pease.

Marshals—Marie Cline, Leona Phillips.

### Aristos

President—Angeline Kincaid.

Vice Pres.—Catherine Scurlock.

Secretary—Dorothy Brucker.

Treasurer—Helen Rives.

Parliamentarian—Mary Louise Henebry.

English Critic—Marian Suleeba.

Marshals—Martha Buxton, Dorma Veech.



## YEAR'S AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED AT HIGH SCHOOL

Ideba Hugenberger and  
Franklin Bear Ida K.  
Martin Winners

### SENIORS IN CHARGE

Ideba Hugenberger and Franklin Bear were announced in senior class exercises at the high school Friday morning as winners of the Ida K. Martin award for the best essays submitted on a patriotic subject. Each will receive \$25. The Lincoln prize for the best essay submitted on a patriotic theme was won by Thomas Scott. All awards will be presented at commencement.

Awards for the year announced during the exercises are as follows:

**Ida K. Martin**, best essay on a patriotic subject—Ideba Hugenberger and Franklin Bear. Each winner receives \$25.

**Lincoln prize** essay on a similar subject—Thomas Scott, \$25. Franklin Bear and Benjamin Hastings tied in the class division, so the \$25 prize money will be divided between them.

**Best oratorical essay for students**—Paul Allen Jones, 129; second, Ideba Hugenberger, 140; third, Everett Wilson, 14.

**Debaters' Gold "D. S."**  
Gold—William Speer, Everett Lem. 21; runner-up, Roger Taylor, Allen Jones, Robt. Hugenberger, Frank Gollings, Ella Arnold, Celia Rosen; Florence Scott, alternate.

**Writer**—Everett Wilson, Thomas Speer, John Hill, alternate.

**Oratorical Gold "O. S."**  
Carolus Thompson, Harry Miller, Carroll Connor, Ivan Johnson.

**Bookkeeper Gold "B. S."**  
Franklin Bear, Ernest Campbell.

**Editors**  
Margaret Duggan, Mary Beardsley, Arthur Johnson, Alice Colby, Ann Brown, Franklin Bear, Mae Rose Taylor.

**Review Story**  
Donald Davis.

**Declarer and Derronia Gold "D. S."**  
Pauline Stewart, Arthur Giovanni, Carroll Connor, Robert Miller, Harry Miller, Roger Taylor.

**Silver Belles**  
Juniors—Charlotte Meyer, Mildred Callahan, William Havelle, Florence Fogelton, Jack Ayres, Augusta Walcott, Fred Kasper, Edward Latta, Dorothy Cook, John Poole, Anna Higgins, Ruby Cook, Sammie Olson, Iris Helen Moffatt, Sammie Olson, Virginia Sumner, Gladys Pollard, Virginia Arnold, Marie Chis, Corinne Swanson, Helen Baker, Mary Louise Henderson, Lucille Keene, Verma Wheeler, Emma Leece, Marjorie Prange, Ruth Ross.

**Girls' Athletics**  
In 400 points—William Cook, red; Florence Scott, white; Dorothy Arnold, white; Velma Kellman, white. Football (50 points)—Lillian Cook, Lisa Lindsey, Charlotte Meyer, Frances Hines, Marion Phillips, Rose Josephbauer, Lucille Schudel, Josephine Korman, Eleanor Marshall. Football (100 points)—Florence Davidson, Lucille Morrilland, F. Marshall, Emily Plank, Thomas Krich.

**Nominations 1924**—Lois Berchert, Verla Hornum, Gertrude Cooper, Elizabeth Hines, Lucille Connor, Irene Helminger, Edna Hansen, Brenda Berger, Lois Kellman, Ethel Howard, Thelma Richardson.

**1923**—Mildred Peck, Pauline Marshall, John Brantner, Helen Moffatt, Josephine Ryan, Doris Hallett, Lucille Lawrence, Scott, Velma Kellman.

**Basketball**  
First team (white)—Marion Jones, William Truesdell, Clifford Mitchell, Frank Harold, Frank Lennon, Edward Kaitley, Paul Christensen, Lester Robbins, Edward Logan, Roy Hattie.

Second team (white)—Donald Wilson, Herbert Thompson, William Carl.

**Volley Leaders**  
Senior — Hadden Hill, white; Kay Wood Lennon, red; Eugene Abraham Schild.

**Band**  
Eugene Washington, Robert Berry, Lawrence Davis, Willie Dougherty, George Cole, William Fenton, Reed, Herbinger, Kenneth Rubin, Harold Hiner, Ross Miner, Thomas F. Paul, Harry Meyer, Robert Walker, John Wells, John Duggan, Donald Lee, Eugene Cole, Henry Locke, George Kessler, Clifford Mitchell.

**President in Charge**  
Franklin Larson, president of the senior class, gave a short talk concerning the accomplishments of his class since it entered high school. Alvin Springer, assistant principal, spoke briefly. Robert Walters and Alvin Coffey read the class brochure. Donald Davis, Jack Jones and Raymond Larson gave a number of parodies as popular songs. Gladys Foster read the class talk. Franklin Larson then presented the Senior gavel to William Truesdell, president of the Junior class. The Junior sang "A Tribute to the Seniors."

The Seniors dined at the South Main Country club during the afternoon and danced in the evening to music by Bob Caldwell's orchestra.



# SCHOLARSHIP TO GLADYS GALLIGER

## Charlotte Meyer Gets Sec- ond Honors, to Be Awarded This Morning

Miss Gladys Galliger won the annual Millikin scholarship for Decatur High seniors this year, it was announced yesterday, with Charlotte Meyer coming very close behind. Miss Galliger will be awarded the scholarship this morning at the D. H. S. commencement exercises in the Lincoln Square theater.

Her average was perfect for the last year, and Miss Meyer had only one grade that was below perfect, making the decision of the winner difficult until every available grade for the year was in and checked up. Miss Galliger has excelled in her studies since her entry into high school, and has had almost the highest average possible for the four years.



# Salutatorian Pleads for World Peace in Commencement Address

## William Trisch, Valedictorian Speaks on Value of Outdoor Life; 256 Seniors Are Graduated

Pleading for world peace as a keynote in the salutatory address in the Decatur High Commencement exercises yesterday morning in the Lincoln Square theater, Jesse P. Ward presented an exceptional speech on wars and the way in which they could be averted. The salutatory address was given as one of the two main features of the program.

Mr. Ward told of the immense cost of the last war, which, he said, "was a war to end wars. If we enter into a war again, we thereby admit that the last war failed in its purpose and was therefore useless."

Speaking President Coolidge three different times, he went on to prove his points which he brought up at the beginning of his talk, and declared that working out of the League of Nations was a greater cost than getting in. In closing, he said, "Our attitude toward all nations should arise from a sincere and intensive desire for their friendship. We should observe their frailties and profit from their mistakes, while, at the same time we should endeavor to cultivate their respect and good will."

### Perpetual Peace Possible

"Friends, the welfare of the world is endangered. It is possible for us to assure perpetual peace to the coming generations. With this in view, I present a plea for universal faith and peace."

Following the program, 256 diplomas were presented by Rev. R. E. Henry and Mrs. Inez Bender, of the board of education, in the place of H. M. Owen, president of the board, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

An interesting program was presented by the seniors, they having selected their own numbers. Miss Anne Russell, who has appeared many times before in High school assemblies as a reader, gave "The Course of the Commonwealth" by Mary Shipman Andrews. She was followed by Willis Aaron Dougherty, who gave a saxophone solo, "Soprano" by Franz Bruder. Kenneth Henninger accompanied Mr. Dougherty on the piano.

### Miss Brown Class Orator

Miss Alice Elizabeth Brown, given the honor to represent the class as its orator, gave "The School of Citizenship" by Woodrow Wilson. An intermission followed, about 15 minutes in length, for those on the program and on the stage to cool off, because of the hot weather.

After an overture, "Carpens in der Unterwelt" by the High school orchestra, Miss Hazel Williams opened the second part of the program with a piano solo, "Salut a Pesth" by Kowalski. This was followed by the valedictory, the highest honor of the class given by the faculty. William Trisch, the valedictorian, gave as his address, "Outdoor Life as a Factor in Developing Character." He pleaded for more open air recreation, declaring that in the out-of-doors one is able to form permanent character.

### Awards Presented

The diplomas were then awarded the seniors passing in the front of the stage before the audience and receiving their awards from the members of the board of education. Next came the presenting of the numerous awards which the school has. The time was when only one honor was presented, but within the last year two have been added besides several others not long ago. The first was the awarding of the MURKIN scholarship to Gladys Galligan, followed by the awarding of the Mary W. French

honors to Nanette Guest, who received \$25, and Clarence Flint, who received \$20. The Lincoln honors, carrying a prize of \$25 to a boy and girl, were given to William Trisch and Loretta Moran.

William Trisch, who has won quite a number of honors this year, also was presented the \$30 for the Ida K. Martin prize, and Charlotte Meyer was presented the same amount for the girls' division. Jesse Ward, Frank Gollings and Oscar Tauber received \$20, \$10 and \$5 respectively for prizes as their ability in debating, awarded by the Decatur Bar association.

Principal T. M. Deam then presented 19 seniors with gold deltas for having been excellent in their studies. The invocation was given by Rev. T. Hardey Marsh and the benediction by Rev. A. M. Wells.

### Respect to Rolla Dotson

Preceding the awarding of the diplomas, the senior class stood with head bowed in respect to Rolla Dotson, deceased, who would have been graduated with the class had not his unexpected death occurred. He had already amassed enough credits to receive diploma before his death, and the diploma was awarded by the board of education yesterday.

Jack Hathaway and Herbert Rickards, whose names were not in the list of graduates published recently, have completed their work and received their diplomas yesterday. A half dozen seniors were not able to finish their work this June and will be forced to attend summer school in order to get their diplomas.

## INCREASED USE OF WATER WEDNESDAY

### Some Violate Council's Order, but Demand Remains Under Danger Point

Use of city water increased Wednesday, according to the pumping report for that day made available Thursday morning. During the day, 7,647,000 gallons passed through the city mains, an increase of 47,000 gallons over the preceding day.

A number of violations of the city council's order against use of water for sprinkling lawns or gardens, or flushing off porches or walks were noticed Thursday. There seemed to be no indications that the demand would reach the danger point. As Commissioner Ruthrauff points out, those who have the best interests of the community at heart, are co-operating in saving water and that number seems to be sufficiently large to keep the pumps at a safe level until the emergency is passed.

## SPECIALTY MAN TO REMAIN HERE

W. T. Maynard of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is in charge of Konjola sales in Decatur, will remain here for six months more, due to the heavy demand for his product.

### WITH VAUDEVILLE ACT

Joe McDonald, of the High school class of 1917, now playing in vaudeville, will appear in an act at the Empress theater in the show which starts Sunday. While he was in school he was well known for his piano playing. When he left Decatur he for some time played with an evangelist, later doing chautauqua work before going into vaudeville.



<b>GARFIELD SCHOOL</b>		
<b>Mabel Muthersbaugh, Principal</b>		
Emilie Stein .....	1B	
Marguerite Barnett .....	1B	
V. Corrine Rigg .....	1A	
Esther Wakefield .....	2B	
Nettie Crabb .....	2B	2A
Carrie Jordan .....	3B	3A
Mrs. Ella Weedman .....	3B	3A
Nellie D. Bond .....	4B	4A
Clarissa Flenniken .....	4A	5B
Helen Scurlock .....	5A	6B
Charlotte Meyer .....	6B	6A
Denise Hugenberger .....	6th	



## FRED KIPP WILL FILED IN COURT

### Widow Gets \$3,000 and Net Income From Estate Dur- ing Her Life-Time

In addition to a bequest of \$3,000, Mrs. Minnie A. Kipp will receive during her life time the net income of the estate of her husband, Fred Kipp, deceased. His will was filed for probate in county court Wednesday.

The Millikin Trust company is made trustee of the estate and executor under the will.

After the death of Mrs. Kipp, the will provides for the following distribution of the estate:

To Edward W. Meyer, brother in law, \$5,000.

To Annabelle Meyer, and Charlotte Meyer, nieces, \$2000 each.

To Frank H. Meyer, brother in law, \$5,000.

To Wilhelm Kipp, and Marie Bohlmann, brother and sister, living in Germany, \$5,000 each.

To Hermine Bohlmann and Hans Bohlmann, nieces and nephew living in Germany, \$2,000 each.

The remainder of the estate will go to the German Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregational Unaltered Augsburg Confession A. D. 1530 for the purchase of or toward payment for, a new church building. If it is not needed for that purpose, it may be used for general church purposes.



## Girl Reserves Have Banquet Thursday Night

All Day Conference Saturday  
Will Close Girls Week  
Observance Here

**T**WO big programs and a number of smaller ones will mark the observance of National Girls Week, May 5-11. Swastika club of the High school will have a banquet Thursday in St. Nicholas hotel, and on Saturday there will be an all day girls' conference in First Presbyterian church. Talks will be given throughout the week in the various schools.

Girl Reserve clubs are sponsoring the observance. The committee in general charge includes Mrs. Edward Buckner, chairman, Mrs. H. A. Staley, Miss Janet Anderson and Mrs. W. A. Pownall. Advisors of the various Girl Reserve clubs are Elizabeth Mills, Grace Kershner, Vivian Wikle, Clara Grell, Louise Denz, Charlotte Meyer, Agnes Koscielny, Elizabeth Connard, Florence Lingle, Cynthia Sheffler, Margaret Waite, Mrs. Mae Hawkins, Mrs. Marie Baker, Mrs. Luella Dansby.

Swastika club girls have been invited to meet Wednesday at 4:15 o'clock with the Millikin Y.W.C.A. girls. Officers of Swastika for next year are: President, Mary Helen Smith; vice-president, Martha Smith; secretary, Madelyn Butler; treasurer, Julia Smith; sargeants-at-arms, Francis Radcliff and Lela Day; press reporter, Mary Ellen Wilson; pianist, Helen Louise Witzeman; assistant, Eleanor Pieffer; critic reporter, Mary Louise Heckle; song leader, Bernadine Adams.



## Girl Reserves Hold Banquets Friday Evening

Two Girl Reserve banquets for almost 142 girls and their mothers, were served Friday evening. Eighty-four were present for the Colored Girl Reserve dinner in Antioch Baptist church, and 48 mothers and daughters attended the Junior High school banquet in First Baptist church.

Mary Ethel Coleman was toastmistress for the Colored Girl Reserves, who appeared in their white middies and blue ties, the club costume. As the guests sang "Follow the Gleam" several younger girls illustrated the song with a drill. Mrs. Elsworth Dansby gave a toast to the girls, to which Amanda Blue responded.

Mrs. Frances McLemore of St. Louis, former national Y. W. C. A. student secretary, and a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, gave the main address on "The Ideal Girl." Mrs. McLemore will lead singing in the conference Saturday in First Presbyterian church. Blue and white streamers and snowballs and iris, carried out the club colors in decorations.

Miss Charlotte Meyer, advisor of one of the grade school clubs, was toastmistress in the Junior High school banquet. Miss Louise Denz and her committee decorated the First Baptist church basement. Tables were arranged to form a triangle, and the speakers were seated at the top. Behind the speakers were two candelabra, and two baskets of iris and garden flowers. Down the center of the tables were baskets of wild cherry blossoms and blue candles.

Cynthia Sheffler and Mary Louise Witzeman led the singing, and "Follow the Gleam" was used to close the program. After Mrs. T. Harley Marsh said the blessing, a program of toasts was given on the theme of ships. Those who spoke were Mrs. Edward Buckner, Mary Bergen, Mrs. Carl J. Baldwin, Helen Frederick, Dorothy Radke, Dorothy Shaffer, and Miss Louisa Parks. Roosevelt, Central and Durfee Junior High schools were represented.



## PI MU THETA HAS PLEDGING MONDAY

Pi Mu Theta, senior girls' honorary sorority at Millikin, will conduct formal pledging services at 9:30 o'clock Monday evening for nine women. Ribbons were pinned on the pledges last week. Those to be pledged Monday are:

Delta Delta Delta—Ellen Melrose,  
Ruth Long, Kathleen Kinnaman.

Theta Gamma — Elizabeth Mills,  
Marjorie Durham.

Pi Beta Phi—Grace Genseke.

Independents — Charlotte Meyer,  
Helen Marshall.

Sigma Alpha Iota — Annamary  
Dickey.



## J. M. U. SORORITY HAS INITIATION SERVICES

### Senior Honorary Meets Little Difficulty in Ceremony Wednesday Night

Nine pledges to Pi Mu Theta, Millikin women's senior honorary sorority, paid dues, passed initiation, received pins, and became actives without pause, truce or insurrection Wednesday night. Initiation services in the reception room of the home economics department of Millikin was followed by a banquet in the palm room of Hotel Orlando.

Young women who are new actives of the sorority are Miss Charlotte Meyer, Miss Helen Marshall, Miss Elizabeth Mills, Miss Marjorie Durham, Miss Ruth Long, Miss Ellen Melrose, Miss Kathleen Kinnaman, Miss Annamary Dickey and Miss Grace Genseke. Miss Louise Allen was toastmaster and toasts were given as follows: scholarship, Miss Velma Davis; personality, Miss Carolyn Snyder; extra curricular activities, Miss Adelaide Pease; all-around girl, Miss Lela Keef.

Miss Louise Allen, outgoing president, announced in the banquet the result of the actives' election conducted before initiation. Miss Josephine Ross, a sophomore, and Miss Phyllis Seago, a freshman, were invited guests for the banquet. The new officers are named below:

President—Miss Elizabeth Mills.

Vice-president—Miss Ellen Melrose.

Secretary—Miss Charlotte Meyer.

Treasurer—Miss Grace Genseke.



## Millikin Girls to Geneva Conference

Miss Charlotte Meyer and Miss Elizabeth Mills are going to Lake Geneva to attend the Y. W. C. A. conference for faculty and women students June 21-30. Miss Meyer will leave Saturday to attend as a delegate from Millikin Y. W. C. A. Miss Mills leaves Friday to join friends from Bradley in Peoria, and will drive with them.

Miss Mills is being sent by the national Y. W. C. A. to help with the student industrial workmanship hour in the conference. The meetings are in College camp at Williams Bay on Lake Geneva. Kirby Page, lecturer and editor of "The

night at 10 o'clock. Mr. Tait is manager of Hayes Bros. Hatchery of Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams, South Fairview avenue, were called to Johnston, Pa., Wednesday afternoon on account of the serious illness of Mr. William's mother.

### GO TO CHICAGO

E. B. Williford and V. R. Huffman, both of Decatur, left at 2 o'clock Thursday morning for Chicago on a business trip.

World Tomorrow," Dr. H. S. Elliott of Union Theological seminary in New York, and J. B. Mathews of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, will be among the noted speakers present. This week the Y. M. C. A. is in conference.



## EDWARD MEYER, WABASH EMPLOYEE DIES OF CANCER

Edward W. Meyer, 680 South Broadway, died Thursday night in Wabash Employees hospital where he had been under treatment for cancer for the last ten weeks.

Edward W. Myer was born in Decatur May 16, 1871; he had lived in Decatur all of his life, in fact had lived all of his life in the same house. He was the youngest son of the late Fred Meyer who during his life in Decatur was known to the majority of the citizens of that day.

All persons who knew the Fred Kipp grocery store on East Eldorado street, knew Edward Meyer who for 25 years was employed there. In recent years he had been employed in the store department of the Wabash.

He was married to Miss Ellen Vermillion in 1898; he leaves his wife and two daughters, Anna Belle and Charlotte Meyer; also his brother Frank Meyer and his sister Mrs. Minnie Kipp, both of Decatur.

The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of L. A. Monson.



### Six Awarded Keys

Silver Kappa keys were awarded to Gladys Galligar, John Leighty, Lucille Mattes, Charlotte Meyer, Ruth Long and Ellen Melrose. Other of ceremonies during the awards. for scholarship during the past year.

Senator Charles Lee, possessor of a Kappa Key, himself, was master of ceremonies during the awards. He chided Millikin men for falling so far below Millikin women in their scholastic efforts. He challenged them to make at least an average equal in excellence to that of the women.

Prof. A. T. Mills spoke on discipline through the ages, tracing that trait as the basis of accomplishment throughout history.

Clarence Deakins, registrar, read the averages of the groups. Mary Heideman played the violin and Marna Radford accompanied her.



## Granted Leave of Absence

Miss Sophia Drobisch, instructor in Roosevelt Junior High school, was granted a leave of absence because of ill health. Her sickness is not serious, it was reported.

Mrs. Opal Fielder, elementary school teacher in Roach, who has been on leave for the last year and a half, was granted an extension of another semester.

Elrick Pease and Charlotte Meyer were employed as part time teachers by the board. The board heard several commercial propositions and passed on bills.



## Millikin Gives Degrees to 66; Lindley Speaks

Sixty-six members of the class of 1931 received their diplomas Monday morning with the simple and impressive ceremonies that attend Millikin's commencement, and heard Chancellor Ernest H. Lindley of the University of Kansas declare that since the war there had been a revival of interest in personal-ity.

For the second time in the history of the institution a senior was graduated with the distinction of an average of four points per credit hour. She was Miss Gladys Galligar, majoring in biology, with a minor in chemistry.

### Three Win Summa Cum Laude

She shared summa cum laude honors with Miss Ellen Scott Melrose and John Alden Leighty, whose record showed an average of 3.8 or better. Magna cum laude honors went to Miss Charlotte Meyer and Miss Ruth Long, while Miss Harriet Story won cum laude. All six, who are residents of Decatur, received from the hands of Edgar H. Allen, president of the Kappa society, scholarship keys.

Dean J. L. O'Hara announced that other prizes would be awarded later, and that the press would carry the names of the recipients.

### Brilliant Procession

The academic procession forming at the Conservatory and led by Prof. E. C. Kiefer as chief marshal, passed to the auditorium by the West Main street walk, as the band under the campus trees played the Coronation March. President J. H. White accompanied Chancellor Lindley immediately behind the seniors. They were followed by the boards of control and faculty, the gowns and hoods giving a touch of color. The marchers took their seats to the strains of the organ.

Immediately after the invocation by Dr. A. S. C. Clarke of Chicago President White presented Dr. Lindley as his and Mrs. White's former teacher in the University

of Indiana. Dr. Lindley, about whom an educational storm raged a few years ago, when he was removed from his position by a politician and put back by a new governor was an impressive figure as he stood tall and slender, and spoke without notes on the importance of personality.

### Old Heroes Dead

"Rummaging through my attic recently," he said, "I came upon an old book whose covers were much worn. It was Carlyle's 'Heroes and Hero Worshipers'. My reflections were that the covers had outlasted the contents for where are Carlyle's prophets and kings now?"

"But a century ago a man took a Sunday afternoon walk in Glasgow and as he walked he thought, and then he smiled. Someone has said that it was the most momentous smile in history for the man was James Watt shortly to invent the steam engine which was to revolutionize the world's industrial life.

### Einstein Honored

"Astronomically considered, man is not important. He is a small thing in a visible universe so large that it takes light 200,000,000 years to pass across it, but in Los Angeles recently they held a celebration in honor of a man, whose brain probably weighed about two pounds, but whose achievements in the astronomical field have been unparalleled. The world is always seeking leaders with courage. It sought them in the World war, and after the sordid peace of Versailles men believed that ideals were dead. Then you will recall that a young man flew from New York to Paris and men straightened their shoulders and looked into the heavens, heartened by that exhibition of courage.

"The leader came to Italy. You and I may not share Mussolini's theories as to government, but I

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# Public Schools Not to Employ New Teachers

It now appears that the teaching staff for Decatur public schools will be re-organized for the coming year without employing so much as one new teacher, despite the fact that several resignations have been accepted and a number of leaves granted. According to Supt. William Harris this is the first year since his incumbency that employment of several new teachers has not been necessary by the middle of July in order to insure a full staff for the ensuing year.

Three reasons are cited by the superintendent for this unusual situation. In the first place falling off of enrolment in grade schools makes possible closing of at least six classrooms, without materially increasing size of classes in the schools. The second reason cited is the fact that eight teachers who have been away on leave of absence have signed contracts to return this fall. The third is that there have been fewer resignations this year owing to the over-supply of teachers throughout the country which has cut down opportunities for obtaining better positions elsewhere.

Teachers who are returning to the system this fall after having been absent one year or more are: Sophia Drobisch, Opal Fielder, Mabel Ann Hill, Leone Leiper, Charlotte Meyer, Winifred Pease, Rosanna Sylvester and Helen Williams.

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# HIGH RANKING STUDENTS AT J.M.U. HONORED

## Miss Evelyn Crossman Presented Silver Kappa Key in Exercises

### AWARDS ANNOUNCED

In recognition of her scholastic achievements as a member of the junior class, Miss Evelyn Crossman was presented the silver Kappa key in Kappa Day exercises of Millikin university Friday morning. Miss Crossman is a student in the school of Liberal Arts and is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Delta Omicron sorority ranked highest in scholastic averages in the second semester of last year. It was announced, having an average of 3.185 points per credit hour per member. Sigma Alpha Iota was second with an average of 2.838 points.

High ranking fraternity was Tau Kappa Epsilon with an average of 2.128 and second was Delta Alpha Epsilon with an average of 2.126.

#### Final Honors

Final honors for members of last year's senior class were announced as follows: "Cum laude" 2.5 points; "magna cum laude" 2.65 points; "summa cum laude" 3.5 points.

Summa cum laude was awarded to Miss Gladys Gailigar, Miss Ellen Melrose and John Leighty.

Magna cum laude was conferred upon Miss Charlotte Meyer and Ruth Long. Cum laude honor was conferred upon Miss Harriet Story.

#### Those Qualifying

Preliminary honors were conferred upon undergraduates and under classmen on the basis of a general average of 3. The following student qualified for honors for their respective schools, ranking in the order in which their names occur:

#### Junior Class

School of Liberal Arts:  
Miss Evelyn Cross-Jess Waaga.  
Miss Mary Kom. Miss Katherine Wal-  
ter.  
Miss Ruth Jokisch. Harry Smith.  
Miss Alice Traylor. Eugene Jockiet.  
Conservatory of Music:  
Miss Alice Traylor.

#### Sophomore Class

School of Liberal Arts:  
Miss Marion Miller. Miss Viola West-  
man.  
Miss Helen Pruitt. Miss Marian Trost.  
School of Commerce and Finance:  
Walter Reed. Wilbur Steiner.  
Louise Cundiff.  
School of Engineering:  
Stanley Helm. Harvey Stroud.  
Conservatory of Music:  
Miss Hazel Friend.

#### Freshman Class

School of Liberal Arts:  
Miss Lora Hayes. Miss Mary Louise  
Miss Mary Eliza Heckel.  
Miss Helen. Miss Charlotte Oakes.  
Miss Wilma Burwell. Miss Winifred White.  
School of Engineering:

## Dies



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CLAYTON CLEMENTS

## "Cotton Bales" Found in Manchuria Contain Guns

Moscow—AP—Pleping dispatches published here Friday said that 29 cases of war munitions had been accidentally discovered at the Chinese Eastern railway freight station in Harbin.

The cases, labeled "Mukden arsenal" were disguised as bales of cotton.

Published versions of the alleged discovery declared the incident proved the Japanese were supplying arms to white Russian detachments in Northern Manchuria.

Randall Barrow Maurice Alexander.  
School of Primary Education.  
Miss Rose Eden Martin.  
School of Music.  
Miss Marie Radford.

#### Fraternity Honors

Averages for Greek letter fraternities and other campus groups were announced as follows:

Theta Gamma	2742
Alpha Chi Omega	2422
Pi Beta Phi	2371
Delta Delta Delta	2458
Zeta Tau Alpha	2445
Non-sorority women	2475
Non-fraternity men	2184
Kappa Delta Chi	2580
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1583
Delta Sigma Phi	1562
All Sororities	2605
All Fraternities	1997
Sororities and Fraternities	2314
Non-Fraternity men and women	2312
All women	2384
All men	2669
All Students	2313
Average first semester 1930-31	2115

Rayen W. Tyler, instructor in the physics department, presided during the exercises. Dr. Jay B. MacGregor gave the address, speaking on "Should Students Study?" Robert Noland sang a solo and Rev. E. W. Clippinger led the devotions.

When the Castle of Lenzen, in Germany, listed by an official appraiser at \$100,000, was sold by compulsory auction for \$500 recently, the owner sought to have the auction annulled.



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An attractive alumnae group stopped on one of the stair landings to gossip last Monday night, and was caught by the photographer. Left to right they are Charlotte Meyer of Decatur, Wilhan Russell of Macon and Viola Melton and Mrs. Jesse Birks, formerly Mary Lois Mowry, of Decatur.

—All Photos by Pfile



## CAMP KIWANIS COUNSELORS START DUTIES



Counselors at Camp Kiwanis began their duties yesterday when the camp season opened. This picture was taken Friday when the counselors were guests at luncheon with Y. W. C. A. board members and the camp committee, at camp.

Left to right in the front row are Stina Eklund, camp director; Agnes Koscielny, dramatics; Marian Bears, dietician and

camp mother; Betty Ann Yantis, handicraft.

In the rear row are Helen Stoutenborough, sports; Charlotte Meyer, nature study; Katherine Walker, music; and Josephine Yantis, dancing.

Margaret Rutherford, campcraft and canoeing, and Anna Mary Dickey, who will be in charge of swimming for a week until Elizabeth Schaub takes up that work, were not at the luncheon. —*File Photo.*



# Miss Meyer Is New Supervisor

Miss Charlotte Meyer, principal of the Ullrich grade school since 1938, was appointed at a board of education meeting last night as acting supervisor of the elementary grades in the Decatur system.

Miss Meyer, who taught for 10 years in Decatur high school, replaces Miss Inez Peterson, who resigned recently after serving one year in the position. Miss Meyer, a Millikin university graduate, will be acting supervisor for one year, at the end of which time the board will consider her permanent appointment.

She is a charter member of Zonta International, an organization for women executives, and a member of the Business and Professional Women's club.

Miss Dorothy Austin, a teacher at Ullrich for 11 years, will take over Miss Meyer's position as principal.





**MISS CHARLOTTE MEYER**

Miss Meyer, principal of Ullrich school, is the new president of Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society for women educators. She was elected last Saturday in Charleston. Miss Thursa Lux, 5-B teacher in Dennis school, is now recording secretary, and Miss Mayme Irons,

supervisor of public school music, is new treasurer. Miss Meyer and Miss Irons are both members of Decatur chapter of Zonta International, society for women executives, and Miss Meyer is to be hostess to the chapter tonight at a picnic at Kimlake. Miss Carolyn Kimball's camp near Taylorville. (Lindquist photo)



## Miss Meyer Is President

Miss Charlotte Meyer, principal of Ullrich school, was elected president Saturday of Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society for women educators. The chapter had luncheon in Charleston.

Other officers are:

Vice president—Miss Myrtle Arnold, critic teacher, Teachers college, Charleston.

Recording Secretary—Miss Thursa Lux, 8-B teacher, Dennis school, Decatur.

Corresponding secretary—Miss Roberta Poos, speech instructor, Teachers College, Charleston.

Treasurer—Miss Mayme Irons, music supervisor, Decatur schools.

Miss Minnie Davis Neeley of Teachers college in Charleston is outgoing president, and presided Saturday. Dr. Emma Reinhardt, national president, who is head of the education department at Teachers college, was speaker.

Members who attended Saturday from Decatur were Miss W. St. Clare Minturn, Miss Mayme Irons, Miss Margaret Lancaster, Miss Thursa Lux, Miss Mary Orr, Miss Charlotte Meyer, Miss Florence Foster, Miss Daisy Daggett, Miss Mattie Waddington, Miss Sarah Mark Imboden.

Mrs. D. D. Brownback, and not Mrs. D. D. Miller, is the maternal grandmother of **Michael Lewis Miller**, the son born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Miller. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller. The mother is the former Marion Brownback.

Play for husbands following bridge at **South Side Country club** will not start this Tuesday as announced, but will begin in June.

Tuesday, the regular luncheon will be the club house at 1 p. m. with Mrs. Ed. Larrick and Mrs. Henry Grohne as hostesses. Reservations may be telephoned to the club this evening.



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## Miss Meyer Teachers Conference Speaker

Miss Charlotte Meyer, supervisor of Decatur elementary schools spoke Tuesday at a meeting of the seventh annual conference on reading for teachers and school officers of elementary schools, high schools and junior colleges at the University of Chicago, being attended by more than 900 persons this week. Her subject was "The Role of Previous Experience in Reading."

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## Need Constant Vigil

Charlotte Meyer, elementary school supervisor and president of the Zonta club, sees a



need for constant vigil in maintaining any program for lasting peace that may be set up at the close of the war.

"Judging from the previous articles in this series," Miss Meyer said, "there is little doubt but that we in Decatur want an international organization of some sort at the close of the war, and in connection with that organization, an international police force to increase its chances of success. I am cheered by this majority opinion and subscribe to it.

"Being no student of international affairs, I would venture no opinion as to the form which such an international collective security organization should take, but I would emphasize that once a forceful, stabilizing peace is agreed upon, there is great danger in our feeling that the job is done, instead of realizing that that is only the framework to make possible the constant adjusting, educating and amending that will be required if such a plan is to prolong the peace, let alone insure it.

"With many problems of the Civil war still unsolved, I cannot be too optimistic about our chances of solving the problems of this war if we become complacent once the basic structure is set up and fail to realize the two types of problems still remaining, the adjustment of present sources of economic and social discord, and the continuous need for adapting to new problems as they arise."



## *Zonta President Given Regional Office*

Miss Charlotte Meyer, president of Decatur chapter of Zonta International, classified service club for women executives, has been notified of her election to the chairmanship of the regional nominating committee.

Other members are Miss Marjorie Gile of Madison, Wis., and Miss Mary Howard of Springfield.

The regional conference will be in April in Lansing, Mich., and is not expected to be cancelled as it is for considerably less than 50 persons, the limit set by the government for conferences this year.



## Decatur School Group At Carbondale Meeting

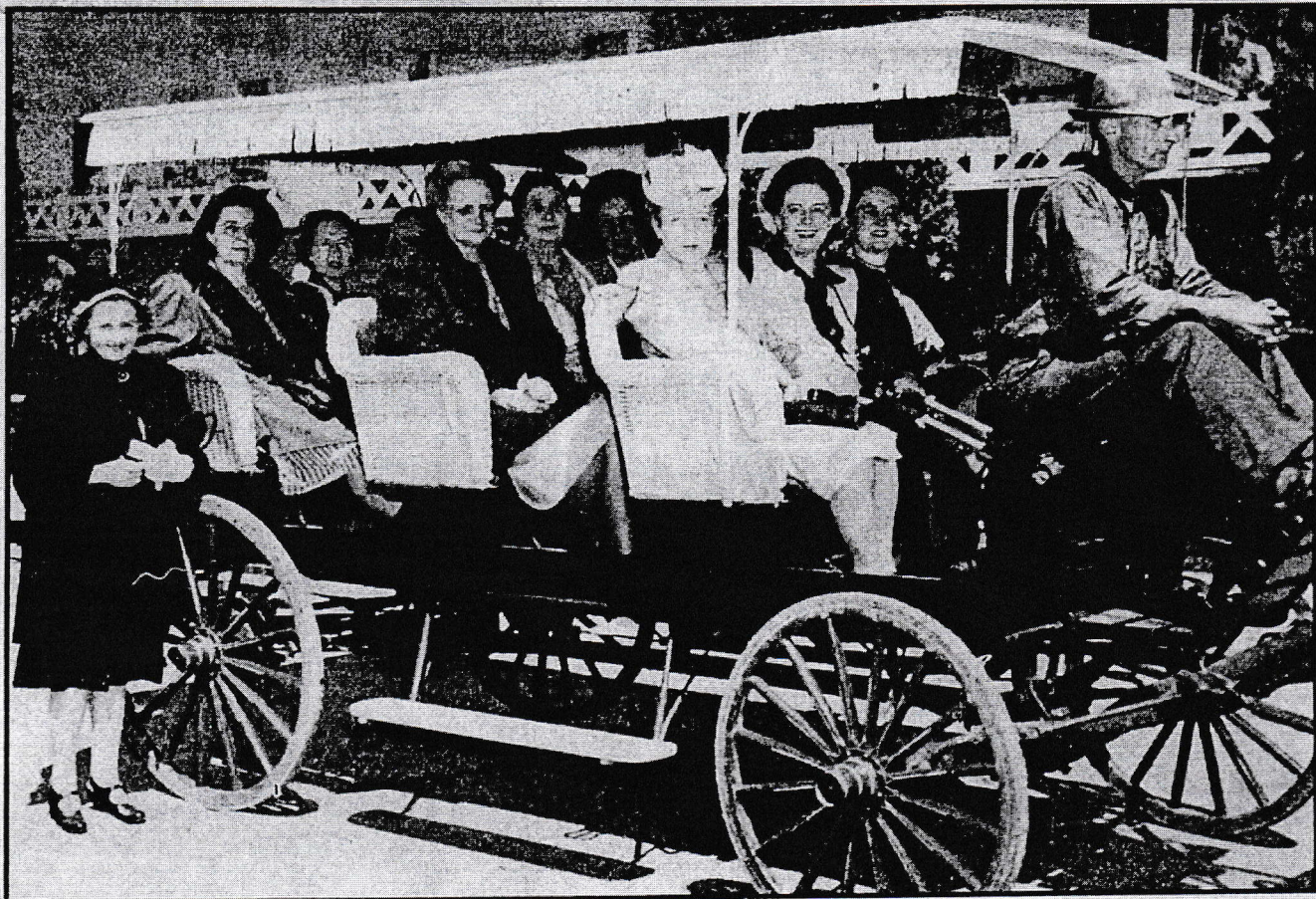
Charlotte Meyer, elementary supervisor of the Decatur schools, as president of the Illinois Association of Supervisors and Directors of Instruction, is presiding at a meeting of the association at Southern Illinois Normal university in Carbondale.

Lester J. Grant, assistant superintendent of the Decatur schools and secretary of the association, will give a report on the work of the policies and program committee.

Grade schools principals attending the conference are:

Thelma Crawl, Oakland school  
Ruth Baker, Oglesby school  
Nelle Clark, Warren school  
Corrine Rigg, Lincoln school  
Dorothy Austin, Ullrich school  
Robert Young, Woodrow Wilson  
junior high school.





THE SURREY WITH THE FRINGE ON TOP is a familiar sight up on Mackinac Island, and the nine Decatur Zonta club members who were there last weekend for the international convention took a sight-seeing trip in one, all over the island where no automobiles are permitted. In the front seat are Miss Florence Foster and Mrs. Gerald Har-

wood, with the convention's publicity director, whose home is in Saginaw, Mich. In the middle seat are Mrs. E. T. Kirkland, Mrs. L. M. Fields and Mrs. B. O. Breeden. Standing at the rear wheel is Miss Charlotte Meyer, and in the back seat are Mrs. William German, Miss Helen Harder, and, with only her head showing, Mrs. Frank Riedel.



# Meets Foreign Students

## Miss Meyer Sees Children From Overseas

Miss Charlotte Meyer, elementary school supervisor, returned yesterday from New York City where she met students from foreign high schools currently in this country and attended two United Nations sessions at Lake Success.

The trip to Lake Success was part of a United Nations conference sponsored by New York university and the national school administrators' group, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

**THE FOREIGN** students Miss Meyer heard are approximately 35 high school students brought to this country by the New York Herald-Tribune for its "youth forum."

The children are representatives of each of the countries included in the Marshall plan.

Traveling expenses were provided by a number of air lines and organizations.

Upon their arrival here they were assigned to "host" students in the New York area. The foreign children attend school with the "host" students and live in their homes.

**AFTER A FEW** months of schooling here, the foreign children were given an air tour of the United States including stops at Nashville, Tenn.; Denver, Colo.; Phoenix, Ariz., Los

Angeles, Calif., and Salt Lake City, Utah. Upon returning to New York they were assigned to different host students in homes and schools.

The group has made many public appearances and radio broadcasts during its stay here. Miss Meyer heard them in a discussion comparing American schools with schools in their own countries.

The United Nations sessions which the local administrator attended were the social and economic council and the security council. The security council was going strong on the issue of appointing a governor for Trieste, Miss Meyer said. She believes she saw a typical day's work being conducted in each session.

**MISS MEYER** also visited a public school in New York city and the Little Red School House, a private school well-known as a progressive school.

Early last week she served as a leader in a session of the national meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Supt. of Schools W. R. McIntosh also attended the curriculum meeting and reported on it here last week.

The local administrators participated in sessions on evaluating teachers and teaching. Decatur's "growth pattern" was described.



## **Elementary Supervisor Going to U.N. Conclave**

**Miss Charlotte Meyer, elementary supervisor of Decatur public schools, will attend a United Nations conference at Lake Success, New York, Feb. 16, 17 and 18.**

**The trip will include observations of U. N. sessions at Lake Success, addresses by international officials and professional meetings at New York university. It is sponsored by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum development and the New York university school of education.**



## Two Appointed To White House Youth Parley

Charlotte Meyer, Decatur public school elementary supervisor, and Mrs. Howard V. Millard, former director of the Decatur Day Nursery, will attend the 1950 "White House Conference on Children and Youth."

They are part of the 52-member Governor's commission on the mid-century conference. The group will be part of the planning and advisory staff for the conference and will attend the actual meetings next November and December in Washington.

The two Decatur women are invited to membership by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson. A preliminary meeting is scheduled for January.

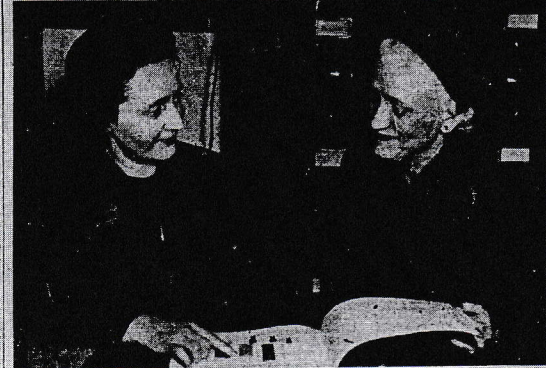
The White House conferences were started in 1909 by President Theodore Roosevelt and have taken place at approximately 10-year intervals.

Most members are educators and welfare workers.

Formal announcement of the committee membership is expected to be made soon.



### Charlotte Meyer Talks on White House Parley



Before talking last night to the Association of Childhood Education, Charlotte Meyer (left), elementary school supervisor, shows Kathryn O'Malley, president of the association, ma-

terial on the Mid-Century White House conference on children. Miss Meyer reported on the conference held last month in Washington. Mrs. Lucy Oplinger, president of the Illinois

Parent-Teachers association, and Rev. Fr. George A. Monaghan of the local Catholic Welfare service were other Decatur delegates to the conference. (Staff photo)

### Must Aid Lower Class Pupils, Meyer Reports

"Our chances for survival as a democracy will depend on bringing out the strength and virtues of the lower classes," Charlotte Meyer, elementary school supervisor, told the Association of Childhood Education last night in French school.

Miss Meyer was reporting on one of the talks in the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth held last month in Washington. More than 5,000 persons from all over the U. S. met and discussed how to develop healthy personalities in children.

It was brought out that the greatest stunting of children's personalities occurs on the lower economic levels, Miss Meyer said.

**IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** these youngsters are confronted with middle class values of their teachers and it is there they have an opportunity to better themselves, she said.

Paraphrasing the remarks of a talk given by a University of Chicago professor, Miss Meyer said teachers can help the brighter lower class children and "protect, nurture and develop the neglected talent in our country."

The 35 work groups in the conference which took up such problems as discrimination, the military draft and the place of religion in public schools covered "a lot of ground," Miss Meyer said. "It was difficult to get a perspective on the conference."

**THE SEVEN** essential components of a healthy personality were outlined in the keynote address, she said. A sense of trust is the first and the most important. It comes from truly loving parents and is fostered by the general emotional tone of the home, she said.

Such qualities of a growing child's personality as a sense of initiative and of accomplishment are peculiarly American and therefore easily acquired, Miss Meyer said.

"But children need a sense of intimacy to develop properly, and Americans tend to shy from close personal relations. A sense of integrity is likewise difficult to develop in a modern public school where a child is likely to rub shoulders with a variety of values," she said.

**MOST OF THE** delegates at the conference were social workers and sociologists rather than teachers and educators, Miss Meyer said. Miss Meyer passed around newspaper clippings on conference program materials and letters during her talk. More than 100 persons attended the meeting and took part in special interest group discussions afterward.

### Credit Unions Report

## Mueller Employees Have Assets Over \$400,000

Annual Decatur credit union reports began last night after stockholders in the many organizations met to review finances and elect officers. Other meetings will be held through the rest of the month.

At Mueller Co., employees learned that assets of their credit union had increased by more than \$110,000 to a total of \$417,961.41.

The union's membership of 782 was up about 150 over last year and they hold \$408,243.25 in shares, it was reported.

After increasing to \$312,842.71 last year, the amount loaned was down to \$210,527.53. A four per cent dividend was declared, amounting to \$11,974.79.

Five new directors elected were: Frank Ridgeway, Harold Taylor, Ruth Miller, Halton Hanson, Herman Jackson, Carl Mauer and Orville German were elected to serve two-year terms to fill in for directors who had resigned.

### 4 1/2 Per Cent Dividend

Treasurer Clyde Osborne of the Leader Iron Works credit union reported a dividend of four and one-half per cent was declared at yesterday's annual meeting.

The union reported \$18,187 in assets, against \$21,114 last year when a dividend of four per cent was declared.

Membership at the end of the year stood at 79, a gain of two members over last year.

During the report period the union made 92 loans for \$13,710, compared to 121 for \$23,455 for the previous period.

Officers elected were Robert L. Coxy, president; John J. Stauder, vice president; Mr. Osborne, and Robert Swigart, secretary.

### Decatur Garment Co.

Christina Hansen yesterday was re-elected president of the Decatur Garment Co. credit union, and a three per cent dividend was announced.

Fifty-four loans totaling \$2,140 were made in 1950, it was announced. The share balance at the end of the year was \$9,017.77 and the loan balance was \$3,717.55.

### 4 Scouts Win Eagle Deak

Other officers include Mae Miller, who was elected vice president. Helen Yuetten was named a credit committee member and Lucille Boyer was re-elected to the credit committee.

### Boosts at Home Mfg. Co.

An increase in employment at Home Mfg. Co. and other conditions affecting the general economy increased credit union report figures, officers said yesterday.

Membership was up from 87 last year to 142, according to Mary Leipski, secretary, and the number of loans went from 78 to 181. A dividend of three per cent, the same as last year, was declared.

Assets as of Dec. 31 were \$16,282.51, an increase over the \$7,901.74 at the end of 1949. A total of \$2,443.89 was outstanding at the end of the year.

During the year the union loaned \$12,378.

### New Staley Directors

A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. credit union officers yesterday predicted that loans and assets will be found to be higher when final figures are totaled.

Compilation was not completed in time for yesterday's meeting. Directors elected yesterday: Ruth Cade, C. W. Taylor, E. F. Roberts, C. V. Cox, vice president.

### Trades-Labor Assembly

The Decatur Trades & Labor assembly credit union last year registered gains in assets, members and loans.

George G. Miller, treasurer, reported that loans in 1950 climbed from \$24,949 the previous year to \$69,615.85. The gain was from 137 loans to 157.

Assets in the period went up from \$72,000 to \$91,403.40. Officers, all re-elected: J. Fred Richter, president.



### Steering Committee for School Child Guidance Project



The sixteen teachers and parents who attended the University of Chicago workshop on child development and guidance will form the steering committee of Decatur's newly formed child guidance project. Seated above, left to right, are: Roy O. Schill-

ing, principal of Gastman school; Mrs. John Baird, parent; Charlotte Meyer, elementary supervisor; Lester Grant, superintendent of schools; Ethel Kawin, consultant on child guidance; Mrs. Lucy Oplinger, board of education member; Mary Traylor, Roosevelt junior

high teacher; Eileen Jones, principal of Warren school; and Mrs. Richard Sullivan, parent. Standing, left to right: William Woodward, principal of Durfee school; Norman Gore, assistant superintendent of schools; Mrs. Bernice Sickman, principal of Lincoln school; Mrs. Carl P. Birk, parent;

Mrs. Harry Chamblin, parent; Lyle Musick, teacher at Johns Hill junior high; and Lee D. Pigott, principal of Decatur high school. Also a member of the steering committee but absent from the workshop was Murvil Barnes, consultant in teaching aids.

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Gallup Ball



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## Child Guidance Project Explained



Charlotte Meyer, elementary school supervisor, left, describes the new child development and guidance project to a group of persons with special resources who might be called on for advice. Starting at Miss Meyer's left, the members of the group are Gary Florian,

recreation supervisor; Dr. Lee Frech, school health chairman, Macon County Medical Society; Dr. Don L. Sweazy, psychiatrist; Dr. Don L. Sweazy, tute for Juvenile Research; Dr. V. F. Dawald, Millikin university department of education; Prof. William E. Fish-

er, chairman, Millikin education department; Gus T. Greanias, county judge; Mrs. A. H. Berg, director, Family Service; Mrs. Lyle Huff, visiting counselor, public schools; Mrs. H. E. Chamblin, parent. They met last night in Decatur high school.



## MISS MEYER ELECTED TO EDUCATION GROUP

Charlotte Meyer, elementary supervisor of Decatur public schools, has been elected to the executive committee of the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Miss Meyer had been one of the Illinois representatives on the board of directors. At the annual meeting recently in Boston she was named to fill a vacancy on the committee until next fall. The next meeting of the committee will be May 8-11 in Washington, D. C.

The association is seeking to improve the quality of what is taught in American public schools.



## Charlotte Meyer To Study Abroad During Summer

Miss Charlotte Meyer, Decatur public school director of elementary education, will study in England, Germany and France this summer.

She will be in a seminar of 40 American educators studying contemporary Europe and public education under the sponsorship of New York University.

Miss Meyer will leave Decatur today and sail from New York Wednesday on the Georgic.

From July 3 to July 20 she will be at the University of London. There will be talks by government and trade union officials and visits to representative schools. The seminar will be at the University of Heidelberg for 10 days. Trends in German education and German life since the war will be studied. Student-teachers from East Germany are scheduled to talk to the seminar.

The visitors probably will spend a week in Paris either at the University of Paris or UNESCO House, said Miss Meyer. They will visit French schools and confer with French educators.

On Aug. 6 they will sail from Le Havre for home.



**ERROR: Should be Meyer.**

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, April 8, 1968



Charlotte Meyer and A. G. Webber III look over a book presented to Miss Meyer Saturday.

### Charlotte Meyer Honored She Wore Many Hats

By Lois M. Moore  
Of the Review

Charlotte Meyer, retiring school administrator, was honored Saturday by some of her present and former colleagues. Present and past elementary principals and past elementary coordinators, along with their wives or husbands, entertained her in the South Side Country Club.

In song and appropriately decorated hats, the many facets of Miss Meyer's life and professional career were presented with the theme, "Fabulous Hats of Charlotte Meyer."

The theme was a takeoff from the book "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins" by Dr. Seuss chosen partially because Miss Meyer actually likes and owns many hats and because she has worn so many "hats" in her professional and non-professional life.

Decorations included various characters from Dr. Seuss' books, made by women elementary principals.

Before dinner, piano and organ music was furnished by Mrs. Mary Morris, Oak Grove, principal.

Fifteen acts were performed, each presented with an appropriate song.

**Many Hats**

The hats, each depicting a phase of Miss Meyer's life, were:

Baby, child, teacher, mortar board, principal, supervisor, resident (she has headed several organizations), travel, White House (in 1959 she was a member of Illinois Commission to Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth)

Hall of fire (she was destroyed as such in a Feb. 1958, Leak magazine story), play (she attends many), elder (she is one of two women elders at First Presbyterian Church for many years), biology (she has taught and headed the department), alum of the year (Millikin University), climax (best wishes as she goes out to conquer new fields).

A parody of words to various songs were written by Mildred Price, former Dennis School principal.

The men's chorus during the evening consisted of former or present elementary principals: Delloyd Kess, Dallas Beyer, Earl Helfers, William Cogan, Adrian Ernst, George Cahill, Lloyd Moma, and Dale Melles.

The group also presented Miss Meyer with a white throat sparrow from the collection of sculptor Edward Marshall Boston, who works with hard paste porcelain. A book with pictures and transcript on the Saturday evening event also is being given to her.

**Principals Present**

Three former principals, now living out of town, were also present Saturday. These included Mrs. John Nicholls of Skokie (Warren), Thelma Crowl of Champaign (Oakland) and Ethel Crane of Hammond, Ind. (Oak Grove).

Mrs. H. David Greider Jr., a close personal friend and an elder with Miss Meyer at First Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker. The two were the first women elders at the church.

Chairmen for Saturday's event were Florence Foster, Roy O. Schilling and Mrs. A. G. Webber III.

Miss Meyer announced her retirement, effective July 1, at the Nov. 14, 1967, Board of Education meeting.

Her entire professional career, which began in 1927, has been in the Decatur school system.

Recently Miss Meyer was also given a gift of money by elementary teachers.

Next September, Miss Meyer will become a member of the faculty at the National College of Education in Evanston.

She will be in the department directly involved with supervision and student teaching.

During the summer, she will be on the summer school faculty of Millikin University.

### 'Jesus' Days Like Ours' Pilgrimage, Peril and Purpose

By Lind C. Hughes  
Of the Review

The days of Jesus were days of pilgrimage, peril, prayer and purpose, Rev. James Earl Massey said at the first of the Holy Week services at 12:10 p.m. today in First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Massey, pastor of Metropolitan Detroit Church of God, spoke on the topic "The Days of His Flesh."

"Make no mistake about it: the days of His flesh were like our days—they were days of pilgrimage," he said.

"Like our days, His days were filled with life and learning. His discourses and adventures can rise out of pure circumstance. Peril can result because of unforeseen factors. Peril can result from human contrivance against us — and nothing so threatens us as when peril is thus seen and felt. It is not easy to handle calculated cruelties, the violence of men to harass or oppress."

**Chosen Road**

Speaking of Martin Luther King, Rev. Massey said, "Last week we saw what happened as that American Moses rounded a dark bend, an assassin's bullet ended the life of that social prophet."

"Dr. King had chosen that road — but with peaceful intentions."



# Supt. Jones Takes New Job; Charlotte Meyer to Retire



Dr. Rolland Jones Charlotte Meyer

By Gary Wisby  
Of the Herald

After only 19 weeks as Decatur schools superintendent, Dr. Rolland W. Jones resigned his post Tuesday night.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, Jones said he will become the superintendent of schools in Edmonton, the capital city of Alberta, Canada.

He said he is resigning, effective July 1, because of a "challenge I can't resist," and spoke of the "opportunity to serve under the flags of two nations." Edmonton, he said, is a city of about 500,000 population.

He said he would leave with "a great deal of regret," largely because of "so many fine people I have known here."

Jones' announcement of resignation came immediately after that of Charlotte Meyer, assistant superintendent for elementary schools since 1951.

Miss Meyer's letter said she will retire July 1. She was 60 on Oct. 17.

She has been a Decatur educator her entire professional life, starting 40 years ago as a teacher at Garfield School.

### President Comments

Of Jones' resignation, school board President Daniel M. Moore Jr. said the board had worked with the superintendent for a "short, very busy time. I regret it (the resignation) has occurred, but I wish you God-speed in your endeavors after July 1."

Moore and two other board members thanked Miss Meyer for her years of service, but perhaps the greatest tribute came from Jones, who prefaced the announcement of his own resignation with, "This will come as an anticlimax."

In an apparent effort to soften the shock of his action, Jones spoke of the District's "ultimate aim — each administrator, teacher and student understanding the role of the other, so it won't matter who's in the role. We'll know what's expected of us."

Earlier in the meeting he presented a list of objectives for the Decatur district in the present year, many of which reflect his leadership goals. They included:

—The development of a master plan for education, "a plan not drawn up in an ivory tower cocoon."

—A determination of financial needs. "I am certain this will lead to a successful referendum," said Jones.

—A four-phase expansion of budget preparation procedures, based on the master plan.

—A greater awareness of the economic and social needs of the district, and the identification of solutions, apparently largely in reference to the work of the Community Commission on Integration.

—The establishment of a workable procedure for negotiation of salaries and of the first master contract for teachers.

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### Meets Johnson

## Japan's Sato Praises U.S. Peace Efforts

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Washington

Premier Eisaku Sato of Japan Tuesday praised President Johnson's efforts to bring "peace and stability" to Asia, indirectly endorsing American policy in Vietnam.

"I wish to express my deep respect to you, Mr. President, for the great efforts being made by the United States under your able leadership to bring peace and stability to the world, particularly in Asia at this moment," the 66-year-old premier said at a White House welcoming ceremony. "The basic purpose of our foreign policy also are the safeguarding of freedom and dedication to peace."

Later, a Japanese Embassy spokesman said the premier's remarks constituted an "expression of direct support" for the administration's policy on Vietnam.

Sato, in his remarks at the White House, said he was counting on his formal discussions here to produce an "adjustment and expansions of our basic national interests."

This was interpreted as an allusion to rising Japanese demands that administrative control of Okinawa and other Pacific islands be returned to Japan. The issue is reported to be the central one of the meetings here.

Both Japanese and American officials declined to discuss details of the 90-minute private talk between Johnson and Sato Tuesday morning. But it was understood that their joint communique today would probably

announce a timetable for returning the Bonin Island group to Japanese control.

Japanese public opinion has centered its demands on regaining Okinawa, seized by American forces in World War II.

Because Okinawa is regarded by both the American and Japanese governments as a lynchpin in the Pacific defense network, no substantial change in American political control of the island is thought likely to emerge from the Johnson-Sato talks. Japanese officials have indicated that they would like some show of progress toward eventual Japanese rule of the island.



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Central Illinois — Generally fair today, Sunday and a little warmer with highs in the 50s.

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### Students Riot

## Ohio College Closed Down

Wilberforce, Ohio (AP) — Classes at Central State University, scene of a wild riot Monday night, were closed Monday.





**Charlotte Meyer**

## Miss Meyer To Leave After 40 Years

"They don't come any finer than Charlotte Meyer," former superintendent of schools Lester Grant said Tuesday. "She is very capable and believes in working for the youngsters."

Tuesday Miss Meyer, assistant superintendent of elementary education, announced she will retire from that post effective July 1, 1968. Miss Meyer will be ending a 40-year career in the Decatur Public Schools. The Decatur schools have been part of Miss Meyer's life since childhood. She was born in Decatur, attended elementary and high school here and is a 1931 graduate of Millikin University. She graduated magna cum laude.

At Millikin she majored in biology and minored in chemistry. She won the John W. Coleman prize in European history at Millikin and was named Millikin alumna-of-the-year in 1964.

Even before graduation from Millikin she was teaching in the Decatur Public Schools. Between 1927 and 1929 she taught at Garfield School. After graduation and until 1938 she taught at Stephen Decatur High School.

Miss Meyer spent the next three years as principal of Ulrich school. In 1941 she was appointed acting supervisor of the elementary grades.

In 1952 she was appointed director of elementary education, then during Grant's superintendency she became assistant superintendent of elementary education.

As assistant superintendent she was in charge of placing student teachers, hiring new teachers, taking charge of inservice education and attending committee meetings pertaining to her field.

"At present, I have no plans for the immediate future," Miss Meyer said, when asked what she has planned after she retires.

"However, I hope to continue working in education in some way," she said. "As I said in my letter to Dr. Jones, I notified the board of my intent to resign more than a year ago. "It was merely coincidental that my resignation came on the same evening as Dr. Jones' resignation."

In 1950 she was one of 81 Illinois delegates to attend the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Miss Meyer has been active in the Zonta Club, the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women and the YWCA. She has also served on the Millikin University alumni board.

She was a member of the Illinois and Mason County Welfare Service Committees and has served on the Illinois Curriculum Council, an advisory committee to the office of the superintendent of public instruction on curriculum.

Miss Meyer received a master's degree at the University of Michigan in 1947, and has done additional work at the University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin, New York University, and Harvard.

She is a past president of the Decatur Education Association and Illinois Education Association. She lives at 215 W. William St.

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## Holds Audience at Concert

One of the outstanding numbers proved that, besides having an excellent voice, Miss Tyler is a competent actress.

The number, Hello! Hello! by Gian Carlo Menotti, is an amusing and satirical one-sided telephone conversation between a woman and one of her friends. Here Miss Tyler used the gestures necessary to a phone conversation as well as a flashing smile and mischievous eyes. In this number, she even laughed in perfect harmony.

Miss Tyler's voice has a fullness and richness often missing in soprano. She also displays excellent stage presence, standing quiet and composed until a few latecomers reached their seats at the beginning of the concert.

Other numbers on the program included four by Richard Strauss, Freundliche Visionen, Schlagende Herzen, Die Nacht und Zwieling.

Four French airs by Francis Poulenc were next, Air Champetre, Air Romantique, Air Grave and Air Vif.

Miss Tyler closed her performance with three spirituals, You Can Tell the World, Lord, I Just Can't Keep From Crying and He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. She proved that she is equally at home with common as well as classical music.


## Dividend to Be Paid on Staley Common Stock

A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. declared a 35 cent quarterly dividend on common stock Tuesday.

Payments will be made Dec. 7 to stockholders on record Nov. 24.

A 95 cent dividend on \$3.75 preference stock will be paid a Dec. 20 to stockholders on record Dec. 6.





**Bob Fallstrom**  
Commentary

### Heap praise on guardians of our history

Martha Montgomery describes Charlotte Meyer as a wonderful lady.


The words fit Martha, too. So it's a wonderful idea for the Heritage Network of Decatur and Macon County to honor Martha and Charlotte. It happens at an awards ceremony Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Oglesby Mansion.

Everybody needs a word of praise. I remember when the Heritage Network honored Webster Brothers and O.T. "Jack" Banton during a ceremony in the Decatur Public Library. Webster and O.T. were deserving. And they enjoyed the attention.

**APPROPRIATELY** enough, the Oglesby Mansion will be the site this time. After all, Martha Montgomery was chairman of the Oglesby Mansion restoration committee.

Martha was also president of the Macon County Historical Society and president of the Decatur Genealogical Society.

Her work for the Macon County Historical Society is particularly noteworthy. This is the organization which



scramps and scarpes for the money to keep going. The importance of history is not always financially popular, unfortunately.

Ask your neighbor, ask a friend about the Macon County Historical Society and receive a puzzled look? "What's that?"

Martha has battled the indifference with time and energy — and boisterousness.

In recent years, she marshalled a couple dozen volunteers in her back yard a week or so before the Yeast-year Fair on Labor Day weekend.

The volunteers prepared jars of the pungent boisterousness to sell in order to earn a dollar or two for the society.

Whatever it takes has always been Martha's method of operation.

**AS FOR CHARLOTTE**, former Superintendent of Schools Lester Grant said this in 1987: "They don't come any finer than Charlotte Meyer."

This was the praise on the day she said she would retire as an assistant superintendent of elementary education, ending a 40-year career in the Decatur public schools.

Charlotte was a teacher at Garfield School and at Decatur High School, principal of Ulrich School, director of elementary education and then assistant superintendent. In a 1936 *Look* magazine story, she was called "a ball of fire."

Like Martha Montgomery, Charlotte is a guardian of history. Charlotte compiled a 16-volume register of area historical structures.

She also researched an un-written chapter in Decatur's history — concerning Hungarians who came here to work at the Malabar Iron Works in the 2100 Block N. Woodford St. in 1888.

Yes, it's a wonderful idea to pay attention to Martha Montgomery and Charlotte Meyer, sure to be included in the history-making Decatur group.

**Bob Fallstrom** is Herald & Review lifestyle editor. His column appears Sunday and Tuesday.



## **4-YEAR APPOINTMENT**

### **Charlotte Meyer Named to NEA Safety Education Unit**

Charlotte Meyer, assistant superintendent in charge of elementary education, has been appointed to a National Education Association commission.

The four-year appointment is on the National Commission on Safety Education.

The commission's objectives are increased safety of children and adults, better instruction in safe living, improved local safety education programs and safety guidance.

Its members represent elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities and state departments of education.



## Charlotte Meyer, 90

**DECATUR** — Charlotte Meyer of Decatur will observe her 90th birthday.

Cards may be mailed to her at Manor-Care Health Center, 444 W. Harrison Ave., Decatur, IL 62526.

Miss Meyer was born Oct. 17, 1907, in Decatur.

She graduated from Millikin University and became a principal, director of elementary education and assistant superintendent of the Decatur School District.



**Meyer**



## Meyer

DECATUR — Anna Belle Meyer, 86, of Decatur died 12:40 a.m. Friday (Feb. 19, 1993) in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Sunday in First Presbyterian Church Chapel. There will be no visitation. Her body was donated to medical science. Dawson & Winkoff West Wood Street Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials: First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Meyer was born May 8, 1906, in Decatur, the daughter of Edward William and Ellen Spangler Meyer. She was retired from Norfolk & Western Railroad and also worked for the Wabash Railroad. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was active in the Toastmistress Club.

Surviving is her sister, Charlotte Meyer.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



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# Seek 'new middle,' Goodman advises

By SUE BROWN  
Herald & Review Lifestyle Writer

Ellen Goodman is a lot like your favorite neighbor.

Tuesday night the Pulitzer Prize winner's blonde hair was casually combed to the side, her shoes were practical flats, and the right seam of her silk suit jacket was ripped a tad just under the arm.

That naturalness and a sense of humor set a festive tone for the 840 people attending the YWCA's Women of Excellence banquet at the Decatur Holiday Inn. Syndicated columnist Goodman keynoted with a speech on people's changing needs, then seven Decatur women were cited for excellence in accomplishment.

It was that same convivial ease and ready laugh, though, that Goodman used to deflect the tougher questions at the press conference preceding her speech. She's clearly more comfortable behind a word processor, where she can reflect on and carefully construct her opinions, than a podium.

She'd make no predictions on whether the Senate Judiciary Committee will confirm Judge Robert Bork's appointment to the Supreme Court. Repeating her published opposition to stands he's taken on abortion and other family issues, she allowed, "The vote will be close, I think."

She hopes Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) and other women will stay in the race for president in 1988, but Goodman thinks it's too soon for a woman to land the top executive seat.

"Still, it's important for women to pave the way for those that will follow," she said. "You never win anything unless you keep trying."

She gave more to her audience at the banquet.

"Women need access to the best of the traditional male roles

— particularly success in the workplace — while they win respect for the traditional female roles, especially that of caretaker," Goodman advised. "We've been more successful at getting into the male world than changing it for the better."

She used a Washington, D.C.-based friend's anecdote to illustrate society's lack of respect for motherhood and family: "In this city it's more socially acceptable to say you're a transsexual than to admit that you're a homemaker not currently working outside the home."

Goodman believes the roles of home manager and parent will be more highly valued when men share them and women don't feel guilty about accepting this help.

The audience roared when she quoted another friend: "Women will be equal when that TV commercial about ring-around-the-collar comes on and, instead of expressing remorse and vowing to try a new detergent, the actress talks the guy he ought to wash his neck."

One man in the crowd complained, in jest, that the joke was sexist. But there was overwhelmingly favorable response to Goodman's recommendation that women and men work together in a "new middle" between the poles of radical feminism and the ultra-conservative right.

Women should find ways to get the best of both the work and domestic worlds, she charged, and men should help them do that. She advocated, too, taking action in the community to help families whose partners have equivalent roles.

"Don't get discouraged," concluded the 46-year-old who has combined a demanding journalism career and a family for years. "Change comes slowly."



Photo by Herb Skobounik

The crowd at the Women of Excellence banquet applauds Charlotte Meyer, left, one of seven women honored this year. Other winners are at right.



Diane Wentworth-Jensen



Fanny Powers Bassett



Nancy Roucher



Nellie Winick



Penny Severns



Marcia Morey



Columnist Ellen Goodman, right, speaks with Jeanne Connolly, co-chairman of the Women of Excellence banquet Tuesday.

## 1987's Women of Excellence

A reporter at Tuesday night's Women Of Excellence banquet asked keynoter, columnist Ellen Goodman, if Decatur men should fear that the YWCA's seven Women Of Excellence awardees will take over.

"You should feel lucky that you have such interesting and accomplished women," Goodman replied.

Selected from 35 outstanding achievers nominated by community organizations and individuals were these women:

**Medicine:** Diane Lucille Wentworth-Jensen, vice president of nursing at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

**Athletics:** Marcia Morey, former Millikin champion swimmer who participated in the Olympics and now a teacher, writer and attorney.

**Volunteerism:** Fanny Powers Bassett, a worker for more than 30 years with the Decatur Memorial Hospital auxiliary.

**Government:** Sen. Penny Severns, D-Decatur, representing the 31st District in the State Assembly.

**Arts:** Nancy Roucher, recently moved from Decatur to Sarasota, Fla., after founding the Decatur Area Arts Council and sitting on its board for 13 years.

**Business:** Nellie Blanchard Winick, retiree from the Hi-Flier Mig. Co., where she worked her way from secretary to a vice presidency.

**Education:** Charlotte Meyer, retiree from a 40-year career in the Decatur Public Schools as teacher, principal and then assistant superintendent of elementary education.

Diane Wentworth-Jensen was tearful as she gripped her trophy. "This award is the highlight of my career so far," she said. "It's also made me glad I'm home in Decatur after 11 years of working in Muncie, Ind."

Said awardee Marcia Morey, "I feel honored, and want to go out and contribute all that I can. And I'll give credit for my achievements where it's due: to the people of Decatur."

Her advice to other women: "Be at peace with yourself, then give the best of what you are to your work and your community."

Honoree Sen. Penny Severns ducked fans' cameras to quickly respond to a remark made by a 1986 political opponent: "the district isn't ready for a woman," H. G. "Skinny" Taylor snapped.

"The events of this evening certainly do prove him wrong," she said, smiling widely.



# Ethnic groups provide unwritten chapters in history of Decatur

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — This is the first of three *Off the Beat* features on some of Decatur's ethnic history. The stories result from conversations with the people who came out of two ethnic neighborhoods and the woman whose research uncovered an unwritten chapter of Decatur's history.

Descended from one of Decatur's first families — the Spangers — Charlotte Meyer has an understandable interest in local history.

But the former teacher, principal and administrator in Decatur's public schools decided to go beyond researching the prominent families of the city and county.

Instead, she decided to explore Decatur's ethnics, the groups that migrated here, helped build the town and eventually were absorbed, in some cases, into the homogenized middle class.

Right away, she tossed out the Irish and the Germans, the two largest and best-known groups.

"All of our local histories have written up these groups very well," she explains.

**Off The Beat**

Bob Sampson



"What I really got interested in were the groups I hadn't known much about, the national groups."

With a bright sun warming a sitting room in her co-op apartment overlooking Decatur's west side, Miss Meyer shuffles through her notes and recreates an obscure and long-forgotten piece of history.

"I discovered that a group of Hungarians provided a good case study for these national groups," she begins.

Gearing up for war production in 1916, the Malleable Iron Works, located in the 2100 Block N. Woodford St., needed many laborers.

"They got some Hungarians from Terre Haute, Ind.," says Miss Meyer.

For the most part, the workers were immigrants.

Seeking to make life in a strange city more attractive, the company built a two-story, wooden frame hotel to house the single men.

Eventually, seven four-room houses were built for the workers and their families.

Behind the hotel, a social clubhouse was erected.

"This clubhouse was used for the traditional Hungarian autumn festival," says Miss Meyer.

"They'd decorate the hall with apples and grapes and import a Hungarian orchestra from Chicago for a dance."

Based on interviews with descendants of the Hungarians, Miss Meyer learned that the clubhouse had another use.

"Most of the Hungarians were Catholics and members of St. Patrick Church," she says.

"But they couldn't afford the streetcar fare to send their children to St. Patrick School.

"So Father Murphy from St. Patrick's would send someone out once a

week to give religious instruction to the children in the clubhouse."

The autumn festival wasn't the only tradition the Hungarians retained. Their taste for home brew caused trouble during prohibition.

"And at funerals they'd line people up around the casket for a picture," says Miss Meyer.

"I saw one picture which showed the casket sitting in the front yard with people lined up around it."

But gradually, she says, the Hungarians took on more and more American customs.

Many changed their names to accommodate easier pronunciation by Americans.

"And one of the first persons to contact them in Decatur was the precinct committeeman," she says.

"I've been told the committeeman would bring two papers. One was an application for citizenship, the other a voter registration form.

"Most Hungarians became citizens, because like so many other groups, they saw this as a land of opportunity."

It was the failure of opportunity that

broke up the Hungarian colony.

"In 1932, Malleable became a victim of the Depression and went bankrupt," says Miss Meyer.

Some of the Hungarians left, but others had formed ties to the community that kept them in Decatur.

There were others, such as the Italians who lived on South Franklin and Jackson streets and worked in a nearby coal mine from the 1920s into the 1960s.

"The only person from Decatur to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II came from that group of Italians," she notes.

And there were the Greeks who began arriving in the early 1920s and made names for themselves in business, law and politics.

Such groups, small and largely unassisted, are a part of the city's history.

"It is interesting," she says of studying these groups, "but there's no end to it."

"I can keep turning up all sorts of things that should be followed."

Now, Miss Meyer hopes, others will begin following the leads she has uncovered.



Charlotte Meyer



### Oglesby Spanking, Mandated Name

# Authors Re-Creating Decatur Area History, Anecdotes

By Lois Moore

A spanking for a future governor and a mandated name for the county and Decatur are among the highlights of two histories of Macon County.

The first of the books available to the public is "Tales of Old Decatur," written by Linda Hughes.

It takes an anecdotal look at the people in Decatur's past.

A December publication date has been announced for the "History of Macon County," edited by O.T. Banton.

The latter book results from a \$3,500 allocation from the Macon County Board to the county's Bicentennial Commission.

In selecting a highlight from

the forthcoming book, Banton cited the legislative act creating the county.

The act specified the county be named Macon and the county seat town should be named Decatur.

Further, the act specified three out-of-county residents to select the county seat site. Rivalry between the Ward and Stevens settlements is believed the reason.

A rivalry even developed between merchants in the area of what today is Central Park (then called New Square) and those in the Old Square (Lincoln Square today).

Banton noted, too, farming and industry expanded after

the railroads came. The presence of prolific inventors helping vary industrial production, he added.

One of Mrs. Hughes' favorite stories concerns Gov. Richard Oglesby.

Oglesby received a whipping for insulting the schoolmaster, an act made upon the dare of a schoolmate, George Kettering.

Years later, when the two

met, Oglesby informed Kettering if he (Oglesby) wasn't governor, he would give Kettering a whipping like he got.

And there is the story of Hieronymus Mueller's son getting a \$10 a week job with a tailor.

Mueller felt the pay should only be \$4. He did not think any boy was worth \$10.

Mrs. Hughes recalled, too,

stories about Dr. Ira Norton Barnes, a surgeon with the 16th Regiment from Macon County during the Civil War.

One concerned the burning of Columbia, S.C.

Not leaving anything to chance, Barnes and the men went to the town the night before to buy tobacco and other items they thought might be needed.



O. T. Banton



Richard J. Oglesby



Linda Hughes

## Sign His Watchdog Role

ten in a similar vein and, like a child with a new toy, Dr. Flaxman enthusiastically describes their acceptance for publication.

The stories frequently refer to "my wife." And Dr. Flaxman says wife Ethel offers suggestions and critiques his thoughts as he asks for direction.

Mrs. Flaxman is a retired social worker of the school district. "We're a pair — we go together," he says in explaining their close relationship.

Many years ago the couple teamed to write an article, "Growing Up With Marsha," a story about their experiences as parents of a deaf child.

That child is now a 27-year-old woman and she and sister, Nancy, 29, reside in Champaign.

When the Flaxman home emptied of children, the initial adjustment for him wasn't easy. But the relationship he shares with Ethel entered a new phase and has been strengthened even more, he adds.

The couple owns only one car — by choice. "So we depend on one another — we have to plan our day together."

Dr. Flaxman traditionally has not maintained Thursday afternoon office hours and he became the family cook on that day, a chore he relinquished when Mrs. Flaxman retired.

But he still enjoys putting around in the kitchen and gardening. "I've been gardening for 30 years — even before it became popular."

During the last years he was on the Board of Education, integration of Decatur schools became an issue and Dr. Flaxman was among members voting to establish the Community Commission on Integration (CCI). That committee developed an integration plan which proved highly controversial.

Dr. Flaxman acknowledges as a Jew his liberalism "has been founded on a lot of years of experience. I was ready and in many years philosophically ahead of the other board members" when it came time to decide, he said.

As a young man reared in Chicago he experienced anti-Semitism.

In Decatur, he says he has not experienced blatant expressions of that emotion, but adds, "In this city there are a lot of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. relationships that don't continue in social

## Banton Edits Bicentennial Work On Decatur Settlement, Present

Decatur and Macon County, from their early settlement to the present, will be covered in the "History of Macon County" edited by O. T. Banton.

The approximately 360-page hardback book is expected to be out around mid-December. The cost will be \$10.50.

Banton was chosen as editor by the heritage committee of the Macon County Bicentennial Commission.

The commission was directed by the Macon County Board to prepare the history as a Bicentennial project. The board appropriated about \$3,500 for the project.

About 1½ years of work has gone into the history, said Banton, a native of Macon County.

Those efforts began with selection of an editorial advisory committee. Members included Edward Lindsay, David Felts, Mrs. Florence White, Melvin Matthew, Martha Montgomery,

Rev. Laren Spear, Charlotte Meyer and Margaret Meyer.

Several persons helped, either in writing or researching chapters on subjects in which they had special expertise and in checking written portions.

Mrs. White and Margaret Meyer have been in charge of obtaining and selecting the approximately 150 pictures used.

They, along with others, have worked on the index which will be more complete than previous histories, Banton said.

There has been "wonderful cooperation" in the project, Banton said, including renting an office in the First National Bank office building at what he called a very nominal fee.

Chapters in the book will deal with subjects which can more readily be used by high school and college students.

As much as possible the pictures will be appearing for the

first time in a history.

For information, researchers turned to old histories, newspaper clippings, Decatur Public Library, Illinois State Historical Library and records in the Macon County Building and Decatur Municipal Building.

Writing and editing, however, are not new to Banton, who was in newspaper work 52 years.

The first 15 years of his newspaper career were with Milwaukee, Wis., newspapers, the remainder in Decatur.

Banton, who acknowledges a preference for writing over editing, is a former city editor of the Decatur Daily Review and Sunday Decatur Herald and Review. He covered the state legislature 18 years for Lindsay-Schaub newspapers.

Banton went into semi-retirement in 1962 before retiring two years ago.

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