

by avoiding a public brawl. Sen. McCarthy, the President has not won Republican support for his program.

attack until the administration hit him with an offensive of its own.

Water Program

THE \$6,550,000 water treatment plant and water supply system improvements proposed to the Decatur City Council by Warren & Van Praag, Inc. is only a recommendation.

Moreover, the program is a three-phase deal that looks ahead 10 years and includes, in the cost estimates, items the engineering firm does not specifically recommend.

Those considerations must be kept in mind. Some Decatur residents are becoming concerned about the total number of millions of dollars mentioned in connection with the programs outlined for a community entering upon an era of great industrial and population growth. Already those millions are more than can be counted on two hands.

The long range Decatur water supply program, which lists as its first objective the enlargement and conservation of Lake Decatur, includes future attention to the distribution facilities. Whatever the City Council had in mind in that connection surely is included in the Warren & Van Praag 10-year program.

That detailed program, with a time table for taking care of the various phases, lists the problems which Decatur must face during the years ahead. It is a recommendation to be pondered by the City Council and by the Water Board, when the Council gets around to creating that necessary agency.

But the first business of the city government is the raising of the Lake Decatur dam to create a reservoir sufficient to store plenty of water, delivered to our door by the Sangamon River, against seasons of drouth.

All other programs are subordinate to that achievement.

First, we must get the water. After that, we can plan on the distribution of the water, the raising of bridges, the protection of shore lines and any relocations or adjustments that become necessary.

First things must come first, and nothing must be permitted to distract our interest or our energies from the job.

tested police interference with "license-bearing" citizens who find it enjoyable or even necessary to drive around and around the Transfer house.

There was one letter, unsigned, about Daylight Saving Time. Here we go again.

The key to success is to get the right name, like Liberace; then acquire a mannerism, like a syrupy smile, and then dabble in music, preferably a piano with a candleabra on it.

Witnesses before the McCarthy committee might open their testimony with: "The last time I saw Peress. . ."

Maybe Tarzan could help the British negotiate a peace with the Mau Maus.

Reapportionment: Road to Recovery

A DECADE ago the American Political Science Association published a report that led in 1947 to extensive congressional reforms.

Now the association has completed a study of state legislatures.

The political scientists hope that this report, "American State Legislatures," edited by Prof. Belle Zeller of Brooklyn College, will do as much for the creaking machinery of state legislatures as the previous study did for congressional procedures.

Of special interest to Illinois residents is the stress the new report lays on regular reapportionment of state legislatures.

The legislative reapportionment amendment approved by the Illinois General Assembly last year will be put to the voters of the state in public referendum at the November elections.

Under this amendment, Downstate Illinois would keep control of the Senate while legislators from the metropolitan Chicago area would be in the majority in the House. This is not an ideal solution. But it is a vast improvement over the present situation.

Discussing the failure of states to reapportion their legislatures—Illinois has not done so for half a

Getting a Look At the Candidates

THIS week the Decatur League of Women Voters is going to give everyone a chance to see, to hear and to meet at least eight of the nine candidates for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator.

The town meeting, set for 8:15 p. m. Thursday in the Decatur High school auditorium, promises to be unusual, as well as interesting and informative.

In primary elections voters too often must go to the polls without much of an idea of what the candidates stand for, or even look like. Thursday's meeting will correct that situation for those who are interested.

Although the candidates have been asked to speak briefly on one of three subjects—Bricker amendment, price supports and the budget, they can be expected to swing out and to cover many other topics.

The word "briefly" undoubtedly will be emphasized by the moderator, Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin, who has handled similar discussions smoothly and fairly.

In addition to the senatorial hopefuls, state and county candidates have been invited and many are expected to attend.

The meeting will have a distinct GOP flavor, which is not intentional but simply unavoidable. If Sen. Paul H. Douglas, the Democratic incumbent, could be present, the situation might be different.

The League and Dr. Gage, however, can be expected to keep the meeting as non-partisan as possible.

The efforts of the League in presenting the candidates in person to Decatur area voters should be appreciated by Republican and Democrat alike. With the primary only a month away the town meeting may be the only chance a voter has to select the best Republican candidate for senator.

Coffee Seen at \$1.50 Line, reads a headline. And that's where we draw the line.

Musicians now will have to park their violin cases outside

48 being near, in the realm of a future rain or sun. 6. With down.

opposite side. Fourteen commercial a-size dime lower proper they are already. 7. Last of dollars from a piece of ground, a double access to the lake. A double to the fishermen. A double infringing on private of the Route 51 bridge is the subject. Decatur. Wait a minute.

Junior Red Cross

Editor, The Herald and Review

We have not had an organized Junior Red Cross for several years because of the lack of fund leadership. Now, in this campaign the Red Cross has said that will make every effort to organize the program. I would like to ask Macon County to do the best to support the Red Cross help put the Junior Red Cross back into functioning order.

I think you are familiar with the activities we have tried to carry on in past years. We have long sent gift boxes to children overseas. Two years ago, Roosevelt Junior High School sent a gift chest containing school supplies for an entire class. Tray favors have been made for the Veterans Hospital also.

There is plenty of enthusiasm among school children to help J.R.C. We have many teachers in the schools that are willing to help and volunteer time and leadership in the individual schools but we need a county director. Please, Decatur, support the Red Cross drive this year and give a little extra to help with Junior Red Cross work. Decatur High School Students

Mothers, Too

Editor, The Herald and Review

Just a few lines to let you know I really like your paper. It is top in up-to-the-minute news, covering national, state, local and above all last-minute sports.

The carrier boys, and their mothers are very good. I always have my paper to read when I eat breakfast, and I really appreciate this.

Though I do not agree with your editorial

from the lake conservation program.

The average farm income of \$882 in 1953 belonged to a farmer who is not interested in the ups and downs of parity.

Anyone who has been lately to the dentist will doubt that Maj. Peress drilled much Communist doctrine into GI's while filling a cavity.

President Eisenhower should ponder the hard truth that in some instances there is no middle road.

About Letters To the Editor

LONG AFTER the sex education issue has ceased to be news, the Editor continues to receive letters, usually unsigned, on the subject. Some people seem to like to talk about sex.

There are letters, signed and sincere, urging the dredging of the silt from Lake Decatur. A final decision has been made on the lake conservation program.

Letters on inoculation of dogs against rabies are remindful of the letters received when the Illinois Legislature was debating the anti-rabies bills. The anti-rabies law is on the books, and will be enforced.

One letter signed only with the initials of "An Irate Citizen" pro-

century — the political scientists write:

"This rural dominance is one reason why the states have not always been able to cope with the greater problems of an urbanized society, such as housing, metropolitan transportation fares, price control on foods, social insurance, and community planning beyond city limits."

The report on state legislatures recommends automatic reapportionment every 10 years, based on latest census figures, by a special administrative agency not connected with the legislature.

The study also calls for election of members from districts with equal populations, an end to gerrymandering and the drawing of district lines to assure the widest possible representation of interests within the various areas of a state.

The political scientists conclude that legislatures are "poorly equipped to serve as policy-making agencies in mid-twentieth century America."

Reapportionment will not cure all the ills of the Illinois Legislature. But it certainly should put it on the road to recovery.

That GOP politician who made \$195,000 on a \$2,009 investment in a New York harness racing track has the kind of system horseplayers dream about.

In Texas a pint is not a fifth but a half-gallon.

the door at the House and Senate galleries.

Today We Give Three Cheers:

CHEER No. 1 to Dr. R. E. Greenfield, an authority on water problems long before he became vice-president in charge of manufacturing at Staley's, for his terse, clear and convincing summary of the Decatur water supply situation, and of the program being undertaken to save Lake Decatur.

Cheer No. 2 for the Decatur Association of Commerce and its president, Harold Pogue, for aggressive action and community leadership in behalf of cooperative effort to provide highways essential to the orderly growth of the industrial community that is Decatur and Macon County.

Cheer No. 3 to the cheerleaders of 60 Downstate high schools who still may look forward to an opportunity to demonstrate their agility and their physical charms to the basketball fans who will crowd George Huff Gym at state tournament time.

To think that only a few years ago we were singing about an awful lot of coffee in Brazil.

Two hundred Shelbyville women besieged Sen. Douglas, but they only wanted to talk about water.

a necessity at our house. Teutopolis B. J. We

Social Security Injustice

Editor, The Herald and Review

Your editorial on injustices about the Social Security laws was fine. You did not go far enough. Social Security payments are based on how much one earns in wages. The higher wages one draws, the more Social Security payment. The lower paid worker may be just as capable and often is working the same thing. Then when Social Security is raised on the percentage basis the one drawing the high payment gets an advantage and draws the highest raise.

Dr. Townsend has told us of many injustices of the Social Security laws for many years. I think the average payment is a little under \$50 per month, a less here in Piatt County. There is on Social Security that are able to work, and there are many who have a load to pull to live on per month. Those 75 or older can't earn all they can and still could. I wonder what percentage of older workers over 75 are working 40 hours or over per week? Many age 65 can't get work.

Now take a look at some of the people that draw pensions. It is not a fact that some retired corporation executives draw pensions from a few thousands to close to \$100,000 per year? Is it not a fact that there are some congressmen that draw up to \$7,000 per year? Is it not a fact that between