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# For Big Celebration

## Mary B. Brenton, 72, Succumbs Monday

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary B. Brenton, 72, at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Atkinson Chapel church, with Rev. Grover Krieg, officiating and burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Mrs. Brenton passed away at her home, Monday, August 26, after an illness of two days. She had lived her entire life in the Oatsville community.

## Rev. Bright To Pastor Local Church Tenth Year

The Annual Wabash Conference Free Methodist church was held at Clay City, Indiana, August 13 through 23rd. Ralph Avery was the lay delegate from Petersburg and several other members of the Petersburg church attended some of the sessions.

## Thomas-Bauer Wed In Church Ceremony

Carolyn Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eliga Thomas of Petersburg and Robert Bauer, of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bauer of Hayestown, were united in marriage Saturday, Aug. 24 in a double ring ceremony at the St. James Lutheran church at Hayestown.

The bride's dress was a white tulle sheath trimmed with silver, and bouquet was of white carnations and tiny fern.

Mrs. Carmen West, cousin of the bride was the bridesmaid and Mr. Kenneth Bauer, brother of the groom served as best man.

## ENE AND SHARON AULT GRADUATE THIS EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ault, son and daughter of Mrs. Lucy Brenton ended baccalaureate services at the E & R Reformed church, 10:30 a. m. Sunday, Aug. 25th the graduating class of Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing of which Misses Irene and Sharon Ault were members.

The graduation exercises will be held at 8 p. m. tonight (Friday) at Mead Johnson Memorial Hall. Dr. John William Ashbaugh, vice president and dean of Indiana University will be the speaker. Thirty-eight students will be graduated in the exercises. Both girls plan to return at Deaconess hospital as nurses.

## Office Safety

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## PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the first Monday in September has been nationally designated as official Labor Day; and

Whereas, Petersburg has been greatly honored by having been chosen as the official site for this area's 1957 Labor Day Celebration; and

Whereas, we seek to commemorate the high ideals and purposes of organized labor in the promotion of the general welfare and progress of our great nation, on behalf of the citizens of Petersburg and Pike County, I, L. Carol Thomas, Mayor of the City of Petersburg, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 2, 1957, as official Labor Day and cause the seal of said city to be affixed hereto, this, the 27th day of August, 1957.

L. CAROL THOMAS,  
Mayor of the City of Petersburg

## Heart Attack Claims Mrs. Theima Onyett

Funeral services for Mrs. Theima Onyett were held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the Reed & Corn funeral home in Oakland City, with Rev. O. G. Chapman, officiating. Burial was in the Montgomery cemetery, Oakland City.

Mrs. Theima Onyett, 50, Sullivan, Ind. passed away with a heart attack at 1 a. m. Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Mary Sherman hospital. She is survived by her husband Lynn, and a daughter, Judy, at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fleener, Oakland City; two brothers, Oran of Lynnville, and Andrew, Oakland City and a host of friends.

Mr. Onyett is the brother of Agnes Harrison and Aubrey Onyett of Petersburg.

## Ray Green Moves Lot To New 57 Location

Ray H. Green, former Petersburg mayor and for the past twenty-one years an auto dealer, this week announced that he is moving his used car business to a location recently purchased across from Cox Body Shop on highway 57 one mile north of the Court House.

Buildings, signs and other equipment are now being moved to the new two acre car lot which has over 300 feet of frontage on the highway. Mr. Green said the new location will be ready for business on September 3.

## PIKE BOND SALE DROP

Pike County's saving bonds sales for July were \$31,672.69 and \$42,186.84 for the like period of last year. Thirty-seven Indiana counties reported sales gains over a year ago, according to George Hornbrook, committee chairman.

## Jerry Alan Songer Is Ordained At Nashville

Jerry Alan Songer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Songer, was ordained to the Gospel ministry at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, August 25 at Radnor Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn.



Paul Varnell rendered special music accompanied by Mrs. Fred Piliand, church organist. Rev. R. W. Lashbrook served as moderator. Rev. Oscar Lumpkin, who represented a presbytery of thirty ordained ministers and deacons was the examiner. Rev. W. H. Harrison delivered the ordination sermon. Dr. Harold Purdy offered the ordination prayer. The Mitchellville Baptist church near Portland, Tenn. called Jerry as pastor and requested that he be ordained. He is a graduate of the local High School and is now a senior at Belmont College, Nashville. After graduation he plans to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. For the past 18 months he has been Youth Director of First Baptist church, Winchester, Tenn.

## School Enrollment Drops

Petersburg initial school enrollment dropped this year to a five year low, according to Superintendent Lorel Coleman, who said the financial aid received from the state could be cut by two teacher units unless enrollment increases sufficiently before October 1.

Teachers would not be dropped, but that state reimbursement might be given on a basis of 31 teachers rather than 33.

Total enrollment at the end of school last year was 918 pupils as compared with an initial enrollment of 891 pupils, Monday. Initial enrollment in 1956 was 941. In 1955 it was 942 as compared with 946 in 1954 and 951 in 1952.

This year's initial enrollment in the grade school totalled 446 with enrollment by grades as follows: first, 82; second, 74; third, 66; fourth, 75; fifth, 79; and sixth, 70. Six year high school enrollment amounted to 318 as follows: grade 7, 64; grade 8, 63; grade 9, 88; grade 10, 88; grade 11, 68; and grade 12, 74.

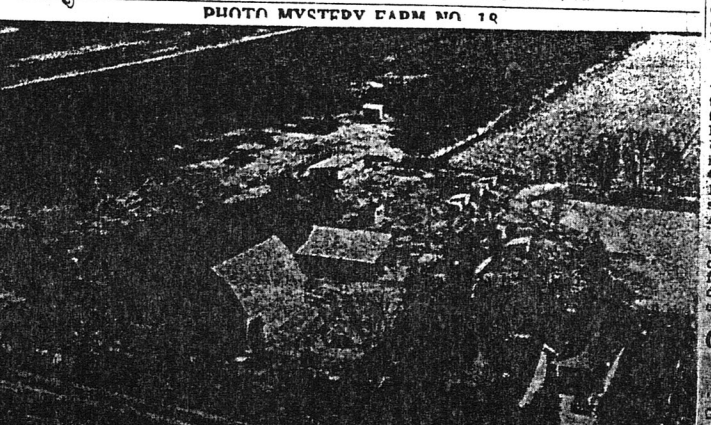


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The annual three-day Labor Day celebration will be held at Petersburg beginning Saturday, to be climaxed Monday by the traditional Labor Day parade, starting at 10 a. m., and a program of important speakers in the afternoon. Some 2000 people are expected to attend this year's celebration and Petersburg's Hornady Park and the new park entrance are ready as promised last year by local business and civic leaders.

## Winslow Couple Injured Seriously In Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Tisdal of route 2, Winslow, were badly injured last week when their tractor or rig crashed against a concrete abutment while enroute to Wisconsin.

Mrs. Tisdal, who was driving, swerved to avoid another vehicle. She lost a leg as a result of the accident and her husband suffered shock. They may be reached at room 230, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton, Wisconsin.

The Tisdals worked as a husband-wife trucking team, making trips to every part of the nation. They had planned to return in a short time.

## Township Budget Is Approved Without Cut

A group of taxpayers appeared Tuesday night before a meeting of the Washington Township advisory board to suggest reductions in the 1958 budget. It was determined that much of the township budget is determined by costs of transferring pupils to the Petersburg school. No reductions were made in the budget, the Advisory Board voting to accept it as submitted.

Hearing on the Petersburg school budget was to be held Thursday night at the school building. Two day hearing on the county budget is scheduled by statute for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3 and 4.

Taxpayers association affiliates intended to attend both hearings where suggestions for reductions in rates will be made.

## Two Autos Destroyed In Logan Crash Monday

Two cars were totally destroyed in a crash at 6:15 p. m. Monday at Grover corner two miles east of Oatsville and Wayne L. Boswell, 19, route 1, Francisco, one of the drivers, received head and knee injuries as a result. Driver of the other vehicle was William Ritter, LaPuente, Calif., who was not injured. Sheriff Wilmer Whitehead determined that the accident was the result of obstructed vision and neither driver was charged.

## Horse Show Saturday

First event of the three-day celebration will be a horse show at 7:30 p. m., Saturday. Nine events are scheduled as follows: pleasure pony, 50 inches and under; parade horse, no silver; fine harness horse; western pleasure, open; three gaited English tack; rescue, race, against time; sack race; musical chair; five gaited English tack, open.

Prizes for the horse show in English will be first prize, \$15; second, \$12; third, \$8; and fourth, \$4. The show will be conducted under western horsemanship rules. Doyle Gunn, Clinton, Ind., will be the judge. Committeemen in charge are Henry Blythe, Mertis Underhill, and Richard Pugh.

On the midway Saturday night will be the Burkhardt Show with rides, shows and concessions.

## Sacred Services Sunday

Sacred services will begin at 2:30 p. m., Sunday with Robert Tuley of Boonville as Master of Ceremonies. Invocation will be by Rev. James Smith, pastor of the Winslow Methodist Church. Judy Coomer, Winslow, will sing in the choir. Rev. James Graham, Spurgeon, will be the main speaker. Sacred music to conclude the service will be presented by Johnson and Davis Quartet, Petersburg; Flattop Quartet, Petersburg high school; and Doris and Ray Parke, duet, Spurgeon. Committeemen in charge of the Sunday program are Delbert Barber, Morris Coleman, and Herschel Shimmershire.

The Sunday evening program, an amateur show with twelve big acts, will start at 8 p. m. Committee in charge are Robert Tuley, Frank Henegar, and Oscar Gibbs.

## Labor Day Program

Henry Mason, Oakland City route 2, will be master of ceremonies of the Labor Day Program which will begin at 9:45 with a farm speaker whose name has not yet been announced. This will be followed by the gigantic Labor Day Parade in which thousands of marching union members will be the big attraction.

Mayor L. Carol Thomas will deliver an address of welcome at 11 a. m., followed at 11:15 with recognition of guests. Ohio Valley Ranch Hands will present a brief musical program at 1:30 p. m. followed at 2 p. m. by an address by Congressman Winfield K. Denton, Evansville. More entertainment will follow, then at 3:15, the main speaker, Michael Widman, of Washington, D. C. international representative of U.M.W., will make the main speech of the day.

Barnes-Carruthers Shows will be on the midway and will present an array of free acts at intervals during the afternoon program, the final series of free acts beginning at 8 p. m. Other entertainment will be furnished by the Ohio Valley Ranch Hands.

## Parade Plans Announced

Police Chief C. A. Harvey stated Thursday that final plans for the Monday morning parade call for blocking off Main street from First to Twelfth streets. No parking will be permitted on Main in that area to allow space for formation of the parade which at 10 a. m. is scheduled to move south on Main, then out Pike Avenue to Hornady Park.

Main street traffic will be diverted to Walnut street and only one-lane passage will be allowed from First street to Pike Avenue during the parade, Harvey advised.

## Garretts Make Claim To Mystery Farm No. 1

Last night, a mystery farm was claimed by the Garretts, family and some mounted photo in the plane.