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## COUNTY COUNCIL FIXES LEVY AT 59 CENTS

### State And Local Police Seek Robbers Of O. W. Storer

Daring hold-up of Muncie banker at home early Thursday morning attracts enforcement officers in solving identity of bandits; \$2,009 received by two gunmen who escaped after securely binding their victims; Money brought to home by bank assistant after telephone call from Storer.

Attention of both state and local enforcement officers have been attracted to Muncie due to the most daring hold-up staged early Thursday morning by two gunmen who went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Storer at 321 East Charles street, bound them, and forced Mr. Storer who owns the Muncie Banking Co. to telephone his assistant, Miss Thelma Hafner, at the office and bring \$2,000 in currency to the home where she was met by the robbers, relieved of the cash, and then escaped leaving the three victims tied and almost helpless.

Mr. Storer who has been recovering from a siege of ill-health for several months was accosted by the two men about 6:30 o'clock Thursday morning while he was exercising with Indian clubs just outside the entrance of his back yard. Mrs. Storer was preparing breakfast at the time the two men encountered Mr. Storer and forced themselves as painters who wanted to do some work for the banker. After being advised that all such painting had been done, both gunmen forced Mr. Storer into the house at the point of revolvers and together with his wife were bound with wire and tape placed over their eyes and mouth.

The bandits first demanded that they would wait until 9 o'clock when the Merchants National Bank opened and then force Mr. Storer to telephone for \$7,400 in cash. During the two hours which the robbers kept their victims helpless, they cursed the banker severely and talked principally of their demands in money. Mr. Storer suggested that when his office was open that he be allowed to telephone and have \$2,000 which he knew to be kept at the banking office brought to him. After inspecting all wiring to satisfy

### SCENIC BEAUTY HIDES BIG GUNS AT POINT LOMA

Army is Building Formidable and Secret Defense Works There.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 10.—Historic Point Loma is being converted into one of the strongest fortified points in the world—a veritable Gibraltar—to protect San Diego harbor, where the U. S. Navy maintains its largest base.

Working quietly, the U. S. Army is installing the most modern of coast defense guns upon theutting point, which is regarded as one of the seven most beautiful views in the world.

Used often by motion picture companies as a "location" when filming pictures in which Honolulu's famed Diamond Head appears, much of the Point is forbidden territory for tourists as the Army proceeds with its fortifications. Armed guards halt all automobiles at the two entrances and warn against sketching. Cameras are forbidden.

While Army officers are loath to discuss the work being done, there is every indication that soon Point Loma will become the most strongly fortified spot in the continental United States.

Glimpse Possible

A tourist riding along the military highway along the ridge of Point Loma—with San Diego harbor on one side and the Pacific, with the Coronado Island outlined on the horizon on the other—occasionally catches a fleeting glimpse of the grim fortifications.

Lieut.-Col. Edward L. Kelly, commandant at Fort Rosecrans, as the military reservation on Point Loma is known, reluctantly discussed the newest fortifications.

The newest gun emplacements are built on the Pacific Ocean side of the point. Two of the world's most modern pieces of ordnance, are soon to be installed.

Walls of Concrete

Steel reinforced walls and ceilings, made of concrete four feet in thickness, are provided in underground magazines which will handle the ammunition for the new battery of 8-inch guns.

Only two entrances are provided to the magazines, which were scooped out of the towering walls of the point. Tons of earth were removed.

The gun pits themselves are 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet deep.

Details of the new guns were not divulged, although it was learned they have an effective range of "at least 18 miles."

Reinforced, and gas-proof observation towers and plotting rooms have been constructed. A railroad track, carefully hidden, will carry ammunition from the magazines to the guns.

Camouflaged

The work of camouflaging the new emplacements has not yet been completed, but the work done on batteries already in place shows its effectiveness.

In the deep ravines on the harbor side of the point are the other gun emplacements. These are secreted so that only careful scrutiny reveals the guns in the pits, made to resemble the eroded canyon walls.

HONEST JUNKMAN

New London, Conn.—John J. Calamari, iron and scrap dealer, is an honest man. He picked up a handbag belonging to Mrs. Edith L. Zuckerman, New York City, containing a pendant watch, studed with diamonds valued at \$500, an \$2240 in cash. Returning it, Calamari refused a reward.

FUN FOR STUDENTS

Iowa City, Ia.—Pursuing its policy of "clean amusements for University of Iowa students" as an antidote to campus escapades, the Iowa City chamber of commerce is endorsing \$4,000 roller skating rink, with chaperons and an edict: "All bottles must be left outside."

"Sweet Adeline," First of a new series of paintings by Henry Clive, illustrating songs that will live forever. Reproduced in full color in the AMERICAN WEEKLY, the magazine distributed with NEXT SUNDAY'S CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER.

### STATE TAX BOARD WILL ENFORCE LAW

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—The State Board of Tax Commissioners has notified all county auditors that it intends to enforce provisions of the Tax Rate Limitation Law.

The Board said it would not approve additional appropriations for general operating expenses for the present year if not included in the 1938 budget.

Under the law, additional expenditures can be allowed only in case of natural catastrophe or to finance bonds for new projects.

The board asked that the auditors not file with the board any additional appropriations unless included in the advertised 1938 budget.

"This rule," the board said, "grows out of the belief that any emergency appropriations other than those suggested above (emergency for catastrophes, etc.), if adopted, would so affect the regular budget by depleting the balances and any other unappropriated funds, to the extent that it might render the tax rate for the succeeding year inadequate."

### PARIS WORRIES OVER SHELTERS FROM RAIDERS

### ST. LOUIS OPERA SETS A RECORD IN 19TH SEASON

#### Spanish Bombings Prove Inadequacy of Cellar Refuges for Citizens.

Paris, Sept. 10.—As criticism of Paris' 22,000 air-raid shelters increases, municipal authorities have been asked to consider the construction of deep underground shelters in Paris' network of ancient quarries. It is estimated that havens for half a million people could be built cheaply and quickly in those located under only four of the city's arrondissements.

More newspapers have joined the public campaign against the indifference of military chiefs in regard to the problem of sheltering Paris' five million inhabitants against surprise attacks. The authorities are not far beyond the 1934 stage when General Duval, military commander of Paris, outlined the army scheme of evacuating three-fifths of the population.

The occupation of the Rhineland has shocked Parisians from their belief that an enemy bombardment will not occur before the armies are within one hundred kilometers of the city.

Scant Time

Paris is only three-quarters of an hour's flight by modern planes from the German frontier. That leaves about a half an hour for the city to find a safe hiding place.

The army's plan for evacuation, especially in wartime when all transport services will have been requisitioned for mobilization purposes, appears ridiculous under modern conditions.

Parisians call for safe shelters where the population could find protection in the city, and quickly. The secret municipal council meeting of last December 3, was the result. One "mock" air raid was the only trial. A decree issued from the session, establishing the cellars of all buildings of four stories or higher air-raid shelters, suddenly created 22,000 places for the population to go.

The opening production, "The Great Waltz," ran for ten nights. During that period 86,290 persons viewed the opera.

The Municipal opera is noted for several things—First, its huge revolving stage set in rustic glade with giant trees banking it on three sides; Second, it is a civic enterprise which has never lost money.

The amphitheater seats about 13,000 persons. Best seats cost \$2; those in the farthest bank are free.

#### New Captain of State Police To Assume Duties

City Officials Safe

Under these pressing conditions,

Paris can count on safety only for its municipal services. The town hall, most of the ministries, the two police centers, the Banque de France, several big banking houses, the medical school and the school of law possess bomb-proof, sealed and gas-proof shelters under them.

A vast plan for the construction of shelters under all hospitals in Paris is nearing completion. Public services can therefore be assured of continued operation, even in a bombardment.

Beyond that . . .

A few private companies and individuals have built bomb-proof shelters under their buildings. As the average cost is about 500,000 francs (\$20,000) each, there are not many. The 22,000 "shelters" which remain for civilians are entirely unequipped for gas attacks.

Boston—Evelyn Barrett, 15, is alive to tell how she was struck by an automobile and catapulted on to the roof of a parked car.

Adding insult to injury, the driver didn't even stop.

Hoover charged that Leach in-

### Living Wages Shunned But \$40,000 Gift Granted

### JAP FISHERMEN CAUSE WORRY BY THEIR ZEAL

#### Unfair Competition Charged in That They Work All Seasons

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 10.—Combined action against Japanese fishing foreign waters, may be made by the various fishing associations along the American coast as well as those of Canada, Australia and other British possessions according to information reaching the American fishing association.

The situation is a peculiar one in that, while fishing off the coast of all of the above countries, the Japanese are within their international rights, but are none the less depicting various lines of fish for the home fisheries.

To complicate this, the fisheries off the American Pacific coast labor under a handicap in that their fishing season is limited by law and also that the fish taken by the Japanese are really of American or Canadian origin, since they are hatched in streams where the strictest governmental regulations are enforced against their catch during the spawning season.

Widespread Complaints.

The extent to which the Japanese are fishing off the three-mile territorial water limit of the Pacific is indicated by the extent of the complaints that are coming to the central fishing organization here.

As far south as Panama and Mexico and on up to Southern California the complaint is made against the capture of the tuna.

Farther north from Monterey Bay to Alaska the Japanese are declared to operate their floating reduction plants for sardines to such an extent as to threaten the eventual depletion of that fish on this side of the Pacific.

The leading actors and actresses drifted away from St. Louis, mostly eastward to fulfill engagements there. Most of the 94 members of the chorus prepared to continue operatic studies. One girl said she planned to enter a business school, and some scouted about for jobs in local night clubs.

Meanwhile stage hands and artists looked forward to a busy winter. Even though the present season has ended, their work has just begun. Planning and production of state settings for the elaborate 20th century anniversary program next year will last through the winter months.

All-Time Records

"Babes in Toyland" set a new all-time record for a week's production. It drew 71,032 persons. The previous record was held by Jerome Kern's "Roberta" in 1933. "Wild Violets" drew the second largest weekly attendance with 70,151.

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#### Fine Perfume Is Made From Cedar Logs In Texas

Graford, Tex.—This Palo Pinto county village, nestling in the cedar braches along the Brazos river, has developed the largest plant in the southwest for making the base for expensive perfume from cedar logs.

Milady probably isn't aware that a great part of her perfume is made up of the juice of the scented cedars from the Brazos bottoms and shipped to France and Japan and back again.

S. A. Jones owns the plant, which has a capacity of 40 gallons a day although it seldom runs at top speed. That doesn't sound like much, but it figures importantly when it comes to cut glass bottles at \$15 an ounce or more.

The cedar juice is extracted a great deal like moonshine whisky once was made in the same braches before repeal. The sticks and logs are shredded, then boiled in great containers. The "juice" is then distilled and put into 50-gallon barrels for export.

The cedar extract is lighter than water and is among the world's most delicate liquids. A cord of wood yields from seven to eight gallons of extract, which sells at an average price of \$1.30 a gallon.

Council members approve large donation to Ball Memorial hospital but they refuse adequate salaries paid to office assistants in courthouse; Republican council attacks welfare methods and social security program of New Deal but always ready to accept federal and state aid for local governing purposes; Tax adjustment board meets next week to review all budgets and tax levies of various taxing units in Delaware county.

Action by the county council during the past week was the first to nibble with the proposed total tax rate for the city of Muncie taxpayers which was tentatively fixed at \$4.18 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The county levy which was increased for 1938 due to welfare department expenditures and bond redemptions was lowered 8 1/2 cents from the estimated total rate and fixed by the county council at 59 cents. The reductions were made from a cut in the welfare fund levy of 6.3 cents and 2.2 cents lopped off of the general fund rate. The county tax adjustment board will meet next week to approve and adjust all of the local tax unit budgets and tax levies at which time it is expected that the civil city and school levies will receive reductions in order to lessen the great increase proposed for the city of Muncie tax-payers next year.

The majority of council members are Republicans and of course declared numerous objections to the methods of assuring aid to the old aged, the blind, and the needy children of our community as well as every other vicinity in America. Declarations were made by several of the council chieftains that the federal and state assistance in caring for the indigent citizens of this country is all wrong and that each local community should take care of themselves. It could not hardly be expected that the social security program of the New Deal and the Democratic state administration would be favorably endorsed by the local Republican county council. However, since the welfare expenditures are regulated by state statute and mandatory upon local taxing units to provide the budget for such program was not altered.

The reduction made in the total (Continued on Page Four)

### LABOR CELEBRATES

Last Monday the laboring populace of eastern Indiana was attracted to Muncie and took part in the great celebration conducted here on Labor Day under the sponsorship of the local union organization. A mammoth parade moved north on Walnut street shortly after twelve o'clock and continued for more than an hour in procession ended at McCulloch park where addresses were made before the huge audience and a day of entertainment was held for the crowds. Thomas R. Huston, state labor commissioner appointed by Governor Townsend, was the feature speaker for the day while remarks were heard from several other labor leaders and local officials.

The local Labor Day celebration committee headed by Brose Marks, city building commissioner, Arthur Pierson, secretary to the local Typographical Union, and Clarke Johnson, president of the Muncie Central Labor Union, are to be commended for their efforts which proved successful in drawing a large attendance to Muncie and providing a complete Labor Day celebration. Mayor Rollin Bunch welcomed the vast audience which assembled at the park in response to the Labor Day event.

During the afternoon and following the speeches a series of vaudeville acts entertained the crowds of which a large number were out-of-town visitors and in the evening a free dance was conducted at the park shelter house. The parade consisted of several large floats by local business firms and organizations and a long string of automobiles filled with labor union enthusiasts who kept one hand on their steering wheel and the other on the horn.

Both adherents to the American Federation of Labor and to the Committee of Industrial Organization were present to represent their union activities with no distressed feelings among either but a big day for all. Local labor leaders expressed resentment against methods by higher-ups to meddle with their own organization especially where no such interference was necessary. Reference was made to the act of a state organizer for the A. F. of L. to dictate policies for the local Central Labor Union which happened two weeks ago by declaring any organization not directly affiliated with the A. F. of L. suspended from the Muncie Labor Union and furthermore dismissing president Clarke Johnson from his post as leader of the local union.

The Labor Day celebration was the first annual recognition of this national holiday other than the regular closing of business and industry activities for that day since 1931 when former mayor George R. Dale directed a big day of entertainment, a barbecue, and a public celebration on Labor Day during that year. It will be remembered that Governor George White of Ohio was the guest of honor on that day and many thousands of people from all parts of Indiana and Ohio took part in the event.



## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delaware, Indiana will receive sealed bids and proposals to the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1937, at the Office of the Auditor in the Courthouse at the City of Muncie, Indiana for the furnishing and the installation of a deep water pump at the Delaware County Infirmary.

Requirements and Specifications for the above pump and installation are on file in the office of said Auditor.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a non-collusion affidavit as required by law.

Each bid shall also be accompanied by a bidders bond or certified check, payable to the Treasurer of Delaware County, Indiana in the sum of \$500.00.

Checks and bonds of unsuccessful bidders to be returned to them.

Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Done this 3rd day of September, 1937.

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Muncie, Indiana, To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Muncie, Indiana, that on the 31st day of August, 1937, said Board unanimously adopted Declaratory Resolution No. 758, 1937, on the vacation of Gilbert Street from Pauline Avenue eastward to Reserve Street, also the alley between Gilbert Street and the White River Boulevar extending from Pauline Avenue eastwardly to Reserve Street.

The Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana, has fixed the 24th day of September, 1937, at ten (10:00) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the date upon which remonstrances may be filed or presented by persons interested in or affected by said proposed vacation, as above described, and said Board will meet at its office for the purpose of hearing and considering such remonstrances as may be filed or presented, and for the purpose of taking a final action thereon. Said action shall be final and conclusive upon all persons.

L. L. BRACKEN

H. L. PARKINSON

ARTHUR K. MEEKER,

Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Muncie, Indiana, Sept. 3 & 10.

## NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS

State of Indiana, Delaware County, SS:

Jane N. Conn vs.

Marvin Leo Conn In the Superior Court Vacation Term, 1937. Complaint: For Divorce No. 2565-S

Notice is hereby given that defendant, Marvin Leo Conn, that the plaintiff has filed her complaint herein for divorce together with an affidavit that the said defendant, Marvin Leo Conn, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and that unless he be and appear on Monday the 1st day of November, 1937, the 17th day the next term of said Court, to be held on the second Monday in September, A. D. 1937, at the Court House in the City of Muncie, in said County and State, the said cause will be heard and determined in his absence.

WITNESS. The Clerk and the Seal of said Court, affixed at the City of Muncie this 2nd day of September, A. D. 1937.

Arthur J. Beckner, Clerk. John J. O'Neill. Plaintiff's Attorney. Sept. 3, 10 & 17.

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board of Delaware County, Indiana, will, at 9:00 a. m. on the 20th day of September, 1937, at the Clerk's Office, Court House, in the City (or town) of Muncie in said County, begin investigation of the application of the following named person, requesting the issue to the applicant at the location herein after set out of the Alcoholic

Beverage Permit of the class hereinafter designated and will, at said time and place, receive information concerning the fitness of said applicant, and the propriety of issuing the Permit applied for to such applicant at the premises named:

Orval Headley, 31123, (Magic City Cafe), 606 S. Walnut St., Muncie—Beer Retailer.

Said investigation will be open to the public and public participation is requested.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION OF INDIANA.

By: JOHN F. NOONAN

Secretary

HUGH A. BARNHART

Excise Administrator.

Sept. 3 & 10.

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## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board of Delaware County, Indiana, will, at 9:00 a. m. on the 27th day of September, 1937, at the Clerk's Office, Court House in the City (or town) of Muncie in said County, begin investigation of the application of the following named person, requesting the issue to the applicant at the location herein after set out of the Alcoholic Beverage Permit of the class hereinafter designated and will, at said time and place, receive information concerning the fitness of said applicant, and the propriety of issuing the Permit applied for to such applicant at the premises named:

Clarence E. Kuhner, 31191, (White Raven), 400 East Centennial, Muncie—Beer Retailer.

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## CITY ADVERTISEMENTS

Department of Public Works Office of the Board City Hall, Muncie, Ind.

Notice of Improvement Resolution

Notice to Property Owners In the matter of Certain Proposed Public Improvements in the City of Muncie, State of Indiana.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana, that it is desired and deemed necessary to make the following described public improvements for the City of Muncie, Indiana, as authorized by the following numbered improvement resolutions, adopted by said Board on the 7th day of September, 1937, to wit:

No. 758, 1937, for the construction of a cement alley between Neely Avenue and Carson Street from Pauline to Reserve Street.

No. 759, 1937, for a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Marsh street from Pauline Avenue to Wheeling Avenue.

All work done in the making of said described public improvements shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the improvement resolution, as numbered, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the above named date, and the drawings, plans, profiles and specifications which are on file and may be seen in the office of said Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

Frank Wallace, state entomologist, is studying ways to preserve the corn for the exhibit. A glycerine solution may be used to keep the leaves from becoming brittle.

The County Agent of Switzerland county boasted that all entries in the community fair at Fairview must be over 16 feet tall to be accepted.

No. 760, 1937, for a concrete curb and gutter on both sides of Adams street from Tillostons Avenue to Nichols Avenue; also grading same.

No. 761, 1937, for a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Marsh street from Pauline Avenue to Wheeling Avenue.

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Governor Townsend did reveal that the 18-foot corn was located near Martinsville. He appealed to farmers in the northern part of the state to comb the fields for a stalk which would equal or better than the Martinsville farmer.

Governor Townsend has a farm near Marion but he said it did not produce stalks 18 feet tall.

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No. 762, 1937, for the construction of a cement alley between Neely Avenue and Carson Street from Pauline to Reserve Street.

No. 763, 1937, for a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Memorial Drive from Macedonia Avenue to east property line of White City Lumber Company or 276 feet east of east line of Mock Avenue (north).

No. 764, 1937, for a concrete curb and gutter on both sides of Adams street from Tillostons Avenue to Nichols Avenue; also grading same.

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The Board of Public Works has fixed the 30th day of September, 1937 as a day upon which remonstrances may be filed or heard by persons interested in or affected by said proposed vacation, as above described, and said Board will meet at its office for the purpose of hearing and considering such remonstrances as may be filed or presented, and for the purpose of taking a final action thereon. Said action shall be final and conclusive upon all persons.

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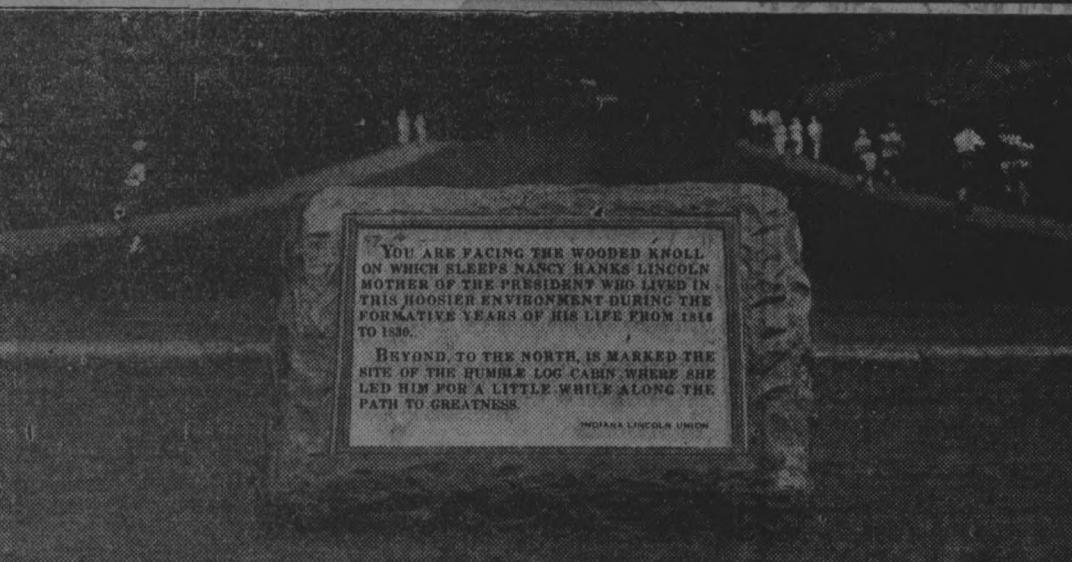
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## State Memorial and Park A Tribute To Lincoln's Mother



INDIANA LINCOLN UNION

Modern Medicine, 55 is a lecture illustrated by photographs and diagrams. It is suitable for schools, women's groups and medical and social welfare organizations.

A silent film, "Venereal Disease," is recommended for lay groups of men and older boys, and another silent film is available for older girls and women.

The silent film, "The Gift of Life," shows a scientist and a boy making observations, collecting specimens and watching through the microscope the processes of reproduction in lower forms of life.

The Board of Health also has an automatic balopticon machine with 26 lantern slides on syphilis. Posters and charts are used in exhibits, and many pamphlets on social hygiene will be mailed free upon request to interested persons.

The pamphlets are divided into those for parents, girls, men, boys, infected patients, girls of adolescent age and young women and the general public.

Arrangement for free use of the motion pictures can be made by communicating with the Bureau of Health Education, State Board of Health, State House Annex, Indianapolis.

## SOIL EROSION SURVEY LAUNCHED

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—Information on soil erosion and its prevention is being obtained from newspapers and farm periodicals on file at the Indiana State Library.

The project is being sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Works Progress Administration is supplying employees for the research work.

Newspapers and farm periodicals from the earliest period of publication to the present are being studied to obtain complete information on soil erosion, particularly water soil erosion, in Indiana.

## BUILDING FOR FUTURE

Of great significance is the federal project to train the youth of the land for the vocations they will later follow in life. It is a part of the great program to prepare the country for the future. People will learn to live.

Progress has been made in Indiana through vocational schools. Young women are taught domestic in connection with high schools, science, training them for the making of homes. Boys have been taught trades.

One department that has received little attention is that of craftsmanship, yet this work attracts and holds almost a third of the population. The boy or girl who leaves school and enters a department store has no training for this work, the store, itself, furnishes that training.

The new national board, on which Indiana has a member named

ed by President Roosevelt, has made a canvas of the nation. It is found that many boys and girls who wish to follow this occupation are not given any training in the school and enter life unprepared. Salesmanship is an important part of the national life, and the future will train for that occupation as well as for farming, the trades and industry.

A large sum has been allotted to Indiana for this purpose. How far the plan will develop depends upon the ability to find teachers.

There are plenty of teachers in domestic science, in agriculture, in other occupations. At last, salesmanship becomes more than peddling the wits. It is an occupation, an honorable occupation, which will beckon to the ambitious and the worth while.

Railways of China report that business is increasing rapidly.

## THE POST-DEMOCRAT

A Democratic weekly newspaper representing the Democrats of Muncie, Delaware County and the 10th Congressional District. The only Democratic newspaper in Delaware County.

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MRS. GEO. R. DALE, Publisher

Muncie, Indiana, Friday, September 10, 1937

## A Successful State Fair

Another example of increased prosperity is evident when reports from the Indiana State Fair Association show that new records are being made in attendance numbers at the annual exposition in Indianapolis being held this week and closing Saturday night. The new all-time high for a one day's attendance at the state fair was made on Labor Day when a total of 114,900 was recorded as having visited the 85th annual event.

Every day attendance has so far been exceeded over the 1936 number of persons who visited at the state fairgrounds and the entire program has been reported as bigger and better in every way. Not only has the attendance been greater but concessionaires report that their businesses will net a gain of ten per cent over last year's sales. There are approximately 300 concessions on the fair grounds and it is expected that their receipts will total at least \$250,000 more than in 1936.

Last Wednesday was Education Day and thousands of school children from all parts of the state were entered free to the events of the day. Governor Townsend, who for four years prior to 1937 was in complete charge of the state fair activities, stated that mass education guaranteed freedom and liberty in addressing a large group of Indiana University alumni on Wednesday. Thursday was set aside to honor the farmers of this state and another record attendance was in evidence on the grounds.

The State Fair Board is to be commended for their efforts in staging another truly great exhibit of state activities and entertainment for not only Hoosiers but great numbers of visitors from other states of the United States.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

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proved a \$40,000 gift to the Ball Memorial hospital and last year did not hesitate to provide for exceptional high priced bridges to be constructed which included a bulk of steel furnished by the local Indiana Bridge Co. The county council members fully approved appropriations amounting to \$582,654.04 with which to construct six new bridges in Muncie and Eaton, the latter being dedicated today during the Eaton annual street fair and the others now under construction, but they would refuse to allow approximately \$3,000 with which to fairly compensate deputy workers in the courthouse who share the huge responsibilities of transacting public business for more than 65,000 people in Delaware county and of a \$71,000,000 corporation.

It is not believed that any one member of the county council who might head as large a business as that of Delaware county would require their dependable assistants to render most efficient service such as must be done for a salary of \$75 per month. It is known that other counties surrounding in this community not only pay their employees a better wage but provide more deputies than does Delaware county which is perhaps the most prosperous county in eastern Indiana. The local county officers were not asking for additional assistants but were insisting for proper compensation to those who are now employed.

The importance of savings tax dollars in the county budget and levy did not seem to impress the councilmen when it came to making a donation to the Ball hospital of \$40,000 but they just could not understand why anyone employed by the county should receive a living wage and resort to publicity speeches when it came to attacking expenditures for the welfare of indigent persons in our city and county. Two of the county councilmen are bankers, others are retired business men and farmers who are profiting from the New Deal because of returned prosperity, all of whom have comfortable means to enjoy better living conditions as President Roosevelt has pointed out all over the nation why should they be interested in the welfare of lesser dignitaries.

Without question, the total tax rate proposed for City of Muncie taxpayers must be curbed and reduced but the masses of people do not expect such reductions to be made from underpaid salary workers and the aid of unfortunate dependents upon public welfare. Nearly every wage earner today in every industry and business is enjoying a greater pay increase to conform with the increased costs of living and the more adequate distribution of industrial profits but it appears that at least another year the important assistants in county offices will have to be satisfied for their small compensations fixed by the Delaware county council during the past week.

## ASK TOO MUCH

Redding, Cal. — E. A. Kirk, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, thinks that the public really expects too much of such officials. One of his latest requests was from a woman for the necessary information of how to get honey out from between the walls of her home, as there was a bee nest there.

## TOLEDO TO PUBLISH BOOK

Toledo—A book titled "This Is Toledo" will be published as a memoir of Toledo's centennial to be held Sept. 17 to 26.

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Germany has banned the use of real rubber in mustache trainers. All shipyards in Norway are working at maximum capacity.

The average American is thirty-seven years old, spends \$72 yearly for life insurance, has \$251 in the bank, and \$192 in a building and

trust fund.

Pottsville, Pa.—A cabbage stalk—five heads on one stalk—has been raised here by Herman T. Thomas, local gardener.

A statistical department will compile comparative figures on traffic accidents.

Love is blind but a feller usually seize a lot.

As one oyster can be planted to every square foot, a single acre is sufficient for 42,000 oysters and if one good sized pearl is produced in each oyster the returns would be exceptional. Even the oyster shells themselves have a commercial value that would aid in making the industry profitable.

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