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It was a sane Fourth in Decatur and the crop of burned fingers, accidents and general serious results was smaller than usual.

It is rumored that some one is circulating a petition for a public bathing pool in this city. It's a good thing and deserving of your heartiest support.

Many Decatur people went to Fort Wayne to see the Liberty Bell this morning and the celebration is said to have been all that was claimed for it. The old bell is the greatest relic of this country and around it hovers much real sentiment that every child should know about and does.

The weather seems to have cleared after a two weeks season of rain and wind that did untold damage to the crops in this section. The farmers are as busy as bees just now and they will be until the hay and wheat and oats have been taken care of. The outlook is good and the results will be satisfactory.

We congratulate Mayor Christen on the same Fourth. His orders not to sell dangerous fireworks was conformed with by the merchants here and as a result the noise and the fuss and the accidents did not compare with previous years, though one could tell that some thing was doing and the young folks had just as good a time as though they were shooting off young cannons.

The new city ordinance books will be published this week and the laws several of them new, will then be in full force and effect. One of the ordinances is a regulation of automobile driving in the city and it should be enforced, at least, as far as regards speed, turning of corners, keeping on the right side of the street, parking the car in the right direction, and otherwise. We believe it would be a good thing if traffic policemen were put on down town to see that the new ordinance is enforced for a time at least until every one becomes familiar with the law.

**YOU CAN**  
make light of the  
Hat? --this  
summer. It's  
simple. Just  
come in and  
Pick your par-  
ticular style--  
now. Snappy  
straws--  
every one a  
winner--

**\$1.50, \$2, \$2 1-2 \$3**  
Leghorns-- **\$5**  
Panamas-- **\$5**

**THE MYERS-DAILEY  
COMPANY**

**DOINGS IN SOCIETY****WEEK'S CLUB CALENDAR**

Tuesday.  
Ruth Circle—Stella David.  
Methodist Missionary—Mrs. John Vail.  
Presbyterian Missionary—Mrs. J. C. Patterson.

Thursday.  
Baptist Aid social—Adams street.  
Wednesday Five Hundred—Mrs. John Weber.  
S. S. Class—Mrs. Fred Avery.  
Helping Hand—German Reformed S. R. Room, Mrs. Elgin King hostess.

Friday.  
Mite Society Baby Social—M. E. church parlors.

Christian Ladies' Aid—Section 2, Mrs. Sol David.

Saturday.  
Ben Hur Aid Pastry sale—Gas office.  
Mt. Pleasant Mite Social—Ben Butler Home.

The Ruth Circle of the Christian church will meet this evening instead of Wednesday evening, with Miss Siedla David. The change is made because tomorrow evening there will be a stereopticon illustrated lecture on the book Ben Hur at the K. of P. home.

The Sunday school class of the Evangelical church taught by Mrs. Fred Avery will be entertained Thursday evening by the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hocker and family and Mrs. Ruby Wertz of Elkhart are here for a several days' visit with their daughter and sister Mrs. E. B. Macy. Mrs. Mertz will remain for a longer visit with her sister.

A pleasant six o'clock dinner party of last evening was that given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schultz and family. Guests were A. B. Scheckler of Fort Wayne; Miss Clara Boknecht and Will Helm.

The Helping Hand society of the German Reformed church will meet on Thursday afternoon at the Sunday school room and Mrs. Elgin King will be hostess.

For many years it has been the custom of a crowd of Decatur people to hold a Fourth of July picnic at which the folks, young and old celebrate independence day, enjoy a picnic supper and have a general good time. This year the event was held at the home of J. H. Heller and family and the participants included the families of C. A. Dugan, J. W. Tyndall, Roy Arbold, C. C. Shafer, E. G. Coverdale and J. H. Heller. Mr. Morton of Chicago was an out of town guest, and among those present also were Mrs. Angeline Archbold, Mrs. Amanda Dorwin, Gladys Flanders, Mrs. Jessie Alfonso Dean and Miss Mary Deam.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice of north Second street were all at home yesterday for the first time in many years and the 1915 Fourth of July saw a very pleasant reunion indeed. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice and children of Canton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice and children, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Callow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luois Rice and babe. The day was spent in a general social reunion and all were present for both the fine dinner and supper served.

Mrs. Dan Niblick and children, Mihard and Harold, will go to Vera Cruz tomorrow for a week's visit with her parents. Mr. Niblick will go to Chicago on business.

Mrs. C. V. Connell accompanied the Misses Marie Connell, Frances Deinger, Matilda Berling, Margaret Smith to Fort Wayne yesterday where they had a picnic at Robinson park.

The Misses Loretta Harkenrider and Anna Weefel of Fort Wayne who spent the weekend here were the guests of honor at a picnic party. It was planned to have the affair in a grove near this city but the rain changed it to an indoor picnic. The party included the Misses Lydia Miller, Ode and Letta Fullenkamp, Louise Brake, Amelia Weber, Messrs. Walter Deitsch of Medina, O., Tony Hackman, Ed Weisling, Fred Seuriger, Tony Holthouse, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lose, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lose, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fullenkamp.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bigham had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ben Busick, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, of Grover Hill, O.

Misses Vera Hunsicker and Abbie Bigham and Mr. Owen Davis motored to Willshire, O. Sunday where they attended the church dedication and were guests of Mr. Davis' grandmother, Mrs. Davis at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards and daughters, Florine, and Mrs. Daisy Ballenger entertained Sunday for Mr.

and Mrs. Don Edwards and daughter, Isabelle, of Fort Wayne; the Misses Gladys Selman and Inez Coverdale of this city; and Clarence Jones of Minneapolis. For the Fourth they went to Fort Wayne where they were entertained at a house party at the Don Edwards home. Miss Dolores Ballenger accompanied them also.

The Yeoman penny social given recently was very much of a success socially and otherwise. The refreshments were sold out long before the demand was over. The Yeoman are planning to give another in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy have returned from a motor trip to Indianapolis, made with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nelson of Fort Wayne. They visited over a week there and on their return trip stopped off at Elwood and were accompanied by Mr. Murphy's sister, Mrs. Frances Sherwin of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Peterson who drove to Lima, Ohio, Sunday were accompanied home yesterday by Mrs. Everett's sister, Mrs. Emma Switzer who comes to meet Mrs. William B. Mason of Kansas City. Mrs. Mason is her niece and is a daughter of William Roop of Blue Creek township.

Miss Mary Cook returned to Crown Point, yesterday, after a several days' visit with Mrs. Charles J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Orendorff and babe of Davenport, Iowa, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steigmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Ulman east of the city, and with other relatives.

Andrew Steigmeyer of Fort Wayne is here for a visit with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Weaver were host and hostess Sunday at a dinner party for the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Burk and daughter, Mary, and Earl Weaver of Portland, Indiana, a nephew of Dr. Weaver.

The Mite society of the M. E. church will have its baby social Friday afternoon in the church parlors.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid society will have a novel parcels post social Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Dr. Keller-vacant house, 511 Adams street. Packages sent by parcels post will be sold unopened. Ice cream and cake will also be sold.

The Misses Ruth Patterson and Marie Connell opened their kindergarten with a lovely party for the twenty children at the central school building yesterday. Decorations were red, white and blue, and flowers of poppies and nasturtiums. The opening circle and games were in order and a luncheon was provided. Each child made its own favor, a George Washington cap with a little flag stuck in the side. Today there were twenty-four children enrolled and the kindergarten has started out most auspiciously.

**MANY PEOPLE  
ATTEND RACES**

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1:12.

Four horses were entered in the half-mile county trot, the purse being \$75, best three out of five. The positions gained in the first heat of this race were maintained throughout the balance of the heats. Decatur Lady, owned and driven by William Cook, coming under the wire first; Mary, owned by Clay Engle, second; Trix, owned by Mr. Pond, third, and Shoe ball, fourth. The time of the heats was 1:25, 1:25, 1:24.

In the half-mile running race, purse, \$40, best two out of three, five horses were entered. In the first heat, Allie H. came in first; Vaughn second; Tops, third, and Dick, fourth. In the second heat, Allie H. and Vaughn reversed positions, making it necessary for a tie to be run. In this Allie H. proved to be the best runner and came in for first place. The time was 1:01, 1:03, and for the tie, 1:07. Lady Dean, jockeyed by Obey Deam, was also entered in the race, but on the stretch on the first heat, became unmanageable and ran into the fence, slightly injuring two spectators. In the second heat, as the horses got away, she again made a break and ran into the fence, this time without any serious consequences.

Mr. Fremont Frisinger, who had active management of the races, as well as the judges and other officials, deserve the highest praise for the excellent opportunity they offered the people of Adams county to celebrate the day and it is assured them that every one present was highly satisfied with the various events and enjoyed every minute.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards and daughters, Florine, and Mrs. Daisy Ballenger entertained Sunday for Mr.

**BIG DAMAGE CASE**

Sum of \$10,000 Asked Account of Late Conductor

Ben E. Rice.

**SUIT FILED TODAY**

Against French Quinn, Receiver of Fort Wayne & Springfield Railway.

David M. Rice, administrator of the estate of his son, the late Benjamin E. Rice, who was electrocuted June 9, while on duty as conductor on the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway, today filed in the Adams Circuit court a suit asking for \$10,000 damages for the death of the son. French Quinn, receiver for the railway, is made defendant.

The deceased died in Allen county, June 9, intestate, and left the surviving heirs at law: his widow, Bertha M. Rice; and his four children, Wilma, aged five years; Bertha, aged four; Victor, aged three; and Beatrice, aged one year. The deceased was at death, aged five years; Bertha, aged four; bold and capable of earning over \$1,000 a year, and the complaint sets out that the widow and minor children were dependent upon him for support.

The complaint sets out that a part of the duties of Conductor Ben, E. Rice was to throw and operate switches connected on the wires of the railway, which wires were charged with a high and dangerous amount of electricity—more than 6000 volts.

The complaint sets out that the receiver maintained near the south corporation line of Fort Wayne, a switch placed in a box or case on the east side of the track, and it was at this place that Conductor Rice received the electric shock that caused his death. The allegation is that the switch was not sufficient to protect the life, limbs and health of the employees. The switch was placed in a box or case about eight feet high and stood on the ground; to reach the switch it was necessary to open a door about sixteen inches square, located about five feet from the ground.

The contention is that the poles or points of the switch were not of sufficient distance apart to shut off and stop the current thereof immediately and that when the switch was disengaged the electricity on the wires would jump from one pole to the other of the switch, causing a blue flame to arise which was dangerous to the person operating the switch, and he was liable to receive a shock from the electricity so jumping. The allegation is that the defendant negligently and carelessly permitted the switch to remain in said dangerous condition. A further contention is that on account of the high and dangerous voltage of electricity carried on said wire to said switch on account of the insufficiency of said switch to hold and restrain the same, the electricity would jump out from the switch towards the person operating the same, rendering it dangerous.

It is alleged that the switch was further defective in that it was not properly and sufficiently insulated and protected; and that a platform stool or other structure completely insulated on which the person operating the switch should stand, was not provided. Allegation is made that the death was due to the negligence or carelessness of the defendant in providing a reasonably safe place for the employees.

Attorneys D. B. Erwin, and Heller, Sutton & Heller are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Special Judge R. H. Hartford of Portland was here today and sat in the interurban receivership case, in a continued session of court, at which time the plaintiff, D. M. Rice filed a petition asking leave to sue the receiver, as is customary in receivership cases. He was granted such permission and the suit was filed. The complaint is in three paragraphs.

**BROADWAY STAR TONIGHT**

Manager Parent of the Crystal theater desires to announce that beginning with this evening, he will resume the old circuit on which the theater was on until last week. This evening's program consists of a three reel drama entitled "From Headquarters." This is one of the famous Broadway Star features that is causing so much comment throughout the moving picture world. Earle Williams and Annette Stewart are featured in this drama. The price of admission is five cents.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Either for Office purpose or flat. Corner Monroe and Third streets. Inquire of Henry Krick.

**YOUR  
Independence Day**

Your Independence Day begins on the Day you start to put money in the Bank—with a resolve and a determination to add to it regularly. Assert yourself—Exert yourself and be Independent. Bring that dollar to our Bank TODAY and in future years you can celebrate INDEPENDENCE DAY in its true spirit.

Old Adams County Bank  
Decatur, Ind.

**TO LOCATE HERE ANNUAL REUNION**

Claude Burkhead of Fort Wayne Buys Jacob Blew Blacksmith Shop.

**TO TAKE CHARGE**

Tomorrow—Is Son of Green Burkhead—Was Born and Reared Here.

Claude Burkhead, of Fort Wayne, son of Green Burkhead of this city, was here and closed a deal for the purchase of the Jacob Blew blacksmith shop on Third street, north of the feed yard. Mr. Phillips has been in charge of the shop since Mr. Blew moved south. Mr. Burkhead returned to Fort Wayne today noon and will return here to take charge of his shop tomorrow morning. He will move his family here later when he secures a house.

Mr. Burkhead was born and reared here and when he grew to manhood, learned the blacksmith trade under Mr. Tyrill. He remained here until seventeen years ago. After the Spanish-American war he located in Fort Wayne and was in the blacksmith business there for himself until he sold his shop recently.

On account of his father's ill health he desired him to locate near home, hence his return here.

It was also agreed to hold the reunion next year and off a day when it did not rain. Henry Eiting is president and John Henry Bremerkamp is secretary of the reunion association.

**MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) administrator of the estate of Benji Rice who met death a few weeks ago while working as a conductor on the road. The petition was granted.

Messrs. Koenig and Dirkson claim they will be able to make a deal whereby they can secure the \$84,000 purchase money for the road. They argue that the fact that the Rice suit had not been filed was one of the things which prevented a completion of the financial arrangements. Those who heard Judge Hartford express himself this morning, however, feel confident that the matter must be closed up by the 15th or the road will be re-advertised.

**COURT HOUSE NEWS**

Emma Eckroat, plaintiff in a divorce case against Harvey Eckroat, filed recently, asked and was granted an order restraining the defendant from visiting her or her children at their home, meddling with or interfering with them, threatening them with violence, talking with them, or cursing and swearing at them on the streets or in other places. Since the divorce case has been filed. Mrs. Eckroat alleges that he has been guilty of doing this.

Real estate transfers: Peter E. H. Begger trustee, Blue Creek township, 1 acre of Blue Creek \$150.

A marriage license was granted John Buckingham, farmer, born February 10, 1893, son of Dick Buckingham, to wed Inez Irwin, born May 31, 1895, daughter of Cary Irwin.

The final report of William Glen-den, guardian of Ruth Louise Shoemaker, was approved and he was discharged. D. P. Shoemaker qualified as guardian.

The final report of E. Burt Lenhart, guardian of Paul Van Camp, was approved and he was discharged as to Paul, the trust being continued as to Naomi.

William Frazier was appointed inheritance appraiser in the Wilhelm Bohnke estate.

**STAR GROCERY**

New Potatoes pk .....25c

Small Sack Flour .....85c

Spring wheat flour .....\$1.00

Fresh Butter, lb. .....22c

Quart Mason Cans qt. .....45c

2 doz. heavy can rubbers .....15c

2 Large Cans Milk .....15c

7 small can milk .....25c

Soap, 6 bars for .....25c

Pink Salmon .....10c

Mason Can lids doz. .....20c

Good Rio Coffee lb. .....15c