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Price, Two Cents

ADAMS COUNTY TO GET A CHECK

Will Receive \$16,819 From
State Auto Department
—For Half Year

LAST DISTRIBUTION

After This Money Goes to
State Highway Com.—
Money Being Divided

ARCHDUKE RESIGNS

Adams county will receive the grand sum of \$16,819.00 as her share in the distribution of the auto license money now being made by William A. Roach, secretary of state. According to figures worked out by Frank A. Richards, of the auto department, the total net receipts from January 1st to July 1st, amounted to \$1,359,388.47, or \$4,350.63 less than the total receipts for 1918.

In the distribution Adams county will receive more than was paid in by auto owners. This will be the last year that the counties will participate in the division of the auto money in this manner, next year the total receipts going toward the building of brick and concrete roads over the state under the new highway system. The amount other counties will receive is shown in the following table:

Blackford	\$10,825
Delaware	22,295
Grant	25,785
Henry	19,023
Jay	15,541
Madison	28,133
Marion	65,384
Randolph	17,609
Tipton	17,322
Wayne	19,203
Wells	19,389

Basis of Distribution.

After expenses of the department are taken out the net fund is distributed to the counties on the basis of one third equally, one third according to the number of automobiles in the county, and one-third according to the number of miles of improved gravel or macadam road in the county.

This is the last big distribution to the counties. The 1919 legislature provided that after the end of the year the receipts should go to the state highway commission. The receipts of the last six months of the year will be the only other to go to the counties. The receipts for that period are smaller by far than for the first half of the year when all automobile must obtain new licenses.

H. D. McClelland, head of the automobile department, submitted a number of figures to show the volume of business done by the department. The licenses issued to date this year exceed by approximately 35,000 the number issued in 1918.

The department in the first six months issued 19,143 more sets of plates than it did in the corresponding period last year. The issue of sets up to July 1 was 246,203. The issue to date has passed the 260,000 mark. The entire 1918 issue was approximately 227,000.

The net of \$1,359,388.47 to be distributed to the counties as the result of the first six months' collections this year is \$124,356.90 greater than the corresponding net of 1918.

The road mileage basis figuring in the distribution basis is the mileage of county gravel or macadam roads. They total 34,515.93 miles in the state.

FREE FRISINGER HOME

Lieut Free Frisinger of the engineering corps arrived in the city today for a short visit with his parents. Free recently returned from France, and is home on a furlough awaiting demobilization September 5 at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was overseas sixteen months, receiving his commission last May. Prior to that time he was a sergeant in the engineers. As soon as he receives his discharge Free will be connected with the General Tire Company at Akron, O.

"DOC" THOMAS HOME

Bryce (Doc) Thomas, who has been employed at the Cadillac automobile factory at Detroit this summer, has arrived home for a short vacation with his parents before leaving for college this fall.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Chester Roth, twenty-five, farmer, son of Chris Roth, and Rose Reusse, thirty-one, seamstress, Berne, daughter of Christian Eusser, were granted a marriage license.

ANNUAL INSPECTION TOUR.

Postmaster Bosse is conducting his annual tour of inspection of the rural mail routes, out of Decatur. He is inspecting the condition of the roads, mail boxes and posts. He reports only one of the latter in bad condition. Mr. Bosse will notify the farmer to make repairs.

IS FOUND GUILTY

Delmont Lake Fined \$20.75
Last Night for Malicious Trespass

CHARGES PREFERRED

By William Ayres — Case
Was Tried By Squire
Butcher.

Delmont Lake was found guilty last night of malicious trespass in Squire A. C. Butcher's court on charges preferred by William Ayres, and was fined five dollars and costs, amounting to \$20.75.

Lake is Ayres' father-in-law, but recently there is said to have been an estrangement between husband and wife and they are not living together. On July 19, Lake, accompanied by his daughter and Deputy Sheriff Roy Baker, went to Ayres' house to get some property belonging to the wife. Ayres denied admittance to Lake, but permitted Baker and Mrs. Ayres to enter. However, Lake did go in the house to assist in carrying out some goods, and this was the cause for the filing of charges.

The affidavit was sworn out August 18 and the arrest made yesterday. Attorney R. C. Parrish defended Lake and L. C. DeVoss tried the case for the state in place of the prosecutor. The hearing consumed a considerable amount of time, commencing at about 8 o'clock and ending after midnight.

Mrs. Bina Buhler was a Fort Wayne business visitor today.

MANY HEAR THEM

Large Crowd Attended the
Lectures of Mr. and Mrs.
Rassman Last Evening

HOME FROM INDIA

Told of Varied Experience
in Far East—Collection
a Satisfactory One.

The talks of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rassman, missionaries just home from far away India pleased an audience that filled the Evangelical church to the doors last night. Mrs. Rassman was formerly Miss Destina Merriman of this city and her husband has been engaged in foreign missionary work for many years. They have lived with and worked with the brown natives of India, have helped them to do their work in an easier manner, have taught them the English and told them the story of Jesus, have enjoyed the work and are held in high esteem by those natives in the sections in which they have worked.

Mr. Rassman appeared in the native costume of the natives of India and the talks by both were interesting every minute. They told of the people and their manner of living, their huts and their farming methods, of the various trips and experiences.

They exhibited many curios and the reception following the talks continued more than an hour.

The missionary collection, a silver offering taken amounted to \$32.66. After the lectures ice cream was served in the basement. It was a very enjoyable meeting. Mr. Rassman will preach at the Evangelical church Sunday morning.

JOHN LACY TALLEST.

There was a big gathering of the "Johns" at Eaton Park Thursday at the annual reunion of men of that cognomen. An interesting program was carried out, including many contests. Among other prizes offered was a prize for the tallest John present. The three tallest Johns present were John Kern of Muncie, John Resur of Portland and John F. Lacy of Geneva. The Geneva man was awarded the prize for being the tallest, his height being six feet and four inches.—Portland Republican.

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FOR LABOR DAY DROWNS WHILE IN BATHING

Plans Being Made for General Celebration to be Held in This City

WILL GIVE PARADE

And An All Day Picnic at Water Work's Park with Program of Speaking

Committees are at work now on plans for a celebration here on Labor Day, the first time in history. While this city is not a great industrial center and boasts of but few organizations among the laboring classes, we have many workers in the various lines to whom the real merits of Labor Day should appeal.

Without those who work with their hands, none of us could live. It is therefore deemed fitting that they have a day of their own and it is planned to have a good day here September 1st, with speeches, band and other features. Just what can be given in the way of entertainment depends upon the total subscription now being raised.

While one committee is raising the money, others are arranging for the program and planning a big all-day picnic at the Waterworks park. It should be a general celebration and those asked to take part in the parade should gladly do so, thus making the event a worth-while one.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Clifford Van Ness Dies When Automobile is Struck at Crossing

WELL KNOWN HERE

Salesman For Schafer Saddlery Company—Lived at Hamilton, Ohio.

Clifford Van Ness, aged thirty-one, of Hamilton, Ohio, a salesman for the Schafer Saddlery company of this city, and Ross Roberts, aged forty-eight, also of Hamilton, died in a hospital in that city yesterday of injuries suffered when their auto was struck by a passenger train at a grade crossing at midnight Wednesday.

While complete details have not reached here, it was learned that the men were going to Hamilton from Covington, Ky., and had stopped on one track to let a freight train pass on another. The machine was demolished.

A telegram was received by the Schafer Saddlery company from Mrs. Van Ness last night, notifying them of the sad event, and they immediately sent a representative to Hamilton to investigate the matter. He was a good salesman, covering the territory in southern Ohio, and was well known here. Further details of the tragedy will be given tomorrow.

EDWIN ROTH INJURED WHEN HORSES FRIGHTEN.

Edwin Roth, aged fourteen, son of Jacob Roth, living south of Monroe, was severely injured this morning, when the horses attached to the wagon in which he was loading cinders at the Krick & Tyndall tile mill became frightened and threw him beneath the wheels. Edwin and his brother had just started to load when the accident occurred and the wagon was fortunately empty. One rear wheel passed over his cheek, cutting several deep gashes, and the back of his head was bruised where he struck the ground. He was knocked unconscious, remaining so for a considerable length of time. Dr. D. D. Clark dressed the lad's injuries and he was later removed to his home.

MR. SCHULEIN HERE.

Mr. Ben Schulein, of St. Louis, a member of the Royal Roofing company, which is considering the establishment of a factory here for the manufacture of rubber roofing, arrived this morning and is investigating this city with a view of locating.

ABOUT THE SICK.

Dr. Elizabith Barnes went to Fort Wayne to call on Leona Freang, a patient in the Lutheran hospital. She is not entirely out of danger but is getting along as well as can be expected. She was accompanied by Mrs. D. D. Heller.

HOME RANSACKED

M. J. Wertzberger Home Entered While Family Was Away

WINDOW REMOVED

Police Called But Could Not Tell If Valuables Were Taken

Edward Kirkwood, of Petroleum Drowns in Wabash River Today Noon

Removing a pane of glass from a rear window, and thereby gaining access to the latch, some one entered the home of M. J. Wertzberger, South Third street, and completely ransacked it, making the place look like a cyclone had been thereabouts.

At what time the vandalism was committed is not known, as the Wertzbergers are spending the summer with their sons in Oklahoma. Neighbors last night noticed that the window leading on the back porch was open and they notified the police. An investigation was made and it was found that drawers had been emptied of their contents, furniture disarranged, articles scattered about, and the house otherwise in a state of confusion.

Mr. Kirkwood, with a party of friends, was enjoying a day's vacation and prior to going into the river was fishing. From what particulars could be gained this afternoon a number of other men were in bathing at the same time with Mr. Kirkwood, but they were unable to render him any assistance. He was seized with cramps and drowned in five and one-half feet of water. His body was located within a few minutes after the drowning, almost in the same spot as where he was seen to go under.

Mr. Kirkwood leaves a wife and two children and was a well known citizen in that locality. Conner D. D. Clark was called to the scene this afternoon and at press time the body had not been removed to the family home. He was a son of George Kirkwood.

AGED LADY DIES

Mrs. Sarah Jane White Passes Away at Home of Her Daughter

WAS 69 YEARS OLD

Funeral Services To Be Held Here and at Macedon, Ohio.

Mrs. Sarah Jane White, aged sixty-nine, passed away about 10 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Bartlett, living near the Salem church. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Mrs. White was born in Piqua, O., December 9, 1849, the daughter of James and Mary Jeffries. Her husband preceded her in death many years ago, and for the last twenty-seven years, she has been living with her daughter. Mrs. White had thirteen brothers and sisters, all of whom are dead.

Short services will be held at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home, the Rev. Stephenson of the Bobo M. E. church officiating. The funeral cortège will then leave for Macedon, Ohio, her old home, where services will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Burial will be made in the Macedon cemetery.

HISTORY OF RED CROSS.

Miss Nellie Blackburn and Mrs. Lettie Peters are busy preparing a complete history of the Red Cross activities in Adams county during the world war and hope to have same ready within thirty days. The work is to be a part of the report of the Cleveland branch, including all chapters in the states of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky and is being made under orders and direction of the department at Washington, D. C. Few counties in the Cleveland district made a better record than did Adams, meeting every requirement both as to work completed and finances raised.

The six members endorsed giving the rank to General Pershing. The signers of the report are Representative Anthony, Kansas; Sanford,

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MT. PLEASANT AND WASHINGTON CHURCHES.

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Sunday school, 9:30; preaching, 10:30; Epworth League, 8:00.

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A cordial invitation is extended to attend the services at these churches.

BUYS SOUTH END MARKET.

John Starost and son, Charles, have purchased the South End meat market on Winchester street formerly owned by the late Joseph B. Knapke. The new owners took possession this morning and they invite the public to call on them. They will continue to handle the same good line of meats.

SCHOOLS BEING CLEANED.

With the opening of school less than three weeks off, the school houses are being put in readiness for the coming onslaught. Janitors are now at work cleaning up, and the interior of the ward buildings are being tinted. The school board will meet tonight to transact a great deal of business incident to the coming school term.

FARMING TRACTS

Record of Sales of Farms in Adams County is Largest Ever Known Here

SOME RECENT ONES

The John A. Harvey Realty Company Has Sold Twenty-five Within Month

It is undisputed that there have been more farms changed hands in Adams county during the past three months than ever before during any summer period. Every real estate agency in the county has been busy during the past month the John A.

It was intimated they had under consideration the reply to the protest of the Mexican government and the request that troops of the eighth cavalry sent across the Mexican border in pursuit of bandits be withdrawn immediately.

Lansing was expected to forward the reply to the Mexican government today.

The state department will explain the necessity for sending an expedition after the bandits who this country believed can be captured by the troops on the scene.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Captain Leonard Mattlack, pursuing Mexican bandits hoped to encounter Rentario,

The Thomas Bess farm, 60 acres, two miles east of Monroe to William Mitchell, \$15,000.

Ambrose Schoaff farm, near county farm, 80 acres to Thomas Bess, for \$22,000 per acre.

D. W. Beery farm, near county farm, 10