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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, only \$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	17,329
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 one 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 246,202. 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 Reusse, 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 Bible 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, of 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.

FOR LABOR DAY

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

WILL GIVE PARADE

And An All Day Picnic at
Water Works 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. Elizabeth Burns 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.

FOR LABOR DAY DROWNS WHILE

IN BATHING

Edward Kirkwood, of Petroleum Drowns in Wabash River Today Noon

WAS IN BATHING

Friends Unable to Render Assistance—Leaves Wife and Two Children.

Edward Kirkwood, aged about thirty-eight years, living on a farm near Petroleum, Wells county, drowned about one o'clock today while in bathing in the Wabash river, about one mile south of Linn Grove, near the iron bridge.

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. Coroner 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.

BIRTHS

Charles William is the name of the five pound boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Patterson at the home of Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. Craig.

GREET PERSHING

President Wilson Plans to Meet General Pershing in New York on Arrival

FROM OVERSEAS

Expected Sept. 8th or 9th—Object to Making March a Full General

(United Press Service)

Washington, Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson may go to New York to greet General Pershing, who is expected to arrive from overseas about Sept. 8 or 9, it was announced at the white house today.

It was also announced that the president will declare a holiday for the parade of the first division in Washington Sept. 16, although he may not be in the capital on that date if he goes on his league of nations tour.

It is not believed probable that the president will be in San Francisco to review the Pacific fleet Sept. 3 as planned. It would be necessary for him to go direct to the coast and give up his plan of making speeches enroute.

Washington, Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Objections to the recommendations of President Wilson to make Chief of Staff March a full general for life was evidenced in the house today when members of the military affairs committee filed a minority report against the bill authorizing the rank for March.

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

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* STRIKE IN RUBBER CITY *
* Akron, O., Aug. 20—Akron's *
* great rubber plants and prac- *
* tically every other industry here *
* was seriously crippled by strike *
* of union mechanists today. The *
* 2,000 members voted unanimous- *
* ly to strike without further par- *
* ley. Only the International Har- *
* vester company plant was unaf- *
* fected. The company signed a *
* compromise agreement with its *
* men. The mechanists demand a *
* 44 hour week and \$1 per hour, *
* equivalent to a 20 per cent in- *
* crease in wages. *

HOME RANSACKED

M. J. Wertzberger Home
Entered While Family
Was Away

WINDOW REMOVED

Police Called But Could
Not Tell If Valuables
Were Taken

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.

Whether anything of value was taken is not known and can not be ascertained until the Wertzbergers return home. The police believe it was either tramps or small boys who did the damage. Mr. Wertzberger is well known here being janitor for many years at the Central building.

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 cortege 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.

MT. PLEASANT AND WASHINGTON CHURCHES.

Mt. Pleasant.
Sunday school, 9:30; preaching, 10:30; Epworth League, 8:00.
Washington.
Sunday school, 9:30; preaching, 8:06 p. m.

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 and the recorder's office here shows further proof.

During the past month the John A. Harvey company of Monroe has sold more than twenty-five farms. Of this number five were sold this week during the first four days of the week including:

The Sam Shackley farm, 86½ acres, Blue Creek township, to Bert Irelan, of Mercer county, Ohio, \$225 per acre.

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 \$250 per acre.

D. W. Beery farm, near county farm, 100 acres to Ambrose Schoaff, \$22,500.

John H. Peters farm, 80 acres, Kirkland township to Louis Zimmerman, \$12,800.

The record made in Adams county is one of the greatest in the entire state it is believed.

UNION SERVICES

"Punishment" is Subject
of Sermon at Christian
Church Sunday

BY REV. J. ED. STONE

Good Program Has Been
Arranged—Rev. Buxton
to Preside.

"Punishment" is the subject of the sermon, which Rev. J. Ed. Stone of the Baptist church will deliver before the union services at the Christian church Sunday evening.

The contents of the address will be a discussion of one of the very important and essential doctrines of the Bible which has been sadly neglected for some time. Believing that a proper respect for this one doctrine of the Bible will accomplish a great deal in bringing out the best there is in us, the speaker will endeavor to present it in a way to appeal to intelligent people.

The program will be as follows: Rev. Buxton, presiding.

Song.

Invocation—Rev. Tinkham.

Song.

Scripture Lesson, Jeremiah, 13—Rev. Mills.

Prayer—Rev. Stolte.

Song.

Sermon—Rev. Stone.

Closing—Rev. Buxton.

LEADER GOES TO NEW YORK

(United Press Service)
Chicago, Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—E. J. Evans, one of the six steel union leaders upon whom rests the responsibility for calling a nation-wide strike of 250,000 steel workers, left today for New York. There he will meet other members of the sub-committee to confer with officials of the United States Steel corporation.

"We hope it won't be necessary to call a strike," Evans said. "But if the steel corporation heads don't grant our demands and we are forced to issue the strike order, every union steel worker in the country will quit work."

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and slightly warmer tonight; Saturday fair.

MEXICO WILL BE

HANDED A REPLY

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing Hold Conference This Afternoon

EXPLAIN NECESSITY

Of Sending Troops Into Mexico—Hunt for Bandits Still Continues.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred for more than an hour at the white house today.

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 Matlack, pursuing Mexican bandits hoped to encounter Rentario, the leader, some time today, according to reports to southern headquarters here.

The eighth cavalry renewed the chase with dawn today. Five bandits have been accounted for. Four were killed yesterday when troopers came upon a group of Rentarians in an abode fortress.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Civilians and soldiers, both Mexican and American, early today began a search of the border district between here and the Arizona line seeking Lieuts. C. H. Connelly of San Diego and Frederick B. Waterhouse of Weiser, Idaho, aviators, missing since Wednesday.

Owing to the extremely efficient government maintained in Lower California by Governor Cantu, regardless of the changes in Mexican federal government, there is little fear that these border patrol birds may have fallen into the hands of ransom-seeking bandits as did Lieuts. Peterson and Davis near Candelaria. Cantu has always been friendly and last night ordered his troops to search the Mexican side of the border for the missing men.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—House leaders today moved to rush through legislation asked by Attorney General Palmer in his campaign against profiteers and hoarders.

The extensions to the food control act, giving the department of justice power to regulate all wearing apparel and act against profiteering retailers, besides providing a fine of \$5,000 and two years' imprisonment for all violators, will be taken up when the house meets. Republican Leader Mondell expects to start work tomorrow on another bill framed as a permanent weapon against excessive cold storage and hoarding of food.

Representative Hutchinson, New Jersey, and officials of attorney general's office, have framed the measure which prohibits storage of food longer than ten months except by consent of the government.

ATTEMPT ROBBER YAT WYATT.

(United Press Service)
South Bend, Ind., Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—After dynamiting the outside door of the vault of the Farmer's bank at Wyatt, near here, today, thieves found the inside lock too much for them and having aroused the little town by the explosion were forced to flee, leaving their tools behind them. A pack of blood hounds was immediately put on the trail, but the men escaped on a stolen hand-car and eluded the dogs.

ARCHDUKE RESIGNS

(United Press Service)
Paris, Aug. 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Archduke Joseph has resigned as head of the Hungarian government and has left Budapest, a Vienna dispatch to the Agence Radio reported today.