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SIXTY WORKMEN BUSY AT FACTORY

Sugar Plant is Being Remodeled for the Campaign for Next Autumn

BIG ACREAGE TAKEN

Will Exceed Eight Thousand Acres by Next Week—Plans Being Made

The sugar beet yards and several of the buildings are showing signs of real activities these days where about sixty men are now engaged in going over the big plant and in getting ready for the addition of the filtering plant which is to be erected thereon at once at a cost of about \$100,000. Much of the material has arrived and the work will be rushed along so that the new plant can be used when the 1921 campaign opens about October 1st. It is expected not only to stop the killing of fish and remove the offensive odor from the refuse water dumped by the sugar plant into the St. Marys river, but will also reclaim considerable sugar and provide a by-product potash fertilizer.

Mr. Carmody is more than pleased at the success of his field men in securing contracts and the kindly attitude of farmers towards the industry. The reports up to yesterday showed 7,500 acres under contract and it is assured that by the first of the coming week the total will be more than eight thousand acres. This will assure a good run for next fall. The farmers realize the benefit in raising a crop this year at a guaranteed price and many who have never before produced beets will do so this year. The company is still taking contracts and will be pleased to send a field man to explain their contract to any person who makes inquiry, but you will have to hurry.

OKLA SCHERER CASE CONTINUED TO APRIL 18

The date of the opening of the trial of Okla J. Scherer, Wells county youth, for alleged murder, has been changed in the Huntington circuit court from April 11, the opening day of the April term, to April 18, the Monday following.

He is charged with the killing of Wayne Havice, night station master at Hoagland, Allen county, last year and was apprehended because of his connections with Havice's sister, previous to the murder.

The case was brought to Huntington on a change of venue from Allen county.

WILLIAMS IS GUILTY

Court House, Covington, Ga., April 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—John S. Williams today was found guilty of the murder of negro peons on his plantation in Jasper county. The jury recommended mercy. This automatically fixes the sentence at life imprisonment. The jury returned its verdict at 9:50 a. m. today. It had deliberated over the case since 3:51 p. m. yesterday. Judge Hutcheson immediately sentenced Williams to life imprisonment. His attorneys moved for a new trial. Williams' stoical expression did not change but Mrs. Williams broke down and sobbed aloud.

A 12 ROUND FIGHT

New York, April 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—New Jersey will be the site for the match between Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier for the world's heavy weight boxing championship on July 2, Tex Rickard, the promoter announced this afternoon.

Rickard said the match would be held either in Jersey City, Newark or Atlantic City, and that the choice between these places would be definitely made in a few days or as soon as negotiations with the state boxing commission are completed.

The fight will be 12 rounds with no decision to conform with the state law.

An arena along the same line as that at Toledo where Dempsey won from Willard will be built to seat 50,000 at a cost of about \$100,000.

The seats will range from \$5 to \$50.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Several members of the local Evangelical church will go to Fort Wayne tomorrow to attend the sessions of the Indiana Evangelical association, the annual meeting closing tomorrow. It is expected the assignments of the conference will be read tomorrow evening.

A GOOD PROGRAM

"Mother Goose's Garden" Given at Gym by Pupils of North Ward School

SCORED A BIG HIT

Athletic Hall Was Crowded With Friends and Parents of the Children

The teachers and children of the north ward school scored a big hit with their entertainment, "Mother Goose's Garden," at the gym Friday evening. The big athletic hall was completely filled with men, women and children, parents and friends of the children of the north ward, every pupil of the school having a part in some way in the operetta.

Under the direction of the teachers, John Parrish, principal, and the Misses Elizabeth Peterson, Adella Sellenmeyer and Gladys Kern, these pupils had been carefully drilled and prepared for the entertainment, and the work was exceedingly well done, and the teachers and pupils alike deserve praise for the creditable entertainment given.

The entertainment was put on that (Continued on page four)

MEN'S CLUB MET

Presbyterian Men Elected New Officers to Serve During Next Year

PUMPHREY PRESIDENT

The Meetings Will be Held Monthly Hereafter—Several Members Talked

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church had an interesting little session Friday evening in the Sunday school room of the church. President C. D. Teeple called the meeting to order at 7:45, and after the usual devotional exercises, several of the men made short talks along lines that would assist in the work the men are trying to do. D. B. Erwin talked five minutes on "Efficiency." He was followed by Fred Patterson, Hugh Hite, E. S. Moses, C. J. Lutz and others.

During the business session the following officers were elected: President—C. C. Pumphrey Vice President—Fred Patterson Treasurer—Fred Elzey Secretary—J. H. Stewart. The various committees will be appointed by the president during the next few days and the work of the year will start off just as soon as is possible to do so. A program for the year is to be outlined, and during the fall and winter it is hoped that several men of national prominence can be brought to Decatur for addresses.

Rev. A. H. Saunders of the Presbyterian church was a visitor at Fort Wayne yesterday.

A SECOND SHOP

Lose Brothers Will Open Two Chair Barber Shop in Anker Room

Charles Lose, well known barber of this city and the senior member in the Lose Brothers' firm will leave tonight for Cincinnati where he will buy furniture for a second barber shop which will be opened by the firm in the Anker cigar store on Second street. The same kind of chairs as those installed in the up-to-date shop on Madison street will grace the new shop. Electric equipment needed in a first class shop will also be purchased by Mr. Lose. Forrest Elzey, well known young man of this city who quit the barber business last year to accept a position with Carl C. Pumphrey, will be in charge of the new shop. The chairs will be placed along the south wall of the Anker room and the Lose Brothers say that it will be neat, and an up-to-date place where men and young men can get the kind of tonsorial service they demand.

SEPARATE LINES FOR POWER USERS

High Voltage Wires Are Being Separated From Commercial Lines

MEANS BETTER POWER

Line to Krick-Tyndall Factory Erected—To Have Seven Circuits

Improvements and additions now being made in the power and commercial circuit lines of the Decatur light and power company under the supervision of Supt. M. J. Mylott will greatly benefit the users of power and electric current in this city.

A separate line from eighth street to the Krick-Tyndall tile factory has just been completed and after Supt. Mylott and his assistants complete their work, Decatur will have seven circuits. The system now being installed is commonly called the Flexible system, that is if one line or circuit is "down" as a result of a storm or for repairs, the other six lines will not be affected.

The Krick-Tyndall company is now one of the biggest users of electric power in the city. Motors, equivalent to nearly 200 horse power have been installed at this modern and up to date tile factory and as the other improvements are completed the demand on the city's electric current will be still greater.

The heavy voltage lines are being separated as much as possible and the load is being divided as much as possible in the new system that is being installed. When once completed it will be of great benefit both to the users of commercial light and power customers of the municipal plant.

ASSISTANT IN OFFICE

Miss Agnes Heiman, daughter of Pete Heiman, of south of the city, is an assistant in the county agent's office assisting Mr. Busche in caring for the correspondence after school. Miss Heiman is a student of the St. Joseph commercial course.

MEET IN BLUFFTON

Fort Wayne Presbytery to Meet in Annual Session Monday and Tuesday

ABOUT 50 CHURCHES

In Eleven Counties Will be Represented—Decatur People to Attend

The annual spring session of the Fort Wayne Presbytery will be held at the First Presbyterian church in Bluffton on Monday evening, April 11th and Tuesday, April 12th. The opening session will be Monday evening, and the concluding session will be held Tuesday afternoon.

About fifty churches, are represented in Fort Wayne Presbytery of Northeast Indiana, Elkhart being the western boundary and Bluffton the southern. The program Monday evening is of great general interest. Dr. J. A. Gordon is pastor at Winona Lake, a speaker of great power, and Dr. O. A. Newlin is one of the prominent evangelists of the country whose message will be a thrilling Gospel sermon. He is resting at his home at Winona after great meetings in Ohio.

The Fort Wayne Presbytery includes eleven counties, namely: Wells, Adams, Huntington, Elkhart, Lagrange, Steuben, Kosciusko, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley and Allen counties.

The complete program follows: Monday Evening Program, 7:30. Easter Chimes—Organ, Piano and Orchestra.

Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation." Invocation—Rev. W. I. Campbell Hymn—"Fling Out the Banner." Scripture—Rev. H. F. Craven.

Prayer—Rev. Frank Morgan. Anthem—Tedeum in F—Choir.

Sermon—"Why the Church Lives and Grows"—Rev. J. A. Gordon, D. D. Hymn—"I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Address—Dr. Ora Allen Newlin. Hymn—"O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth."

Prayer—Moderator Dr. Gordon. Roll Call—Stated Clerk.

Inauguration of New Moderator—(Continued on page four)

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Indiana—Generally fair tonight and Sunday except probably snow flurries extreme north portion; colder tonight with freezing temperature.

Lower Michigan—Snow flurries and colder tonight; Sunday cloudy, probably snow flurries near Lake Michigan.

Upper Michigan—Generally fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight.

MANY ATTENDED KIRKLAND MEET

Several Hundred Enjoy the "Community Night" at Kirkland High School

INTEREST IS GROWING

In a plan That was Original and Deserves to be Followed Other Places

If you want to see what a community can do, how much pleasure they can originate, how well neighbors can become acquainted, you should visit the Kirkland township high school on one of their "Community nights," such as was held last evening.

The plan is going big and growing and their is no limit other than the capacity of the house and the population of the territory for future events. The plan was started last year by Mr. Wilson Beery, principal of the school and a few meetings were held. This year nothing was done until after the Farmers Institute on February 24th at which two of the speakers urged the community meetings and as a result an organization was made with Will Yager as chairman. The following week a meeting was held and since then a program has been given almost every week.

The attendance is large and last evening it was voted to buy 100 more chairs. Every foot of space was occupied last night, many standing and when those from this city arrived there was scarcely room on the high ways to park a car. More than three hundred people were crowded into the school auditorium.

The folks gather early and the program always includes games and amusements for the children and young folks, followed by a program of readings, music, debate and playlets. Last night one of the interesting parts of the program was a debate upon the question, "Resolved, that the world is growing worse as prophesied in the Bible."

It was a six round contest without (Continued on page three)

HAD FINE TRIP

William Stepler and Jacob Meyer Write of Their California Journey

LIKE THE COUNTRY

Many Fine Cattle Ranches Noted on the Way—Mostly Hereford Cattle

Los Angeles, Calif., April 4, 1921. The Daily Democrat.

Dear Sirs:—

Thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that we arrived here safely on Friday, April 1, 1921, at 8:15. Had an enjoyable time coming out to Los Angeles. Saw many wonderful sights on the way—many different kind; saw many large cattle ranches in New Mexico, as many as one hundred in a lot, mostly Hereford cattle, were poor; pasture is very poor the way it looks. Also saw many horses of different kind and large flocks of sheep and goats but not many hogs. There are hundreds of acres of waste land in New Mexico, Colorado Arizona and Kansas; very little pasture in these four states along the Santa Fe railway. Most of the cattle and horses are poor but compared with the pasture it looks like they ought to take feed with them. There are many mountains. Some have snow on them and others have not. There is some peculiar thing about the snow on the mountains the way it looked some had snow on them that were not as high as others. The distance fools many out here; it seems if one sees a mountain you think it is near. You watch it for a long time and it seems that you are not getting any nearer to it when we were on the train. The Santa Fe is a good road to travel but it sure winds around those mountains some. Many time one could see both ends of the train. Part of the time there were three big engines on and going down the ratune tunnel they took off two and only had on one. The ratune tunnel is 7,655 feet above sea level. It sure took some winding round to get up but finally got over the top. In Arizona there is another (Continued on page two)

SALE POSTPONED

The sale of the N. O. Grove stock of hardware, advertised for today, was postponed, because of some question as to the title, and it is probable the sale will be made some time next week. Messrs. Daniel Sprang and Henry B. Heller, are in charge of the store, and the stock will be disposed of as soon as possible.

FIND GIRL'S BODY

Young Lady Who Disappeared Last January 15, Found in St. Marys River

NEAR WILLSHIRE, OHIO

Miss Trecia Petro, of Rockford, Believed to Have Committed Suicide

The body of Trecia Petro, 16, daughter of Oliver Petro, of Rockford, who mysteriously disappeared from that village the night of January 15th, was found in the St. Marys river near Willshire, Friday afternoon. The body was badly decomposed and identification was only made positive after a Rockford dentist had examined her teeth and remembered work that he had done for the girl. It will be recalled that she was last seen with her lover, Floyd Humerickhouse, of Rockford, who has maintained that she left him at a picture theater in Rockford, going out to shop before he took her to her home. The country has been searched for the young woman, and the police of many towns have been puzzled over her disappearance. It is now believed that Miss Petro committed suicide.

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CLASS ADDRESS

For Monroe High School Commencement Will be Given by C. Whiteman

APRIL 21 IS THE DATE

Program for Commencement Week is Announced by the School Officials

Nine students—three girls and six boys—will be graduated from the Monroe high school Thursday evening, April 21, the commencement program being held in the auditorium of the high school building.

Charles W. Whiteman, of Seymour, Ind., will give the class address, his subject being, "The Call of Modern Scholarship." The graduates are the Misses Mary Thomas, Lola Parrish and Hazel Gilbert, and Messrs. Albert Coppess, George Harvey, Clifford Durbin, Sanford Waggoner, Arnold Rhinehart and James Myers. An orchestra from Willshire, Ohio, will furnish the music.

Teachers this year are Clyde Hendricks, principal; Walter Krick, Edison Sprunger and Miss Frantz. The school year has been most successful, and the program for commencement week is as follows:

High school ball, Friday, April 15, classes of 1921 and 1922 in charge.

Sunday, April 17, Monroe M. E. church baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Charles Tinkham, of Decatur, preaching the sermon. There will be special music at this service.

Tuesday, April 19, Junior-senior reception.

Thursday, April 21, Commencement exercises. The senior reception will follow the commencement exercises.

The entire program will be carried out in the assembly room of the school building excepting the baccalaureate address which will be in the Methodist church at Monroe.

STRAUB BABE DIES

Merle, seven months' old son, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Straub, residing in the Breiner addition, died Friday night from whooping cough. The babe had suffered from the malady the past seven weeks. Besides the parents, one sister, Waneta, four years old, survives. Three of the grandparents, Daniel and Sarah Straub of this city and Mrs. Emma Bates, of Fort Wayne, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Adeline Bates, also survive. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Straub, the Rev. Miller of the Baptist church in charge. Burial will be at the Reynolds cemetery.

OUTLOOK IS DARK AS STRIKES GROW

Great Britain on Verge of Industrial War and All Efforts Are Futile

VIOLENCE REPORTED

Premier Lloyd George Receives Special Deputations Without Results

(United Press Service)

London, April 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A special meeting of the British cabinet was called this afternoon following failure of the conference between Premier Lloyd George and labor heads to reach an agreement for averting the general strike called for Tuesday.

When the ministry went into session it was understood that the latest refusal of the laborites to make concession was the principal subject under discussion.

The triple alliance leaders who were visibly pessimistic when they left the Downing street conference went at once to labor headquarters where they resumed their conferences with other labor representatives.

One phase of the situation was regarded as distinctly signified largest stock response nificant. That was the unexor-reserving and volunteers.

Steps have already been taken for preservation of the mines and preparations are being made to reinstate food rationing on war-time basis.

London, April 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Widespread violence was reported today in connection with the miners strike.

An alrdrone at Nes Castle was dismantled and equipment destroyed. Telegraph poles and wires were felled near Shields.

Extensive incendiaries occurred last night in Northumberland. Hay stacks used for feeding pit ponies in the Berlington colliery were burned and numerous stacks of wheat, barley and oats were destroyed in other districts.

Sporadic outbreaks of looting occurred in some parts of the striking area.

London, April 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With Great Britain tottering on the verge of the greatest industrial war in history, the government continued its efforts today to avert the plunge into the abyss.

Premier Lloyd George received a special deputation of the "Triple Alliance" in secret conference. The meeting adjourned shortly before noon and, while the labor leaders refused to discuss what had transpired, all wore a serious mien and indicated that no progress had been made toward halting the general strike of railway and transport workers, called for midnight Tuesday in support of the miners strike.

Immediately after the conference with the labor representatives Lloyd George called into consultation the Marquis of Londonderry, vice president of the air council and Sir N. M. Trenchard, air marshal, the country's air forces were included in the military mobilization order and are expected to be utilized for communication with remote districts and transportation of food.

What was regarded as a very significant incident was the fact that King George and Queen Mary today moved from Windsor castle to Buckingham Palace.

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MAXWELL ON ROCKS

Indianapolis, April 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—All property of the Maxwell Motor Car company in Indiana was ordered sold today by Judge Francis E. Baker, of the U. S. circuit court of appeals of Chicago, sitting in place of Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, in federal court. The decree was similar to one entered in the federal court at Detroit recently and another to be filed at Dayton, Ohio today. By these confined decrees all the property of the Maxwell Motor Car company in the United States is ordered sold.

W. L. Mitchell of Detroit, was named receiver and the minimum bid which will be accepted was fixed at \$10,915,000. Mitchell filed bond for \$50,000.