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SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF ENTIRE STATE

Will be Represented in the Greatest Convention of History at Lafayette

JUNE 14, 15 AND 16

Program Will Include Pageant Under Direction of H. A. Smith, Boston

Lafayette, Ind., June 4—Every phase of modern Sunday school work and methods will be discussed by world famous speakers at the annual State Sunday school convention to be held in Lafayette and at Purdue university June 14, 15 and 16. Indications are that the attendance will break all records as the program is the best that has ever been arranged for a Sunday school convention in Indiana, including, as it does, inspiring mass meetings, numerous sectional sessions, a pageant under the direction of the celebrated H. Augustine Smith of Boston, Mass., an open air vesper service on the Purdue campus and many other attractive features.

The convention will be called to order Tuesday morning, June 14, at the beautiful new Mars theater in Lafayette, seating 2,000 persons. The plan is to start the sectional meetings in the afternoon and follow them with a street parade in which all delegations will participate.

The sectional meetings will be held at the following churches, all of them in the business district of the city: young people's section, First Christian church; children's division, Central Presbyterian church; adult division, First Baptist church; county workers and pastors, St. John's Protestant Episcopal church.

Each division will have a fellowship supper or luncheon, the following program for these features having been arranged; for county workers and pastors, Tuesday evening at St. John's church; for adult division, Wednesday noon at First Baptist church; for young people's division, Wednesday noon at Christian church, for children's division, Thursday noon at Central Presbyterian church. Bishop F. D. Leete of the Indianapolis area of the Methodist church of Indiana is to be a speaker at the Wednesday morning mass meeting of the convention at the Mars theater. There will be other noted speakers as well. In the afternoon one of the principal general sessions of the convention will be held at the armory at Purdue university. The annual county roll call will be the feature of this session and invitations for the 1922 convention will be received. It is known that Columbus, Ind., will ask for the big meeting next year and several other cities are expected to make a bid.

The Thursday program will include sectional meetings morning and afternoon and in the evening the great pageant directed by H. Augustine Smith will be staged at the Purdue university armory which will accommodate a crowd of 5,000 spectators. There will be 200 people in the pageant and it will be a reproduction of that which was presented at the World Sunday school convention in Tokyo, Japan, under the direction of Prof. Smith. Preceding the pageant there will be a luncheon on the Purdue campus.

The Sunday school leaders of world fame who will be heard at various sessions of the convention include: H. E. Tralle, editor of Baptist publications, noted religious writer and lecturer; Mrs. Maud Junkin Baldwin, International Children's Division superintendent and one of the great-

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LUKE McLUKE DEAD

(United Press Service)
Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4—(Special to Daily Democrat)—James S. Hastings, known to newspaper readers all over the country as "Luke McLuke" is dead following an operation.
Daily for nine years with but few intermissions Hastings wrote his column "Bits of By-play" which became so popular in Cincinnati that several years ago it was copyrighted and syndicated. Recently his quips were put on the motion picture screen.
He was a member of the staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer for twenty years. He was born in Lowell, Mass. His widow and four children survive.

FOR GALA WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Christen have received an invitation to the annual "Gala Week" or commencement program from the senior class and faculty of Purdue university. Their daughter, Miss Catherine M. Christen, is a graduate in the school of science. The commencement festivities continue from June 4 to 8.

LEGION MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART

In Funeral Services for Two Wells County Boys Who Died in France

WILL GO TOMORROW

Bodies of George Palmer and Raymond Brickley Have Arrived in Bluffton

Twenty-five or more members of Adams Post No. 43, American Legion, will motor to Bluffton Sunday morning to assist in the services to be conducted there for Raymond Brickley and George Palmer, Wells county boys who lost their lives in the great war and whose bodies have arrived home for interment. Sergeant L. E. Ehinger has secured the names of about that number who have agreed to go and any other members who will do so are asked to report to him and to be at the Legion hall at 8:45 Sunday morning, in uniform. The Palmer funeral will be held at the Methodist church at 10:30 Sunday morning and that of Ray Brickley who was the first Wells county boy to die in the war, will be held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brickley, northwest of Bluffton at 2:30 in the afternoon. The Bluffton News said:

The bodies of Raymond Brickley and George Palmer, who were among those to volunteer their services in the World war and give up their lives in making the supreme sacrifice for their country, arrived at noon today over the Clover Leaf railroad and were immediately taken to the Mc Bride undertaking parlors. A committee from the American Legion took charge of the bodies at the train.

Sergeant J. C. Dunn, with headquarters at Detroit, was in charge of the bodies on the train and this afternoon officially turned them over to the care of immediate relatives. Encased in the large flag, each casket was placed in the undertaking parlors beneath the colors of the American Legion. Two large American flags and a flag of mourning hang at the entrance of the building, paying humble tribute to the sacrifice of the two soldiers.

THE COURT NEWS

A marriage license was issued Friday afternoon to Ralph J. Roop, machinist, born September 7, 1899, son of Richard B. Roop, to wed Etheldreda Parent, housekeeper, born July 26, 1897, daughter of William Parent. Real estate transfers: Elpha L. Christy to Mabel B. Swoveland, tract St. Mary's tp., \$1.00.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKET

Indianapolis, Ind., June 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Hog receipts 9000, market 5 to 10c lower; best heavies \$8.05; medium mixed \$8.15; common choice \$8.25; bulk sales \$8.05-\$8.25; cattle receipts 100, steady; steers \$6.00-\$8.50; cows and heifers \$2.50-\$8.00; sheep receipts 150, market steady; tops \$1.3.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The members of the Pocahontas lodge at their meeting Friday evening elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:
Pocahontas—Blanche Knodle.
Wenonah—Minnie Black.
Prophetess—Agnes Linn.
Powhatan—Peter Conrad.
Trustee—Clara Breiner.
Representatives to Grand Lodge—Grace Reynolds and Maud Bennett.
Alternates—Hila Murray and Blanche Whitright.
The officers will be installed at the first meeting in July, and several appointive officers will be named at that meeting and also installed. The past few months of the local order has been very prosperous, being one of the most active in the city.

MORNING SERVICE

At the Christian Church on Sunday Will be Given Over to Children

PROGRAM AT 10:30

Recitations, Songs, Dialogues and Talks by the Pastor Features

The annual Children's Day program will be observed at the Christian church on Sunday morning, the service to begin at 10:30 o'clock. Songs, recitations, dialogues, and a talk by the pastor will feature the program, which is as follows:

Song, "Come Rejoicing"—School and Choir.
Recitation, "Welcome"—Violet Squire.
Scripture Reading—Isabel Cloud.
Prayer—Dr. Buxton.
Song, "Joy Everywhere"—Choir.
Recitation, "My Garden"—Mildred Acker.
Recitation, "I'm Glad"—Sylvia Ruhl.
Daisy Song—Bernadine Schraluka.
Recitation, "Nature's Gift"—George Helm.
Song, "Gifts from Above"—Choir.
Play, "Five Little Chicks."
Recitation, "How to Tell"—Robert Schraluka.
Song, "Children Day Has Come"—Primary class.
Recitation, "The Train to Heaven"—Ruth Engle.
Recitation, "New Bonnet"—Mary Kohls.
Solo—Josephine Anderson.
Lessons from Flowers—Eight girls.
Recitation, "Shine Holy Light"—John Engle.
Song, "Jesus Needs Us"—Anderson children.
Recitation, "Little Deeds"—Bernadine Schraluka.
Recitation, "Little Bud"—Evelyn Kohls.
Recitation, "Blossom Army"—Glenys Merica.
Song, "Give"—Choir.
Collection.
Song, "June, Fair June"—School.
Recitation, "God's Smile"—Edward Anderson.
Recitation, "Grandma's Home"—Beatrice Cleverer.
Song, "Eternal Praise"—Choir.
Short talk and benediction—Dr. A. G. A. Buxton.

WILL GRADUATE

Class of Twenty-eight Students Will be Graduated From St. Joseph's

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Tomorrow Morning After High Mass—Father Seimetz to Give Diplomas

A class of twenty pupils of the eighth grade and eight students of the Commercial course, of the St. Joseph's Parochial school who have completed their studies will receive their diplomas at the commencement exercises to be held tomorrow morning immediately after the 9:45 o'clock high mass at the St. Marys church. Father Seimetz will deliver the commencement address in his sermon and will distribute the diplomas to the graduates. At the same time, the promoters of the Apostleship of Prayers will receive merit certificates.

The class of eighth grade graduates consists of seven girls and thirteen boys who will be admitted into the first year of the newly proposed high school at the next school year. The commercial class is composed of all girl students all of whom completed the studies with high honors.

The names of those to graduate from the eighth grade are: Mildred Keller, Naomi Holthouse, Verena Miller, Theresa Appleman, Margaret Niblick, Jeannette Clark, Catherine Hyland, Gerald Mlyott, Charles Mougey, Walter Brunnegrat, Edward Murphy, Fred Schulte, Frank Heiman, Hugh Holthouse, Leonard Meyer, Robert Voglewede, Kenneth Kintz, George Laurent, Earl Christen and Charles Wertzeberger.
Those in the commercial class are: Catherine Omior, Marcella Lengerich, Agnes Heiman, Vera Dright, Naomi Teeple, Helen Gass, Mary Schultz and Clarice Lothamer.

Mrs. Charles Bryson of Kirkland township was a business caller in the city yesterday.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature in north portions.
Lower Michigan—Fair and cool tonight; Sunday fair with rising temperature.
Upper Michigan—Fair tonight and Sunday with slowly rising temperature.

DEATH A SHOCK

Mrs. George Burkett Succumbed Last Night to Attack of Acute Indigestion

WAS ILL TWO DAYS

Husband and Two Daughters Survive—Funeral to be Monday at 1:30

News of the death of Mrs. George Burkett at the family home on North Fifth street came as a shock to the many friends and relatives, as it was known but to a few that she was ill. The end came at 10:20 o'clock Friday night after suffering from an attack of acute indigestion and partial obstruction of the bowels, which attack came at 5 o'clock Thursday morning, and her suffering until the end came on Friday evening was intense.

Elizabeth Rozelle Kistler was born at Honduras in Kirkland township, Adams county, June 6, 1867, a daughter of Stephen and Mary Kistler, making her age three days less than fifty-four years. She was united in marriage to George Burkett December 31, 1886, and to this union were born three children, one of whom died when a child. Surviving besides the husband are two daughters, Alverda, wife of James Stonerook, of this city, and Miss Esther, at home. There are also three sisters, Mrs. Susan Arnold Bluffton; Mrs. Sarah Stoneburner, of near Peterson, and Mrs. Lucy Easterday, of Lagrange.

Mrs. Burkett was a member of the Decatur United Brethren church. She had been a Christian since childhood, and united with St. Luke's Reformed church at Honduras, and with the removal of the family to Decatur became identified with the U. B. church.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the United Brethren church, the Rev. C. J. Miner officiating, assisted by the Rev. Charles Tinkham, of the Methodist church. Burial will be at the cemetery near Honduras.

A THEFT CHARGE

Placed Against Fred Thraill—kill by Ira Carpenter in Circuit Court

TOOK HORSE AND RIG

And Starts on Journey, is Allegation—Believed on Way to Michigan

Fred Thraill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thraill, is charged in an affidavit filed in circuit court by Ira Carpenter son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Carpenter, residing on Thirtieth street, with the theft of a horse and rig, valued at about \$40.

From the information gained today it is alleged that Thraill took the outfit from the Carpenter home on Thursday night and drove to the home of his father's step-father, C. C. Robinson, three miles southeast of this city, putting the horse up for the night. Mr. Robinson says the lad got up early Friday morning, stating he was going to Willshire, Van Wert and Paudling, Ohio, and it is believed he intended to go from there to Michigan.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thraill left this city for Michigan some time ago, fitting up a wagon for the trip, by arranging a covered top, and intended to travel in the old-fashioned emigrant way, and it is thought the boy intended to follow him.

TO GO ABROAD

Harold H. Henneford, Vera Cruz Young Man, Accompanies Spokane Friends

ON EXTENDED TRIP

Son of Michael Henneford and Brother of Mrs. Dan Niblick, Decatur

Harold H. Henneford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Henneford of Vera Cruz, and a brother of Mrs. Dan M. Niblick of this city, will sail June 26 on an extended trip abroad, going with Wallace Rothrock, of Spokane, Washington. Harold is now superintendent of the Spokane schools, and has made good in educational work in the west. The Rothrocks have taken a liking to him and invited him to make the trip which he gladly accepted. His many Decatur and Adams county friends who have been watching his career in the west are pleased with his rapid advancement.

Sailing on the S. S. Olympic at New York for Cheabourge, France, they will go directly to Paris, spending perhaps a week there; then Monte Carlo, Genoa, Nice, and some time at Rome. They will meet friends at Naples and expect to meet Italian royalty; will go directly to Biemese, taking a steamer for Alexandria, Egypt spending most of the time at Cairo, however, and up the Nile; then the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Damascus, Port Said, etc.; will go around the Mediterranean, ending at Constantinople, Turkey; then Athens, leaving the boat for good at Trieste. Then by rail to Vienna; then through Germany—down the Rhine and also Switzerland; will go directly to London, sailing later from Southampton on the Olympic again. Every where they expect to meet friends—in Paris, Naples at the University of Alexandria; Egypt, Roberts College, Constantinople; some American friends in Athens, Greece, and also a party of Spokane families who are spending the summer in Switzerland. The Thraillbournes at Kohn have a beautiful home on the so called "Circle" and expect to entertain them and show them a great deal of Germany. In London the Rothrocks have scores of friends among the Lord and Lady Vance Corbin whom they expect to meet and who have planned to take them by motor to Scotland.

INVENTORY FILED

Trustee David S. Vesey Says Plant of Ft. Wayne Tire & Rubber Co.

IS WORTH \$273,000

Decatur Men Are Holders of Stock—The Company May be Reorganized

David S. Vesey, trustee of the defunct Fort Wayne Tire & Rubber company, in which concern several Decatur and Adams county men, held stock, has filed his appraisal with Referee in Bankruptcy Harry C. Sheridan at Frankfort, in which he states the plant and stock is worth approximately \$273,000, with liabilities totaling \$200,000.

In his report Mr. Vesey said he believed the plant could be operated profitably, under proper management, and had considered operating it under the trusteeship, but this plan has been discarded, however, after a careful consideration of the conditions. In order to liquidate some of the stock on hand, the trustee has offered the stock of tires now in storage on sale directly to the consumer. Several prospective buyers have interviewed Mr. Vesey, it has been learned, and they have been impressed with the possibilities of the venture under capable directorship. Nothing definite towards the outright sale of the entire holdings of the corporation has been done.

Mr. Vesey intimated that he was now working on a plan, which would enable the old stockholders to reacquire the plant and voiced the opinion that such an undertaking would be feasible. He said he has learned that the leaders in this movement have been successful in their efforts to sell additional stock.

TO PENAL FARM

Sheriff Melchi was at Putmanville yesterday, taking Ranza Wolfe to the penal farm, where he will serve a thirty-five day sentence for violating the liquor laws of the state.

BASKET TAKEN

The party taking basket from machine parked in front of the entrance to the Guy Stock company grounds last evening, was seen "doing the trick." If the basket and contents are not returned immediately to the Guy Bros. Shoe store, legal action will follow.

THE DECKER CASE IS GRINDING ON

Testimony of Fifteen Year Old Brother of Murdered Boy on Stand Today

NEW LINE OF ATTACK

Sweetheart of Virgil Decker Says He Showed Her His Insurance Policies

(United Press Service)
Warsaw, Ind., June 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Testimony of a fifteen year old boy in the insurance murder trial developed a new line of attack for the prosecution today.

Fred Lovett, younger brother of the murdered Leroy Lovett, told the story which made the state's attorney believe he instead of Leroy was the intended victim of a family plot by Mrs. Lydia Decker and her three sons, Calvin, Fred and Virgil.

The youngster climbed up on the witness stand and testified that before Leroy was slain he rode in an automobile with Virgil to the Decker farm. They went into the barn according to the testimony and the Lovett boy went into the hay mow to sleep while Virgil waited down stairs.

Fred told the court he awakened suddenly and heard the motor of an automobile running. He hurried down stairs and found Virgil in the car ready to leave.

The state will try to prove that Virgil was starting after his brother, Fred Decker, to slay the boy and identify the body as that of Virgil in order to collect \$24,000 life insurance which young Decker carried on himself.

Little Carrie Eggleston, the 15 year old sweetheart of Virgil who was a youthful farmhand testified that Virgil called on her a few days before the Lovett murder and exhibited insurance policies. The state put Miss Eggleston on the stand to learn whether Virgil told her anything regarding the insurance policy but her testimony developed merely that he had taken out the insurance shortly before Lovett's body was found by the Pennsylvania railroad tract near Atwood.

Arthur Decker resumed the stand this morning for cross examination but he did not waiver from the story he told yesterday which strengthened the state's case against his brother, Calvin.

SCHOOL "MAM" MURDERED

(United Press Service)
Des Moines, Iowa, June 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Sarah Thorsdale, pretty young country school teacher, was found murdered near Valley Junction today. She had been missing for two days.

Indications were that the girl had been assaulted. Her head was crushed and her hands tied behind her back.

The girl's body was found on the west side of the Racoon river near the scene of her disappearance by Zoy Scouts.

Miss Thorsdale disappeared Thursday afternoon. She had left the school house where she was teacher and apparently started for the car line at Valley Junction. She was last seen near the Racoon river near the spot where she was found. Authorities are holding a negro in the county jail who told conflicting stories of seeing the girl Thursday.

POULTRY BURNS TO DEATH

Bluffton, Ind., June 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two thousand pounds of live poultry belonging to Berling & Moltz packing plant of this city, was burned to death when the truck on which they were being brought to this city from Ridgeville, Ind., caught fire early this afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$2,500 and the fire is said to have originated when the drive shaft on the truck loosened, knocking the petcock off the gasoline tank.

The change in the weather is most acceptable after that couple of days of ninety in the shade.

PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING TODAY

Miss Etheldreda Parent Became Bride of Ralph J. Roop This Morning at

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Rev. Father Seimetz Officiates at Double Ring Ceremony—Reception

The St. Mary's Catholic church was the scene of another pretty wedding service this morning at 8:30 o'clock, when Father Seimetz, using the double ring ceremony, united in marriage Miss Etheldreda Parent and Mr. Ralph J. Roop.

The church, always beautiful on the interior, was made more so this morning with the decorations of ferns and roses, and when Sister Odella played Mendelssohn's wedding march and the wedding party proceeded to the altar, the church presented a most beautiful scene. Misses Lucille Miller and Miss Florence Bremerkamp were bridesmaids. Miss Miller wore a changeable rose and yellow Gro-de-Landre, and a picture hat, with trimmings to match the dress. Miss Bremerkamp was attired in a Spanish gown of primrose taffeta, and a large picture hat, with trimmings to correspond. Flower girls were the little Misses Julia Parent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roma Parent, and Jane Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Murray. The girls wore dainty little dresses of white organdy, with white maline bows in their hair. The flower girls carried white baskets of sweet peas with large white mouline bows. Miss Bremerkamp carried a bouquet of sunburst roses and Miss Miller a bouquet of pink roses.

The bride was very becoming in a gown of white Duchesse satin, with the puffs on the skirt, which were caught with chantilly lace, with the long train suspending from the waistline. Her veil, which was as long as the train, was of frill at the forehead and beaded with tiny white flowers, with a large stand-up fold at back. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and swansonia. Mr. Bernard Parent, an uncle of the bride, of Port Wayne and Mr. Joseph Laurent of this city, were the groom's attendants.

Following the ceremony at the church, a wedding dinner and reception was given at the bride's home on Mercer avenue, to forty guests. The home was beautifully decorated with smilax, roses and spring flowers. The dining room table was especially pretty with the large wedding cake as the centerpiece, and the decorations of smilax and roses.

Seated at the bridal table, were the members of the party and Fathers Seimetz and Peters.

Ushers at the church were the Messrs. Edmund Bosse of this city and Omer Parent of Port Wayne.

The bride is one of the well known young ladies of this city, being the only daughter of William H. Parent, an employe of the city electric light department. She is a graduate of the St. Joseph schools, and also of the musical academy of the Sisters of St. Agnes, and has belonged to numerous social organizations for the past few years. She is accomplished in many ways, and since the death of her mother has cared for the family home.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roop of First street, and is employed as a machinist at the Decatur plant of the General Electric works.

Guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rahrig of Fostoria, Ohio; Helen and Paul Parent, of Fostoria; Misses Anna and Vena Parent; Messrs. Omer and Bernard Parent of Port Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Alva LaVergne, of Defiance, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Holloper and daughter of Garrett.

The bridesmaids were presented with beautiful sterling silver corsage pins by the bride.

After the reception the happy couple left on a wedding trip, but refused to tell their friends where they were going. They will be at home, however, after June 15 at 722 Mercer avenue.

OPERATION FRIDAY

Mrs. Wrechart, of Van Wert, Ohio, sister of Mrs. C. S. Clark of this city, was operated upon at the Decatur hospital, and although the operation was quite serious, it is stated at the hospital this afternoon that her condition is very satisfactory.