

## THOUSANDS ENJOYED THE DAY AT BELLMONT PARK

**PROGRAM GIVEN BY DECATUR DRIVING CLUB WAS A SNAPPY ENTERTAINMENT --- RACES, BATTLE ROYAL AND CONTESTS WERE GOOD.**

Beautiful Belmont Park was the Mecca for thousands on July Fourth. The people of Decatur and vicinity and for miles around were entertained at Indiana beauty spot yesterday by Dan Beery, Penn Robinson and Mrs. Young of the Decatur Driving Club yesterday with a program of horse races, battle royals, pie-eating contests, and other stunts that more than pleased the five or six thousand people who came from far and near to be entertained.

Hundreds of people made a "full day" of it and together with their families went to the park early in the morning taking with them basket dinners and staying throughout the afternoon for the races and other entertainments.

Much to the disappointment of the officials in charge the big Buffalo which had been roasted for the event spoiled and it was impossible to serve free Buffalo sandwiches as announced. In another place in this paper, Col. Fred Reppert expresses his regrets for this disappointment and states why it was impossible to serve the buffalo.

Taxis and automobiles kept the road to the park "hot" all day and a continual stream of people kept going there all day. The mid-day was packed even during the races and the thousands there seemed to be having the time of their lives. Both grandstands and the bleachers on the east side were filled when the races started.

**The Battle Royal.**  
The battle royal, a fist encounter between five negroes from Fort Wayne was pulled off as announced, with the result the smallest "Sambo" stood up the longest and won the fifty dollar prize. When one of the fighters fell to the floor, he was ruled out and then the battle proceeded until only one man stood up.

**Pie-Eating Contest.**  
"Yes Sir, we'll eat those pies" said one of the colored men and the contest started. Big, juicy, blackberry pies were given to the negroes and the fun started, the man eating his pie first being given a prize of \$5.00. All kinds of tricks were played by the five negroes, each one determined to get his pie down first and the final result was finally decided by the judge in charge. If the pie had been cream pies you could not have distinguished the colored men from "millers" so thoroughly did they get pies plastered on their faces and to top it off, someone left one of the pies fall on the head of one of the darkeys.

**Grab for Nickels.**  
A big dough mixing bowl from the Bake-Rite was then placed on the platform filled with flour and containing several dollars worth of nickels. The negroes were told to "dig" for the money and dig they did. Every nickel was found by them, with the result that several men in the judges stand threw in a few more coins and the fun continued.

**Bands Furnish Music.**  
The Decatur Band, directed by Dave Rice and the Berne band in charge of Mr. Baumgartner furnished music during the entire afternoon.

**The Horse Races.**  
The horse races started about two o'clock with Superintendent Dan Beery in charge. The program consisted of a 2:25 trot, a 2:30 pace and a 2:14 pace, three heats in five, with a county road race completing the program.

Charles Reppert, of Kenton, O., a cousin of Col. Reppert, acted as starter and his decisions were fair and square throughout. W. A. Lower of this city was the clerk of the course, while Charles Ahr of Fort Wayne, Wade Manley, Geneva and George Flanders of Geneva acted as official time keepers and Phil L. Macklin of this city, Jack Compton, Fort Wayne and Harry Dissert, Rockford, O., were the judges. The races were good and many of the contests were fast ones.

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## A JUNIOR COURT

**Was Organized in This City Last Friday Evening by Tribe of Ben Hur**

**MANSSELL ORGANIZER**  
**Court Has Charter Membership of Twenty-six—Render Good Program**

Friday evening, July 1st Dr. Walter Manssell, supreme lecturer and instructor of supreme tribe of Ben-Hur, was in this city and organized a Junior Ben-Hur court.

About seventy-five children and their parents were present to witness the organization. A splendid program of recitations, music, songs by children, a fancy drill of sixteen girls was given and this was enjoyed very much by all; the girls were all dressed in white and carried ribbons of the national colors, red, white and blue, with which many beautiful designs were made, in tableau form, after which Dr. Manssell was introduced and gave a splendid talk on Ben-Hur, following with an explanation of the junior court.

Twenty-six took the obligation to become junior members and it is hoped that many more boys and girls will become members of this splendid organization. Any child over the age of five to sixteen can become a member of this order. Parents do not have to belong to Ben-Hur for their children to become members.

The following named members were chosen to fill the various offices for the first term: Commander, Geraldine Pike; assistant commander, Nellie Hitchcock; instructor, Mary Macy; Captain, Ruth Engle; guide, Margaret Bremerkamp; secretary, Louis Ogg; treasurer, Margaret Haley; doorkeeper, Bee Clevenger; musician, Elsie Blackman.

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**AN EXPLANATION**  
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The public should know that every effort was made by those in charge of affairs at the park yesterday to serve the big crowd with real buffalo meat. An expert prepared and cooked the animal which was then packed in ice, but the intense heat melted the ice faster than expected and a small portion became tainted. Many believed it would be perfectly safe to serve but Beery and Robinson refused to take any changes on ptomaine poisoning and the big buffalo was consigned to the fertilizer plant. Its place a Hereford steer was barbecued and the meat enjoyed by many who while disappointed, felt that the management had taken the right stand in safeguarding the public health.

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**SENATE REFUSES TO QUIT.**  
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Washington, July 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—By three votes the senate today rejected a resolution by Senator Lodge, republican leader providing for a four weeks recess from July 9 to August 8. The vote was 24 to 27.

Sixteen republican senators voted against the recess and five democrats voted for it.

At Senator Underwoods suggestion, Lodge amended the resolution to have recess last from Saturday, July 9th to Monday August 9th a week longer.

◆ **THE WEATHER FORECAST** ◆  
Indiana, and Lower Michigan—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, continued warm.  
Upper Michigan—Fair tonight, Wednesday, part cloudy probably unsettled in west portions, little change in temperature.

## WILL WITHDRAW AMERICAN ARMY

**From Germany Within Few Weeks is the Promise Made Now by Congress**

**THE COST IS GREAT**

**And Need of Troops on the Rhine Has Passed—Appropriations Limited**

(By Herbert W. Walker, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, D. C., July 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—American forces in Germany will be withdrawn within the next few weeks as the result of the final enactment of the peace resolution, Representative Anthony, Kansas, in charge of army appropriations in the house said today.

He declared that appropriations in the army for the current fiscal year are so limited that the war department will be forced to return the troops within a month, or violate the Borah amendment to the army appropriation bill which prohibits the incurring of any deficiencies.

"Now that the peace resolution is passed, the troops should be withdrawn at the earliest possible date," said Anthony. "They have been a big burden on the American tax payers, although the understanding was that Germany was to pay all expenses. The cost of the army of occupation has been about \$275,000,000. Germany has paid about \$30,000,000, according to my information and the balance has come out of the treasury. Germany, of course, will readily agree to the withdrawal of the troops."

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to thank all those kind friends and neighbors for their kindness, assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of our loving wife and daughter. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

EARL D. CONNER & SON, JACK MR. & MRS. E. M. LINDSEY.

## WAS IN TORNADO

**G. L. Holsapple of Aberdeen, South Dakota Wires Parents He is Safe**

**BUILDING WRECKED**

**A Terrific Storm Sweeps Through That Section—Big Property Damage**

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Holsapple, 303 North Tenth street, received a telegram this morning, from their son, G. L. Holsapple, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, stating that he was safe though the roar of the building occupied by him as the agent for the Chevrolet automobile company was destroyed in the terrific tornado which swept through that city Sunday. He is giving details in a letter which follows his telegram and which is expected by tomorrow.

The storm did much damage in that section of South Dakota several cities and towns being entirely destroyed but with a surprising loss of life. One man was killed as he tried to leave his cellar to look after some property and a number were injured. From the country districts the details are slow to come in as the telephone communications were cut off and the lines obliterated.

The telegram was thankfully received by the parents of Mr. Holsapple who were worrying about his safety after hearing of the storm.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

A rush of Fourth of July marriage licenses made business good over the holiday, a total of six being issued here as follows:

William Robinson, 19, moulder, Van Wert, Ohio to Theresa Goush, 20, of Decatur.

John Linderman, 34, laborer, Delphos, Ohio to Flora Lautzenheiser, 19, of Decatur.

Arthur L. Grim, 20, cream tester, Decatur, to Hazel Hofstetter, 18, Decatur.

Low Anderson, 42, merchant, Decatur to Mary Metzger, 26, Decatur.

Jesse D. Dailey, 39, Decatur, telephone manager at Paulding, to Vera Beatrice Hower, 28, Decatur.

Jas. F. Horner, 33, bulletin painter, Lima, to Leona B. Volbert, 18, cigar maker, Decatur.

## ARRIVED TOO LATE

Geneva, Ind., July 5.—After receiving a telegram stating that his sister, Mrs. Earl D. Conner, was dead, Ralph Lindsey of Harding, Mass., discovered that he had missed the only train that could bring him in time for the funeral services. Being acquainted with a man of the aviation field he secured his services in bringing him the first eighty miles by airplane. There he caught the train he had missed. This, however, did not bring him in time as he arrived Sunday morning and the funeral services had been held Saturday afternoon.

Frank Conter, bookkeeper at the Maier Hide and Fur company, Fort Wayne, was a visitor in the city yesterday and enjoyed the races at Belmont park.

## BURGLARS RAIDED TWO HOUSES

**Thieves Take Gold Watch and \$20.00 in Money at Mrs. Steele's Home**

**ELLSWORTH'S HOME**

**Was Entered Sunday Afternoon and \$25.00 Taken—Think It Was Negro**

Thieves were busy in this city and vicinity over the Fourth, two homes having been burglarized some time between Sunday afternoon and Monday morning.

The Mrs. Goldie Steele home on North First street was entered sometime between 10:30 Sunday night and 5:30 Monday morning and a gold watch valued at \$25 and twenty dollars in money was taken by the thief. The watch was on top of the sideboard in the dining room, while the money was in a drawer in the sideboard. It is a mystery as to how the burglar or burglars entered the house, but it is thought that entrance was gained through a door, although a screening of a window was cut, but it is not thought that the opening made was large enough to let a man or woman crawl through. Mrs. Steele stated this afternoon that she would gladly give a reward if the thieves could be apprehended and the watch returned as her son, Irvin Steele, prized it very much, it being a gift from his father. The matter has been reported to the police and sheriff and a close watch is being kept. The Steele's did not retire until about 10:30 Sunday night and at 5:30 members of the house were up.

At Ellsworth Home.

Sometime Sunday afternoon, a thief, thought to be a negro entered the Ed Ellsworth's home east of the city and stole twenty-five dollars from a drawer.

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## DEATH IS VICTOR

**Ferdinand N. Kessler, Well Known Farmer of Washington Township Died**

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**

**From Carcinoma of Liver—Funeral Services to be Held Wednesday**

Ferdinand N. Kessler, well known farmer of Washington township, died at his home yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, death being due to carcinoma of the liver from which he has been suffering from for some time.

Mr. Kessler was born in Germany, May 22, 1874, his age at the time of death being seventy-four years. He was the son of Christopher and Catherine Kessler and came to this country a number of years ago locating on a farm in Washington township.

Mr. Kessler was twice married, and is survived by five children, four boys and one girl from the first marriage. He was later again married and is survived by the widow, Lucinda B. Kessler, and son, Harry and step-children, Robert and Mattie Hathaway, twenty-two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, the cortege to leave the home at one o'clock, in charge of Rev. Zekiel, of the Monroe Methodist church and Rev. Reckenbaugh, of the Friends church, of Monroe with burial in the Pleasant Mills cemetery.

## ARE COMBATING CHINCH BUGS

**Farmers Using Creosote Oil Are Able to Kill the Chinch Bugs**

**SOME GOOD REPORTS**

**Given to County Agent—Barrier Should be Laid at Once**

(By the County Agent)

Many farmers in the county have been successful in keeping the chinch bugs from gaining access to corn fields by using a barrier of creosote oil, according to County Agent Busche. Several barrels have been used in different parts of the county and more of the material is being shipped in daily. A few barrels which have not as yet been spoken for are coming in Wednesday and anyone needing the oil should immediately get into communication with the county agent.

Those having most success have been plowing a furrow around the field, throwing the loose dirt toward the corn, or unfertilized territory. The creosote is then put on the loose soil, near the top, in a thin line. Any tin bucket or container of some kind can be used for this. A hole is put into the side of the bucket, near the bottom, with a six-penny nail. This hole permits a stream of creosote to run out which will make a line on the soil about a half or three-quarters of an inch across which is enough to keep the bugs from crossing it. Some men have been putting post-holes in the bottom of the furrow—in this way catching a large number which can be killed by spraying with oil of some kind. Others have been spraying in the furrow with oil, when the bugs are thickest, in late afternoon, in this way killing large numbers. An effort should be made to kill as many of the bugs as possible as this is the first brood and since there are always two broods per year the bugs

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## WED YESTERDAY

**Mr. Jesse D. Dailey and Miss Vera Hower Leave After Securing License**

**PLANS NOT GIVEN OUT**

**Believed They Were Married in Fort Wayne and Left on Short Trip**

Mr. Jesse D. Dailey and Miss Vera Beatrice Hower, well-known in Decatur society were married yesterday, a license being secured here and the couple left for Fort Wayne without divulging any of their plans to even the closest relatives, simply saying: "Tell our friends who inquire that we have gone to Fort Wayne to be married and will return in ten days."

Mr. Dailey was for many years engaged in the clothing business here, disposing of his interests to Mr. Myers a year ago and since then has been managing the Paulding, O. Telephone company in which he and other Decatur men hold most of the stock. Miss Hower is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hower and a very talented young lady. She was employed at the Pumpfrey jewelry store several years and later in the officers of the Martin & Klepper creamery. She was organist at the First Presbyterian church for some time, is a member of the local chapter of Delta Theta Tau and prominent in social and church circles. Both Mr. Dailey and his bride are among the most popular people of the city. The groom is a son of Mrs. Rossanna Dailey. It is believed by their friends that they were married at Fort Wayne yesterday afternoon and left immediately on a short wedding trip. They will reside in Paulding, O.

**THERE IS SENSE TO THIS.**

Des Moines, Ia., July 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—School teachers here attending the national educational conference were advised to put a dunce cap on Old Mother Hubbard and chase her out of the school room.

Miss Katherine D. Blake, New York, plead with her sister teachers to banish the old time fairy tales from the schools and supplant them with stories about real people.

## ELEVEN BRIDGES GO TO ONE FIRM ON LOW BID

**YOST BROTHERS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP, IN BRIDGE BIDDING --- CONTRACTS FOR ELEVEN---THREE ROADS SOLD ---COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.**

## NINE MEET DEATH

**And Forty-two Are Injured in Explosion at Whiting Refinery Yesterday**

**A LEAK IN THE TANK**

**Caused Big Plant to Let Go—Property Loss Will be Two Million Dollars**

(United Press Service.)

Whiting, Ind., July 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Two huge steel stills used for production of gasoline at the Standard Oil company's plant here, burst scattering flaming oil and gas over a radius of 200 yards and taking a toll of nine dead and forty-two injured yesterday. The property damage was placed at approximately \$2,000,000.

Chicago, July 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Casualties of the blast at the Standard Oil company refinery at Whiting, Ind., near here, reached nine killed and forty-two injured today.

The explosion, which happened yesterday was due to a small leak in a tank. Property loss in approximately \$2,000,000.

It is probable, according to authorities that more bodies may be found in the debris.

The dead: Joseph Palys, Whiting, Gas Johnson, Whiting, Fred Harbrecht, Whiting, George Dvorsan, Whiting, Frank Stout, Hammond, Ind., Fred Engle, Whiting, Joseph Baulda, Whiting, Two unidentified men.

**TWO NEW STUDENTS TODAY**

Two young men reported today for work at the Reppert School of Auctioneering and entered upon their work. They will be able to make up the first week and will no doubt conclude the course. The faculty started the boys off this morning with heart-to-heart lectures that made them forget the hot weather and get down to real business.

C. C. Schafer and family are planning a several weeks' rest at Manistique Lake, Mich.

## A LAYMAN VISITS THE SCHOOL OF "PEP"

(By a special correspondent)

You may have read in the paper about the Reppert School of Auctioneering and you may have heard it talked about time and time again but the truth of the matter is you do not have any idea of that affair over at Belmont Park.

You have got to see the lads and their instructors in action to realize what a whale of a proposition they are putting on. A couple of us made a visit and were duly impressed. Those thirty or forty young men—and some are not so young at that—over there taking that course these hot July days so as to graduate into the rank of Colonel are just naturally full of pep anyhow, for unless a man is full of ginger the auctioneering profession does not attract him.

A little after eight bells every morning these forty regular sticks of dynamite appear for their seance with the skilled bunch of professors in the noble art of pep that Col. Reppert has corralled as his faculty and believe me, when faculty and students get into their stride some thing happens every minute. The very air is charged with TNT.

Col. Reppert, they tell us, has not the least desire to turn out as a finished product of his university into a cruel and harsh world any youth who has matriculated to become a meek and lowly lamb but instead to be a regular "he man" who can take off his collar and shirt if need be, and everlastingly sell stuff from the auction block that will stay sold.

But there is something else out

The firm of Yost Brothers made a clean sweep in the bridge bidding held this morning before the board of county commissioners in the auditor's office, they getting every one of the eleven bridges offered for sale. In several instances their bids were a couple of thousand dollars below their nearest competitor and their bids show a considerable drop in the price of material since the estimates were made, every one of the bids being far below that figure.

The bridges totaled \$25,539.00. The bridges, with the exception of the Christy bridge, in Blue Creek township, will be built of concrete, the above bridge being the only steel bridge to be constructed. The commissioners after due consideration and after assurance from Yost Brothers that they could build the bridges this summer, awarded the contracts to them.

The bridges sold and the bids filed thereon were:

Arn Bridge, Jefferson Township	
Yost Bros.	\$1,211.00
Hisey & Bebout	1,720.00
Fisher & Butler	1,625.00
Bloemberg Bridge	
Yost Bros.	\$297.00
Hisey & Bebout	4,278.00
Christy Bridge, Blue Creek Twp.	
Steel Construction	
Yost Bros.	\$6,050.00
Hisey & Bebout	10,225.00
Daily Bridge, St. Mary's Township	
Yost Bros.	\$1,757.00
Hisey & Bebout	2,990.00
Dolch Bridge, Monroe Township	
Yost Bros.	\$1,442.00
Hisey & Bebout	2,433.50
Charles Merriman	1,900.00
Joel Ellenberger	1,725.00
Fisher & Braun	2,165.00
Johnson Bridge, Blue Creek and Jefferson Townships	
Yost Bros.	\$3,185.00
Hisey & Bebout	4,300.00
Fisher & Braun	3,597.00
Kukelhan Bridge, Root Township	
Yost Bros.	\$2,899.00
Fisher & Butler	3,565.00
Moser Bridge, Hartford Township	
Yost Bros.	\$1,195.00
Hisey & Bebout	1,845.00
Fisher & Braun	1,650.00
Schug Bridge, Monroe Township	
Yost Bros.	\$1,885.00
Hisey & Bebout	2,415.50
Joel Ellenberger	2,003.00
Fisher & Braun	2,513.00

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