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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 Bellmont 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 pock-marked 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 fierce 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 pie 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 darkies.

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 Dissen, Rockford, O., were the judges. The races were good and many of the contests were fast ones.

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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 M.R. & 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 Chrevrolet 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 are 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.

SENATE REFUSES TO QUIT.

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 here as follows:

William Robison, 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 Beckrice 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 Bellmont 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 cortège to leave the home at one o'clock, in charge of Rev. Zekiel, of the Monroe Methodist church and Rev. Reckengaugh, of the Friends church, of Monroe with burial in the Pleasant Mills cemetery.

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, pleaded with her sister teachers to banish the old time fairy tales from the schools and supplant them with stories about real people.

But there is something else out

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 uninfested 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

ELEVEN BRIDGES GO TO ONE FIRM ON LOW BID

YOST BROTHERS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP IN BRIDGE BIDDING --- CONTRACTS FOR ELEVEN---THREE ROADS SOLD ---