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Business will close here Tuesday on account of the Fourth and while there is no big celebration planned for Decatur most people will find a way to observe the 146th anniversary of the signing of the declaration of Independence.

The defeat of Senator McCumber of South Dakota is another slap at the administration and is more serious for them from the fact that McCumber is the chairman of the powerful finance committee. Politics is a hard game to play and with the normalcy card "wild" is anybody's.

As the Fourth approaches it may be well to again warn the boys and girls to be careful in celebrating with fire crackers, Roman candles, sky rockets and other explosive toys. There is a loss as it does in nearly every city and danger of injury of yourself or others and now the company has asked the

danger of causing disastrous fires. It is always best to be careful and you can't use too much caution when handling explosives.

The general committee of the Y.W.M.C.A. will get busy Monday and for the next seven weeks will need the assistance of every citizen of this county. The big meeting will be held the latter part of August and will be a memorable event in this section if the proposed plans can be carried out successfully. That part of it is up to you for it depends on how much co-operation is given.

According to the Fort Wayne News the state board of education will take action in the case of small high school to prevent the employment of teaching forces out of proportion to the number of pupils served. It is claimed these schools show an overhead of \$400 per pupil per year but since the communities pay their own bills what business is it of the state board? There is no doubt that in some cases the high schools are burdensome but it is a question which each corporation should decide for themselves it would seem.

The city of Montpelier, Indiana is going dry—good and dry—it seems at present. For years the light and water plant were operated together by the Indiana General Service Company, with headquarters in New York City. Recently the company petitioned that the two plants be divided and the public service commission of Indiana promptly granted the request. Of course the water department showed a loss as it does in nearly every city and other explosive toys. There is a loss as it does in nearly every city and danger of injury of yourself or others and now the company has asked the



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commission for the right to close the plant because it shows a loss. This gives them the greatly desired opportunity to run the electric plant at a profit but lets the citizens carry their water. It will be fine for the stockholders but how about the people who live in Montpelier?

A fine sample of the way that the taxpayers' money is being used under the board and commission form of government is shown in the activities, or rather, inactivities of the employees of the highway commission on the state highway north of Portland. For two or three weeks, a small army of men, equipped with enough tools to build a dozen roads, has been at work, or supposed to have been at work, repairing the brick road, by putting crushed stone in the holes and covering it with tar. But the work is not much more than started yet. On last Tuesday, a shower came up shortly after noon, which lasted for about a half hour. The road repairers climbed into a closed automobile, and for the remainder of the afternoon were observed to be occupied with a game of cards. This would not have happened had a contractor had charge, but the repairs would have been completed several days ago. But the superintendent was not on the job in this case, being absent either in person or in spirit. He gets his appointment from Indianapolis and does not have to worry about what the local citizens and officials think of him. The federal government pays part of the expenses of these state roads, but if the county were given the money to spend on its own roads that the state and government use, "better roads for less money," would become a reality.

Orville Parent underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils last Thursday. He is at his work again. Charles Mougey had his tonsils removed at the Decatur hospital yesterday. He is back at his work in the Eatons restaurant today.

Mrs. Frank Staard and two children, Elizabeth and Charlotte of San Diego, California are visiting in Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith. Mrs. Staard was formerly Miss Katherine Dorwin.

Miss Millicent Lewis of Philadelphia will arrive Monday for a visit with Miss Alta Teeple. They were classmates and chums at Vassar for four years, graduating a short time ago. Miss Alta will meet her friend at Fort Wayne and they will go to Rome City for a few days before coming here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Teeple.

Mrs. Mary Cheneveth and daughter Mrs. Lewis of Bluffton visited Thursday and Friday at the Wm. Worden home east of this city.

### WHITE STAGS IN SPECIAL FOURTH OF JULY PACKAGES

Henry Thomas, proprietor of the White Stag Cigar company has placed with several of the local dealers nifty and attractive Fourth of July packages of the well advertised and tasty smoke, The White Stag Cigar. The packages are wrapped in foil, which is printed in national colors and shows Betsy Ross sewing the flag, drummer boys and fire crackers. This same wrapper is around the pocket size packages consisting of two White Stag cigars, which sell for fifteen cents and also around the cigars in the ten, twenty-five and fifty cent size boxes. The following local dealers are displaying the Fourth of July packages: Al Anker, United Sugar Store, Eicher's Cigar Store, Smith, Yager & Falk, Callow & Kohne, Bittner Cafe, King Confectionary and Ed Miller's restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Bluffton visited Thursday and Friday at the Wm. Worden home east of this city.

The new insurgent fortress includes the Grosham and Cranville hotels and the Dublin postoffice.

Muncie, July 1.—While being re-

### DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Saturday  
Mission Band Reform Church—Postponed.

Monday  
Delta Theta Tau—Jeanette Ehinger.  
Tuesday  
C. L. of C.—K. of C. hall.  
W. M. A. of U. B. church at U. B. parsonage.

Miss Margaret Kienzle gave a surprise party for her twin brothers, Lloyd and George on their 12th birthday, Friday, June 30.

The guests were: Harold and Robert Gay, Tommy Allwein, of Shelby, Ohio; Duard and Woodrow Wilson; Robert and Harold Zwick; Theodore Knapke; Bob Cole; and John De Voss.

A picnic supper was served a 6 o'clock which included a birthday cake.

John Cunningham, convicted at the same time, also started to run but halted when the officer threatened to shoot.

Toledo, Ohio, July 1.—Harold Gondou alias "Pencils" pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbing the post office at Montpelier, Indiana when arraigned before Commissioner Gaines late yesterday. Gondou fought extradition papers which the district attorney tried to serve. The hearing was postponed until late today and Gondou's bond was set at \$5,000.

Washington, July 1.—More banditry against oil companies has broken out in the Tampico district, again, the state department was advised today.

Consul Shaw reported that the rebel general, Larrange, has appeared at the Pale Blanco camp of the Penn-Mex. Oil company, an American concern near Textan, and demanded 10,000 pesos by July 1. Shaw forwarded no other details and did not state whether the rebels had seized the camp.

### LEADING HITTERS FOR THE WEEK

National League  
Hornsby, St. Louis, .396; Miller, Chicago, .361; Smith, St. Louis, .359; Daubert, Cincinnati, .355; Bigbee, Pittsburgh, .354.

American League  
Sisler, St. Louis, .432; Heilmann, Detroit, .381; Speaker, Cleveland, .377; Witt, New York, .367; O'Neill, Cleveland, .364.

Williams, Phils. 1, total 12. Smith, Giants, 1, total 5. Miller, Cubs, 1, total 4. Duncan, Reds, 1, total 3. Cavanagh, Reds, 1, total 3. Wood, Indians, 1, total 2. Shorten, Browns, 1, total 2. Hart, Reds, 1, total 1. Bohne, Reds, 1, total 1.

Yesterdays hero—Earl Smith hit a home after Stengel homed the Giants beat the Phils, 6 to 4.

In the grand battle for last place the Red Sox came out and the Athletics went back in when Boston won a 4 to 1 victory.

Homers by Duncan, Harper, Cavenagh and Bohne helped the Reds beat the Cubs, 9 to 5.

### MARRY AT BLUFFTON MONDAY

The Rev. Ingram Carnes, pastor of the Hartford and Union Methodist churches in Adams county, and Miss Blanche Walker of Bluffton will be united in marriage at the home of Wm. Merriman, Bluffton Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Carnes has been appointed to a new charge at Flint Mich., and will leave with his bride for that city within a short time.

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