

LOCAL NEWS

A soothing remedy in case of a burn or scald is white of egg. It cools and causes the injury to heal quickly.

F. A. Smith, of Pleasant Mills, was a business visitor here today.

Miss Katherine Kocher, of Western College, Oxford, Ohio, arrived home last night to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kocher.

John Heller went to Bloomington to spend the week-end with his son, Dick, who has been quite sick for the past week.

Linn Kern, of Van Buren, is visiting relatives here over the week-end.

Mrs. Emma Everett, of Fort Wayne, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Miller, east of the city, for several days.

Mrs. Dan Helm, and daughter, Naomi, of east of the city, were shoppers here today.

Miss Jirene Gregory, of Garrett, arrived last night to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gregory.

Miss Georgie Vachon, of Markle, is visiting friends here over the week-end.

Bob Cummins and Roger Swain, of Bluffton, attended the tourney here last evening.

Glen Hill, of Valparaiso, is visiting his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, and attending the tourney the week-end.

M. P. Zimmerman, of Fort Wayne, was a business visitor here this morning.

Levi Johnson, of Monroe, was a visitor in Decatur today.

An optimist would almost have to be a fellow who lives in an apartment on "chums with" woner of a closed car. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," but who wants to stay in a cellar all the time?—Abe Martin, Indianapolis News.

W. L. Everett, of Gallon, Ohio, was a business visitor here today.

J. H. Blockwest, of Huntington, was here on business yesterday.

Harry Dewlap, of Chicago, was a business caller here today.

J. C. Fullerton, of Chicago, attended to business matters here today.

W. Millan, of Chicago, was a business caller here yesterday.

Gerald Glass, R. H. Radebaugh, Earl and Erwin Dyson, Milburn Radebaugh, and James Plessinger, of Bluffton, attended the tourney here last evening.

C. H. Smith, of Indianapolis, was a business visitor here today.

Sarah M. McKenna, of Chicago, was a business visitor here today.

E. B. Campbell, of Rochester, New York, was a business caller here yesterday.

D. E. Reynolds, Bob Cummins, and W. D. Stuckey, of Bluffton, attended the tourney last evening.

Herman Blott, of Winchester, was a business caller here today.

J. W. Chapman, of Monroeville, attended the tourney here last evening.

E. E. Withington, of Montgomery, Michigan, was a business caller here today.

W. H. Hagie, of Bayonne, N. J., was a business caller here this morning.

Miss Lois Hammond, of Fort Wayne, is visiting relatives here over the week-end.

J. G. Crum, of Monroe, was a business visitor here this morning.

Miss Etta Mallonee, of Fort Wayne, is visiting relatives here.

O. Gilliom, of Berne, was a business visitor here today.

The Misses Harriett and Katharine Frazier, Alice Louise Bonham, and Martha Eley, of Bluffton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Borroughs while attending the tourney here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dailey, of Bluffton, will spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Beery.

Lawson C. Lenhart, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lenhart, of Jackson, Michigan, was operated on for Appendicitis at the Mercy Hospital. He is recovering very nicely.

Mrs. Chalmers Porter ad son, Robert Chalmers, returned from Greencastle where they visited several days with the former's mother, Mrs. Cook.

Forest Walters, of east of the city, was a business visitor here today.

J. P. Johnson, of Monroe, was here on business this morning.

Mrs. Wayne Gaunt and Mrs. Levi Shafer, of east of the city, were shoppers here today.

Miss Colla Andrews and Roger Swain visited friends in Fort Wayne today.

Mrs. Hugh Miller, of Anderson, is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Winnes, here who has been sick for the past several days.

HIGH EGG PRODUCTION

County Agent Gives Advice As To Breeding For Egg Production

(By the County Agent)

Great advances have been made in increasing egg production in Indiana during the past five years, due to the proper mating and breeding of birds above the average, stated Prof. L. H. Schwartz, of the poultry department at Purdue some time ago. Many farms have reported increases ranging from an average of 5 to 100 eggs per hen each year.

"Only males of outstanding vigor should be used. Those males which fight on the least provocation and which call the hens are especially desirable. The male is one-half the breeding flock. Consequently too much attention cannot be given to the selection of a good one," said Mr. Schwartz.

"Trap nests and complicated records are not necessary for increased egg production. A definite policy relating to a breeding plan should be followed by each person interested in poultry."

It is possible for any Adams county farmer, without using any expensive practices, to breed up his flock to higher egg production. The majority of farmers regard the flock as being one unit, and handle it as such, failing to realize that it is made up of individual hens, ranging from the worst to the best, and that the unprofitable hens can be weeded out, thereby increasing profit from the feed fed as well as preventing the hatching of chicks from poor prolific hens. A program which can be followed out in any farm flock with profitable results is, first, at least one culling per year; second, proper feeding; third, hatch chicks before the first of May; fourth, use good males, conforming to the shape of body desired in laying hens.

True Detective Stories

TOE-PRINTS

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"BUT I'm not taking any chances, Jew! I know that house like I know the inside of this room."

What do you suppose I got that job as furnace man for? You don't think I like the work, do you? Just ten minutes—that's all I'll need. The safe's over in one corner of the bedroom, and the combination's one I could work in my sleep—one of those old-fashioned affairs where you can hear the tumblers drop clear across the room.

"Besides," continued the man known to his accomplices as "Lefty Joe," and to the police as one of the cleverest second-story men in the business, "this'll be the last job I'll tackle. I promise you that. We'll sink the stuff down at Uncle Able's and make a get-away before the bulls know the place has been cleaned out."

"It sounds all right," admitted the girl to whom the burglar was speaking, "but I've got a hunch that there's a slip-up somewhere. You'll be careful to wear those rubber gloves?"

"Sure I will," answered the other. "For, or whatever he calls himself, ain't goin' to find any of my finger marks all over the place. No, nor any footprints either. I tell you, Jen, this is a cinch. This time next week we'll be out in the sticks—somewhere where they don't know us—landin' a decent job with those socks, will you? Don't bother to finish them. It ain't the first time that I've worn 'em full of holes."

Shortly after ten o'clock anyone who might have been watching the fence which marked the end of the Phipps' property, would have seen a shadow balance itself for a moment, silhouetted against the dark gray sky, and then drop, noiselessly, inside the grounds.

Moving cautiously, so as to avoid the burglar-alarm wires which he had previously chartered, Lefty Joe crept softly toward the house.

It was the work of a moment to jimmy open one of the windows on the first floor, and in almost less time than it takes to tell it, Joe was in the bedroom, spinning the combination of the wall safe, his sensitive ears listening for the click of the tumblers as they dropped into position. Less than half an hour later he was back in his room, pouring his loot into Jennie's lap.

"We'll have to lay low for a couple of days or so," he informed the girl. "If the police find out that I've skipped, they'll suspect me right away, and try to frame up something. They'll have a hard time proving it though. I had my gloves on and my shoes off, girl, and I'm through—at least until I find another crib as easy as this one."

But even as Joe was speaking, Inspector Joseph A. Faurot of the New York detective force, was on his way to the Phipps home. One of the servants, returning early, had noted the opened window and had notified Mr. Phipps. The latter, after a hasty examination of the rifled safe, had phoned for the police, and the mere statement that some \$10,000 worth of jewels were missing, had been enough to bring Faurot, the finger-print expert, to the scene of the crime.

"Whoever broke in here knew what he was doing," stated the inspector, after he had examined the house and the grounds. "It wasn't much of a trick to open the safe, and our friend took good care to use rubber gloves. No finger prints anywhere about the house. Anything outside?"

"Nothing at all, chief," replied one of the policemen who had accompanied the inspector. "Wires all right and no footprints in sight."

"Humm," mused Faurot, his eyes fixed meditatively on the hardwood floor of the bedroom. Then he moved his head suddenly to one side, as if trying to catch a clearer glimpse of the light reflected from above. An instant later he was on his knees, dusting the floor with a powder which he produced from his pocket—a combination of mercury and chalk. A few strokes of a camel's hair brush, to eliminate the surplus powder, and he photographed the smudge with a pocket camera which he invariably carried with him.

"This is an expert's job," he announced as he arose. "Round up every second-story man in town, and give orders that no one's to leave the city without my permission—anyone with a record, I mean."

One by one, as they were brought into headquarters, the suspected men were put through a strange ordeal. After removing their shoes and socks, prints of their toes were taken, precisely as their finger prints had previously been recorded. It took the inspector less than five seconds to order the release of each man, until he examined the prints of the sixteenth prisoner.

"Bring him in!" he ordered. Then, as Lefty Joe faced him defiantly, Faurot inquired mildly, "Where's the stuff you got from the Phipps' place last night, Joe? Oh, it's home to register innocence. We've got the goods on you this time. You wore rubber gloves, but you forgot that the human toe leaves a mark just as individual and distinct as the fingers. Your right sock had a hole in it last night, so we found your visiting card on the floor of the house shortly after you left."

"Damnation!" growled the prisoner. "Why didn't I let Jennie finish her darnin'?"

Ossian Wins Over D. H. S. in Morning Game

(Continued from Page One)

One exceptionally close and exciting game and one upset in the dope featured the play on the opening day of the sectional high school basketball tournament here yesterday. The Monroe-Decatur game at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon was the feature of the day, Decatur winning on free throws after the final gun had been fired. The upset in the dope came last night when the scrappy Lancaster quintet from Wells county, defeated Bluffton, score 24 to 20.

The new high school gymnasium was filled to capacity during the afternoon session yesterday and only a few seats were unoccupied last night. The rooting was very good and a splendid spirit was shown by all of the spectators. There was not a single incident to mar the success of the tourney. It is expected that the gymnasium will be crowded again this afternoon and evening for the semi-final and final games.

OSSIAN 24, ROCKCREEK 6

After leading at the end of the first half, 16 to 4, the Ossian quintet eased up slightly during the second period and contended themselves with holding the Rockcreek team to two points. Ossian scored eight more points during the second half, winning the game by a score of 24 to 6. Hoopengartner and Fryback led in the scoring for the winners. Wolfcale made both of Rockcreek's field goals. This was a slow and uninteresting game. Lineup and summary:

Ossian (24) Rockcreek (6)
Hoopengartner F. Roe
Hunter F. Floyd
Fryback C. Wolfcale
Dyar G. Hoffacker
Bailey G. Raber
Substitutions: Ossian—Glass for Dyar, Davison for Glass; Rockcreek—Davison for Floyd, Floyd for Roe, Roe for Floyd, Miller for Hoffacker.

Field goals: Hoopengartner 4, Fryback 5, Glass 1, Wolfcale 2.
Free throws: Roe, 2 out of 4.
Referee: Murray.

DECATUR 14, MONROE 13

Loud cheering broke loose when the Monroe and Decatur players took the floor, for the final game of the afternoon. This was the game that the fans had been waiting for. Monroe appeared first. The game was called at ten minutes after four. Monroe was well represented with rooters.

The game started fast and soon a foul was called on Lammiman. Dorwin missed the chance to score. Lammiman missed an easy shot from the field. At the end of five minutes of play, with the score standing 2-0, Monroe took time out. When play was resumed Dorwin shot a close one but it rolled off the hoop. Myers fouled and Andrews scored on the free throw. Teagle fouled but Andrews missed the throw. Kern scored a pretty field goal from directly in front of the basket. Bobby Myers followed suit shortly later with a pretty long field goal from the side, putting Decatur ahead, 4-3. Dorwin missed a chance on Hendrick's foul. Hendricks scored a field goal, putting Monroe ahead. Lammiman connected again and Decatur called time out. Score 7-4. Ten minutes had been played. Lammiman hit the basket again from the field, sending the score to 9-4. Lammiman fouled and Dorwin made the free throw. White fouled, but Andrews missed both free throws. The half ended, score 9-5 in Monroe's favor.

Second Half

Dorwin made one out of two free throws on Crist's foul. Dorwin made a long field goal and Teagle put Decatur ahead, 10-9 with a long field goal. The rooting was becoming intense. Five minutes of the second half had been played. Kessler fouled, but Dorwin missed the free throw. Dorwin fouled and Kessler added two more points on the free throws. Monroe took time out. Andrews made a field goal, putting Monroe ahead, 13-10. Farr was substituted for Kern in the Decatur line-up. Kessler fouled and Dorwin made both free throws good. Score, 13-12 in Monroe's favor and only five seconds to play. Kessler fouled while four players were fighting for the ball under the Decatur basket. Before the ball could be returned to the foul line, the time-keeper's gun cracked. Dorwin walked to the foul line, took a good look at the basket and tossed in the first free throw. This tied the score. The ball was returned to Dorwin for a second shot. Again he took good aim and tossed the ball. It hit the rim of the basket, hesitated, and fell through, giving Decatur the victory, by a score of 14 to 13.

This was an exceptionally good game. The playing was clean and fast. It there was any outstanding

stars of the contest, Lammiman, Monroe Center, was probably best. He was all over the floor and was the only one who was able to make more than one field goal. He made three. Although the game was exceedingly close, none of the players lost their tempers. Decatur's victory gave the local boys the right to meet Ossian in the second round at 10 o'clock this morning. Line-up and summary:

Decatur (14) Monroe (13)
Myers F. Hendricks
Kern F. Andrews
Dorwin C. Lammiman
Teagle C. Kessler
White G. Crist
Substitutions: Decatur—Farr for Kern.
Field goals: Myers 1, Kern 1, Dorwin 1, Teagle 1, Hendricks 1, Andrews 1, Lammiman 3.
Free throws: Dorwin, 6 out of 10; Andrews, 1 out of 4; Kessler, 2 out of 2.
Referee: Geller.

LANCASTER 24, BLUFFTON 20.

At the start of the Bluffton-Lancaster game it was evident that the contest would be hard-fought. Durr scored first on field goal but Clowser tied the score for Bluffton with a field goal. Clowser scored from the field again, putting Bluffton ahead. Meyer counted a field goal tying the score at 4-4. Meyer put Lancaster ahead with a field goal. Bluffton took time out at the end of the first seven minutes. Meyer made another field goal and then scored one point on Fetter's foul. Field goals by Clowser and Early brought Bluffton's total up to 8. Meyer and Durr scored from the field again and then Early hit the basket. Another field goal by Meyer ended the scoring in the first half, which ended in a score of 15 to 10 in Lancaster's favor.

Second Half

Brickley and Early scored field goals at the start of the second half. Meyer made four more field goals during the second half. Bluffton fought hard but could not penetrate Lancaster's defense for close shots. Early made some pretty long shots. Bluffton brought the score up to 18 to 16 at one stage in this period but were unable to tie the count. The final score was 24 to 20. Early and Clowser played best for Bluffton, while Meyer and Durr were best in the winners' line-up.

Lineup and summary:
Lancaster 24 Bluffton 20

Lindemann F. Clowser
Durr F. Mock
Meyer C. Brickley
Cotterly G. Early
Cutler G. Fetter
Substitutions: Bluffton—Gilbert for Mock.
Field Goals: Mock 1, Clowser 4, Brickley 1, Early 4, Durr 2, Meyer 9.
Free Throws: Meyer 2 out of 3, Durr 0 out of 1.
Referee: Murray.

UNION CENTER 33, GENEVA 12

Geneva was no match for Union Center in the second game of the evening, the former winning by a score of 33 to 12. The first half ended with the score 18 to 9 in favor of Union Center. The winners continued to pile up the score during the second half and when the final gun cracked they had scored 15 more points while holding their opponents to three points. Thoma, forward, was a star in the lineup for the winners. He was very ably assisted by Walker, center. Striker and Lough showed best for the losers. Union Center will meet Lancaster in the semi-finals. Lancaster has lost two games this season to Union Center, and many hope them to beat Lancaster this afternoon.

Lineup and summary:
Union Center 33 Geneva 12
Thoma F. Pyle
Fundeberg F. Striker
Walker C. Lough
McBride G. Drew
Grindley G. Miller
Substitutions: Crow for Fundeberg
Field Goals: Thoma 4, Fundeberg 2, Walker 9, Pyle 1, Striker 3, Lough 1.
Free Throws: Thoma 3 out of 6; Lough 2 out of 3.
Referee: Geller.

BULLETIN

Indianapolis, Mar. 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A tax of two cents a gallon on all gasoline sold in Indiana was provided in a bill passing the state senate today 26 to 21. The bill has passed the house and undoubtedly will become a law with Governor McCray's signature because the governor recommended it. Proceeds from the law, estimated at more than \$4,000,000, would be devoted to highway construction and repair divided between the state highway commission and various counties.

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Thursday, April 5, 1923
at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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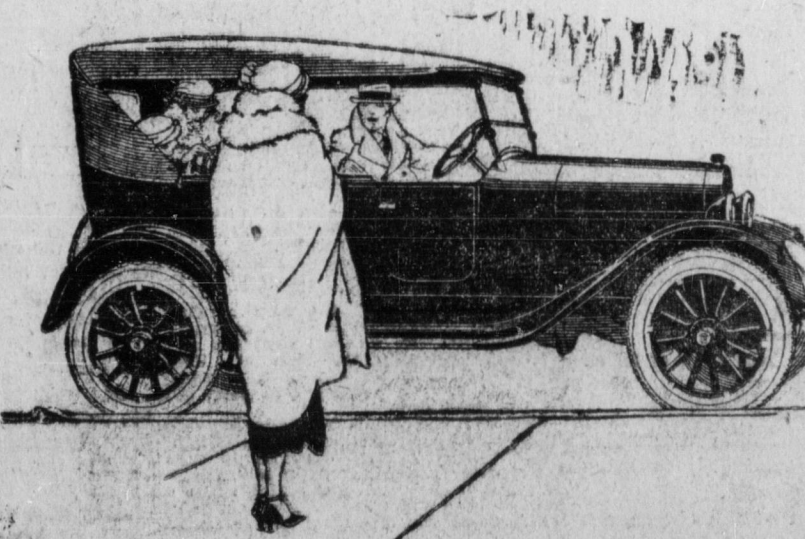
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