

GIVES DETAILS OF "GOODRICH POOL"

DEDICATION OF REFORMED CHURCH VERY IMPRESSIVE

Beautiful Services Mark Dedication Of New Edifice Here Sunday

THREE SERVICES HELD

Former Pastors Deliver Sermons; Services Continue This Week

With three beautiful and impressive services held yesterday, attended by large audiences, the Zion Reformed church building corner of Third and Jackson streets, was dedicated and opened for church service. Throughout the day hundreds of people visited the edifice and remarked about its beauty and many conveniences.

The pastor, Rev. R. R. Elliker, and the members of the congregation were justly proud of their new place of worship. At the noon hour and again in the evening, the ladies of the church served a delicious meal in the large dining room in the basement of the church. There were no charges made for the dinner, but a silver offering taken during the meals netted a neat sum for the ladies.

Dedication Services

The dedicatory services opened at 9:45 a. m. when brief services were held on the steps of the new building just before the key was inserted in the lock and the door opened. The morning service opened at 10 o'clock. Following the opening songs and invocation by the pastor, the dedicatory ceremony as provided by the Reformed church, was carried out in charge of the pastor, Rev. Elliker. This ceremony was very beautiful.

The first dedicatory sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. W. Stolte, of Dayton, Ohio, who was pastor of the local congregation from 1915 to 1920. His sermon was very interesting and inspirational, dealing with the presence of God in the church and congregation. Rev. Stolte stated that the presence of God caused inspiration, resulted in education and was a protection. "God must be present in the congregation if good is to be accomplished," he declared.

The second dedicatory sermon of the morning was delivered by the Rev. George Grether, of Verona, Wisconsin, who was pastor of the local church from 1901 to 1906. Rev. Grether spoke of the delight one takes in the new house of God and he dwelt on the temple of old and the delight which David had in the new house of the Lord. He took for his text, "Who Will This Day Consecrate Himself."

MOTHER DIES IN MICHIGAN

Mrs. Samuel Amrine Received Word Of Death Of Mother, Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Samuel Amrine received a telegram Sunday from her sister, Mrs. Jesse Laughery, announcing the death of their mother, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, which occurred at Allegan, Michigan, Saturday night. Death was due to pneumonia.

Mrs. Johnson was a former Adams county resident, having spent much of her life in the vicinity of Decatur and Willshire, Ohio. She left here twelve years ago to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Laughery, in Allegan, Michigan. Mrs. Johnson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Amrine and Mrs. Laughery, two sons, William Johnson, of Marion, Indiana and Lewis Johnson, of Fort Wayne, twenty-six grand children and fifty-eight great grandchildren. Two daughters preceded her in death. They were Mrs. David Meyers, of Allegan, Michigan and Mrs. Daniel Troutner, of Willshire, Ohio.

The telegram did not state the funeral arrangements.

Found Not Guilty Of Robbery At Bryant

A jury in the Jay circuit court at Portland Saturday afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state against Roy Hammitt, who was charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection with the robbery which occurred at the Fred Bastain store in Bryant early on the morning of December 26, 1923. The jury received the case at 11 a. m. Saturday and returned a verdict at 2:30 p. m. Donald Snyder was jointly indicted with Hammitt for the robbery.

D. C. H. S. WILL STAGE A PLAY

"The Merchant Of Venice Up-to-date" To Be Given On April 29

"The Merchant of Venice Up-to-date" is the title of the rollicking five-act comedy to be given by the students of the Catholic High School April 29, 1924.

The play chosen is a clever parody on Shakespeare's time-honored drama of that name. The scene is laid in Decatur instead of in far-away Venice. The characters are local celebrities who have adopted the names of Shakespeare's heroes. Antonio, instead of being a merchant is the captain of a football team. Bassanio is afflicted with sadness due to the fact that he despairs of winning Portia.

This fair lady, like her namesake, is curbed, in her choice of a husband by the will of her father. He has decreed that her suitor must make 95 per cent on an examination in Caesar, Cicero or Virgil. These fatal papers are concealed in three caskets from which her suitor must choose. Bassanio opens his heart to his friends and Salanio advises him to borrow a pony to aid him in his translation. Antonio succeeds in getting one for him from Shylock, but only after he has signed a bond to forfeit a pound of his hair to be cut off nearest his brain, if he does not return it on time.

All goes well with the examination but, alas, Bassanio forgets to return the pony. Shylock is determined to take revenge for wrongs inflicted on him by Antonio. On the day of a famous football game, he has Antonio arrested in the midst of the game, to demand from him the forfeit of the bond. The loss of his hair will cost Antonio the game, as his strength, like Sampson's lies in his hair.

The court scene is as famous as the one in Shakespeare's play, and Shylock is inexorable as the Jew of old. At a tragic moment Portia and Nerissa, disguised as Doctors of the Law, enter, and, after apparently yielding to Shylock's demand, Portia determines that it will be necessary to have expert testimony on the location of Antonio's brain. Professor Schweikendhausenblumenheimer, is called in, and after a thorough examination, he declares that the victim has no brains. Shylock is foiled; he loses his opportunity for revenge. The play ends in a return to the football game, so rudely interrupted.

The play is full of wholesome fun from the first scene to the last, and many a hearty laugh is in store for those who come to see "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-date."

Mrs. L. A. Hohlhouse is in charge of the musical end of the program, which will play no small part in making the evening an enjoyable one.

To Pull Sedan Over Street By His Teeth

On Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, Law Nelson will give a demonstration on Second street, pulling a Studebaker Special Sedan filled with people, with his teeth. The combined weight of the sedan and occupants will be four tons while Mr. Nelson's weight only 135. He says he will use no spikes or ropes in pulling the car, but will use only his teeth. He will start from the curb.

SINCLAIR IS INDICTED BY FEDERAL JURY

Oil Magnate Indicted For Contempt Of Court In Oil Investigation

LONG FIGHT EXPECTED

Legal Fight Involving Many Questions Expected To Follow

Washington, March 31.—Harry F. Sinclair was indicted today by the federal grand jury on a charge of contempt of the senate oil investigators.

Sinclair refused to answer the questions on the ground that the committee—or any congressional committee—was without constitutional authority to compel him to divulge his personal affairs.

Involved in the long legal fight which is expected to follow is the important point of authority of congressional investigating committee—a point which never before has been finally decided by the courts.

Sinclair must appear voluntarily before the court for an arrangement of bail or a warrant will be issued for his arrest.

Presbyterian C. E. Has Postponed Play

The home talent play "Daddy Longlegs", which was to have been given by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church on April 8th, has been postponed indefinitely. Several other functions in which members of the cast will take part are scheduled for the near future, making it almost impossible for them to get the play in shape for staging by April 8th. It is said

Mark Twain pointed out that man is the only animal that blushes.

RECEIVE BIDS THIS AFTERNOON

Finance Committee Opens Bids On New Catholic School Building

Bids were to be received at three o'clock this afternoon at the Old Adams County Bank by the members of the St. Mary's Catholic church congregation of the proposed new Catholic high and grade school building.

The members of the committee will also select the color of brick to go into the construction of the new school building. If prices are at all reasonable the general contract for the building will be awarded to the low bidder this evening and work on the construction of the school started at once.

The foundation for the school building is already installed on the site at the corner of Fourth and Monroe streets.

Bids for the plumbing, heating and electric wiring will not be received until sometime in April, probably about the tenth of the month and if the general contract is awarded today the plumbing, heating and wiring will then be awarded to the low bidder.

It is hoped that work on the building can begin at once and that the modern new school building will be ready for occupancy by the opening of school in September, 1925. The building is being financed by members of the St. Mary's Catholic church congregation, a campaign for funds recently resulting in obtaining more than \$50,000.

Mr. Gaul, of Chicago, is the architect for the building, which, when constructed, will be two stories high, with a ground floor basement and will contain a gymnasium, auditorium and many large class rooms.

TELLING OIL STORY



AL JENNINGS

Washington, D. C.—This photo shows Al Jennings, former train robber, as he appeared before the Treadwell oil investigation committee to tell what he knew about the use of money by the oil interests at the last Republican convention.

The above photo shows Al Jennings testifying on the stand before the probe.

M. E. PASTORS GO TO CONFERENCE

Annual Session Of North Indiana Conference At Marion This Week

The Rev. U. S. A. Bridge, pastor of the First Methodist church, will leave Tuesday morning for Marion, where he will attend the annual session of the Northern Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The opening session of the main conference will not be held until Wednesday, but Rev. Bridge is a member of the board of examiners and is the conference registrar, making it necessary for him to arrive earlier. The other Methodist ministers in the county, from Geneva, Monroe, Pleasant Mills, Hartford and Decatur circuit will attend the conference, also, as well as several laymen.

Rev. Bridge has been the conference registrar for the last fifteen years and has been a member of the board of examiners for the last eighteen years. It is the duty of the board of examiners to conduct an examination for candidates for the ministry, previous to the opening of the conference.

Much business of great importance will come before the conference this year, especially since it is the last conference before the General Conference of all Methodist churches which convenes in May. The assignment of pastors for the next year will be made next Monday. The local congregation through the official board, has requested the return of Rev. Bridge to the local pastorate.

Dyed lace is used on colored linen handkerchiefs to keep them consistently all in one tone.

Fort Wayne Minister Is Fined For Speeding

(United Press Service)

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 31.—Rev. Louis N. Rocon, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal church, today appealed to the circuit court from a sentence imposed in city court for speeding.

The minister acted as his own attorney, and lost the case. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Switzerland has built a sun school high in the Alps for the treatment of ailing children.

Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; continued cold.

HOOVER HIT BY CHARGES IN OIL PROBE

Witness Says He Diverted Food To Aid Revolution In Russia

MR. HOOVER ANSWERS

Says Charges Are "The Most Complete Bunk;" Says No Diversion

(By Fraser Edwards)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 31.—Charges made by Captain H. L. Scaife, former department of justice agent, that the American relief administration in 1919, on orders of Herbert Hoover now secretary of commerce, diverted \$1,000,000, worth of supplies intended for starving Russian civilians to the counter-revolutionary leader, Admiral Kolchak, at Archangel, may be investigated by the senate Daugherty committee.

Caife, in his testimony before the committee Saturday, made passing reference to a "diversion of funds by the administration to finance a revolution in Russia" and later amplified his statement.

Secretary Hoover today ridiculed the charges and termed them "the most complete bunk."

"The relief administration never dealt in motor trucks nor medicines, those articles being distributed by the army and Red Cross, nor did it ever send a pound of food to Archangel in its whole history, nor to Admiral Kolchak," he said.

Phi Dels To Meet

Members of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity will hold a banquet and meeting in their club rooms over the Mills grocery this evening. All members are urged to be present.

FLOOD WATERS ARE RECEDING

Cold Weather Causes St. Marys And Wabash Rivers To Recede

The waters of the St. Marys and Wabash rivers were receding today and in view of the colder weather, indications are that the water will continue to go down throughout the day and night. The streams are swollen and out of banks. The St. Marys river overflowed into the fields Friday night and Saturday. At the Monroe street bridge in this city the water is within 4 or 5 feet of the arches. The overflow on the east covers the football field. Up stream, south of the Chicago and Erie railroad tracks, the field west of the river is submerged and yesterday the overflow was near Mercer avenue.

Near Pleasant Mills the St. Marys is also out of banks and is causing not a little inconvenience to Ray Smith, mail carrier on Route six of the Decatur office. Last Saturday and again today it was impossible for Mr. Smith to cross the river. Mrs. Smith delivered the mail on one side of the river and her husband covered the route on the other side.

It was impossible to get over the road both at the south and north ends of Geneva last Saturday and as far as known the waters were too high today to permit travel over the highway.

The water is moving swiftly and at eleven o'clock this morning a person could see from the water marks on trees and posts that the water had

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LaFollette Is Improved

Washington, March 31.—Improvement in the condition of Senator LaFollette continued today. LaFollette spent a comfortable day Sunday and rested well last night.

Hawkins And Associates Plead Not Guilty Today

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—Morton S. Hawkins of Portland, Ind., president of the Hawkins Mortgage company and eighteen other persons indicted with Hawkins on charges of using the mails to defraud were arraigned today in federal court.

All pleaded not guilty. Efforts of the defense to cause further delay of the trial were scored by Judge Anderson. The trial date was not set.

BERNE VOTERS MUST REGISTER

Voters Of All Three Precincts Are Required To Register October 6

According to the opinion rendered by Attorney William Spencer, of the legal committee of the state board of election commissioners, it will be necessary for every voter in Berne to register again at the October registration in order to qualify for the November election.

The establishment of a new precinct in Berne and the re-districting of the other two precincts makes the new registration necessary. Mr. Spencer states, however, only one registration, 29 days before the election, on October 6th, will be necessary.

The letter received by County Auditor Martin Jaberg, who wrote to the election commissioners for an opinion in the matter, is as follows:

Indianapolis, Indiana March 29, 1924

"Mr. Martin Jaberg, Auditor Adams County, Decatur, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

"Your letter of 10th inst. has been referred to me to answer as a member of the Legal Committee of the State Board of Election Commissioners.

"You ask: 'Where a change of precincts is asked for and where the Board of Commissioners grant same, is it necessary to have a complete registration of the new precincts as petitioned for, and should this occur, last or be held on the 5th and 29 days prior to the election only?' In our instance we formerly had a Berne A and Berne B precincts, but there are now will be three, which will mean that some that are now in Berne A will remain in same, some may be in B or even the C precincts should a new registration be made of the entire three?"

"In our opinion, as we interpret your question, there must be a complete registration of each of these new precincts, Berne A, B, and C, but there will be only one day in which to do it, the 29th day before election, unless there is a petition filed by more than 300 voters of the county for a new and complete registration, in which event there will be the customary two days for registration, but every precinct in the county must have a new registration.

Sincerely yours,"

WM. W. SPENCER

City Council To Meet Tomorrow Evening

The city council will meet in regular session tomorrow evening at which time routine and special matters will be disposed of. It was stated today that a petition was being circulated and would be presented tomorrow evening asking that the north end of North Second street, north of the old mill towards the Holland St. Louis Sugar company factory be bricked. Samuel Acker, one of the residents along the street and other property owners are desirous of having the street improved. However, it is doubtful if any action could be taken in the matter this year, there being no appropriation for the city's share of the cost of the improvements. It was stated.

Hats with very narrow brims and very high crowns are threatening the popularity of the thoroughly established cloche.

EX-GOVERNOR TESTIFIES IN M'GRAY TRIAL

James P. Goodrich Tells Of Raising \$350,000 To Pay Governor's Debts

TO PREVENT DISGRACE

Says He Told Governor He Had Violated Nearly All Banking Laws

Indianapolis, March 31.—Details of the information of the "Goodrich pool" of \$350,000 to "save McCray from the gravest personal consequences" were related today by James P. Goodrich, former governor in the trial of Governor Warren T. McCray on charges of larceny and embezzlement.

Goodrich was on the stand for two hours telling of the efforts he made to raise the pool which went to repay the \$155,000 of the board of agriculture money that had been turned over to McCray and to pay \$155,000 to the Discount & Deposit bank at Kentland.

Goodrich testified he told the men who raised the pool the money must be provided immediately to save the state from disgrace. He said he told McCray the sooner he faced the facts the sooner the whole tangle would be straightened.

In answer to McCray's declaration that he had done no wrong, Goodrich testified he told the governor he had violated nearly all the federal banking laws in existence.

After Goodrich completed his testimony I Newt Brown, former secretary, treasurer of the board of agriculture resumed the stand to tell of the transactions between the board of agriculture and the governor.

Goodrich was questioned as to the "pool" he raised late in August in an effort to prevent the McCray financial crash.

He said the conference was attended by Frank C. Ball, Muncie; Joseph G. Oliver, South Bend; Henry Marshall, Lafayette; R. C. Schaaf, Gary; Marcus Sonntag, Evansville; Governor McCray and himself.

"I told these men that I called them together to consider the possibility of raising \$350,000 for Gov. McCray," Goodrich said. "I told them that \$155,000 of this amount was to go to the Discount & Deposit Bank; \$155,000 to the board of agriculture and \$30,000 to the Indiana National Bank, of Indianapolis.

"I told them these things must be taken care of. I told them they were

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SEED CORN IN POOR CONDITION

Germination Tests Show High Percentage Of Dead Ears This Year

For some time local farmers have been complaining about the poor seed condition of the seed corn gathered last fall and indications are that many who have not tested their corn find it necessary to look further for seed. Most of those who gathered their corn early and took pains to dry it well find but a small percentage is bad. Stalk selected corn, well-taken care of, is proving the best, especially with early varieties. Some late varieties are found to have very poor germination, even when stalk selected and well-dried.

It is said this extremely poor seed condition was caused by the exceptionally long-growing season last year, but very little corn maturing properly. The excess moisture caused the cold weather to be very destructive to corn which was not fully dried. Many are rushing for old corn but tests show that even this source of seed is uncertain, since it fails to germinate.

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