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ORDER REAPPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE

ROBBERS LOOT TWO BUSINESS HOUSES HERE

\$100 Worth Of Furs Stolen
From Maier Hide And
Fur Company

RESTAURANT ENTERED

Appelman Restaurant Robbed For Second Time In
Recent Weeks

Robbers broke into the Appelman restaurant and the Maier Hide & Fur company office and warehouse on West Monroe street sometime Sunday night and carried away loot valued at approximately \$125. The robbery was not discovered until the restaurant was opened for business about 5:30 o'clock this morning. This was the second time within the last few weeks that the Appelman restaurant has been entered by robbers.

The loot taken from the restaurant included cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, about \$2 in stamps and about fifty cents in cash. At the Maier Hide & Fur company, the articles taken included 40 muskrat hides, 13 skunk hides, 17 opposum hides, three raccoon hides, about \$100 in cash and about \$2 worth of tailow. One cow hide was found in the driveway at the rear of the warehouse this morning, probably having been dropped by the robbers on account of being too heavy to carry. The furs were valued at about \$100. Felix Maier, of the Maier Hide & Fur company, stated today.

Enter Thru Rear Doors

It is thought that the same intruders entered both places last night. When one was entered first is not known. Entrance was gained to the fur warehouse through a rear door, which was pried open. The lock to the fur room was broken. The robbers climbed over the high board fence at the rear of the fur warehouse and restaurant and entered the restaurant after breaking out a large plate glass in the rear door. Not contented with carrying away considerable loot, the intruders used a piece of iron and broke about three dozen eggs which were in a crate in the restaurant. Indications were that they

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LUTHERANS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected; Decide To
Have English Sermon
Each Sunday

The annual meeting of Zion Lutheran church was held Sunday afternoon. Of outstanding importance was the discussion of changing the number of English services. Heretofore two English services a month were usually held. This has been changed to an English service every Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, beginning with next Sunday. The time of the German service was changed to 9:30 o'clock.

The financial report of Mr. Albert Scheumann, the secretary-treasurer, showed a credit balance in the church treasury. A great increase over receipts of other years was reported.

Church officials were elected for 1925. Messrs. John Scheumann and D. Lankau were re-elected for elder and deacon, respectively. Mr. Henry Nuerge is the new trustee. Messrs. E. Lankau and Henry Frohnapfel were chosen school trustees. The church officials are: Arthur W. Hinz, pastor; Henry Schulte, elder; John Scheumann, elder; D. Lankau, deacon and chairman; Fred Heuer, deacon; Albert Scheumann, secretary-treasurer; Herman Heuer, trustee; August Walters, trustee; Henry Nuerge, trustee; E. Lankau, school trustee; Emil Kiefer, school trustee; and Louis Mailand, school trustee.

Butler Funeral To Be Held Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Jesse L. Butler, former Decatur resident who died at Fort Wayne early Saturday morning, of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile several days ago, will be held from the residence on Bass road, Fort Wayne, at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and from the Plymouth Congregational church, Fort Wayne, at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Folsom, officiating. Burial will be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, at New Haven.

LOCAL VETERAN RECEIVES BONUS

Leo M. Lawless Gets Paid-Up Insurance Policy For \$1,575

Leo M. Lawless, of this city, a veteran of the world war, today received an Adjusted Service Certificate insurance policy, the form of bonus authorized by congress last year. This is believed to be the first policy received by an ex-service man in this city.

Mr. Lawless' policy is for \$1,575. It will become due on January 1, 1945, produring Mr. Lawless is still living at that time. In event he dies before the twenty years have elapsed, the \$1,575 will be paid to his estate. The policy is paid up in full. It has a loan value increasing with each year. Mr. Lawless was in the service for twenty-eight months, spending eighteen months overseas. Several other veterans have made application for their bonus and likely will receive their policy within a few days. The first of the policies were mailed out from Washington on January 1.

Later in the day it was learned that several other local veterans received their paid-up policies today. It is thought that all of those who made their application early received their bonus policy today.

Income Tax Return Blanks Have Not Been Printed

Mr. J. O. Banks, deputy collector of internal revenue, with office in Fort Wayne, was in Decatur today, reviewing income tax returns. Mr. Banks stated that many people have been calling at his office in the Industrial Association rooms here every Monday, when he is here, asking for income tax return blanks and to have him assist them in filling out the blanks. The blanks have not been printed yet and it will be useless for people to make further inquiry about them before the middle of February, Mr. Banks stated. He said he would be here sometime between February 16 and 18 and that he would have a supply of the blanks and other papers at that time.

Ask Rehearing Of Decision On State Gasoline Tax Law

UNITED PRESS SERVICE
Indianapolis, Jan. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Rehearing on the decision of the state supreme court holding the Indiana gasoline tax law constitutional was asked in a petition filed with the court today.

The petition filed by Bruce Gaffill for the Gaffill Oil Company of South Bend, Ind., declared the supreme court erred when it held that the tax was not a property tax.

Decision of the court that the tax was of discriminatory against gasoline driven vehicles and that it did not constitute a burden on interstate commerce was also questioned in the petition.

Training School Starts Second Semester Tonight

The second semester of the Community Training School will open at the Central school building this evening. All persons who have enrolled and those who wish to enroll are asked to be present not later than 7 o'clock in order to get registration matters adjusted properly. The class work will start promptly at 7:15 o'clock.

U. S. REFUSES TO ACCEPT BRITISH COMPROMISE PLAN

Government Insists That U. S. Claims Be Included In Paris Parley

DEADLOCK REMAINS

America Determined To Participate In Dawes Plan Payments

UNITED PRESS SERVICE
Washington, Jan. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The United States government, in the note which Ambassador Kellogg handed to the British government today, refused to accept the compromise terms offered by Great Britain in the dispute over the right of America to collect approximately \$250,000,000 German war claims out of the Dawes reparations annuities.

The note insists that the Paris financial conference Jan. 7 include the American claims in its allocation of reparations.

British compromise offers rejected by this government are:

1. Arbitration of the dispute of the world court or judges appointed by it.

2. Recognition in equity though not legally of so-called American public claims, such as those of the shipping board, but not of private claims for loss or for collection of private debts.

The American note refuses arbitration on the ground that the claims are just, that similar claims are collected from the reparations fund by the allies and that the only legitimate arbitration is now in process in the American-German mixed claims commission. Private claims as well as public claims are being collected by the allies.

Paris, Jan. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The question of whether the United States shall be reimbursed for war damages out of the payments under the Dawes plan remained deadlocked today, on the eve of the meeting of allied finance ministers, the United Press learned.

Secretary of State Hughes is understood to have replied to a second British note, outlining America's position, which is that the matter is

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HOME ECONOMICS ROUNDUP JAN. 8

Arrangements Completed For Exhibit Of Women's Work In This City

Next Thursday, January eighth, has been set apart as a day for the farm women of Adams county to enjoy a pot luck dinner followed by a program of a very interesting and instructive nature.

Every woman of the county is invited to come to the First Christian Church at eleven o'clock and bring with her four sandwiches and one other dish, which may consist of salad, Dessert or anything else desired. She is also asked to bring her own plate, spoon, cup and fork. Coffee will be furnished.

The program has been arranged by the clothing project leaders of the various townships who have received instructions during the past year from Mrs. Helen V. McKinley, clothing specialist from Purdue University.

There will be an exhibit of garments and a small style show. Mrs. McKinley will demonstrate the judging of different kinds of fabrics, showing how values of textiles may be judged. She will also demonstrate a number of short cuts in sewing, will show how proper bluings may be selected and refer to other things which are sure to be of interest to all those who attend. The meeting will be open to all ladies.

Dr. Mattax Reported To Be In Serious Condition

The condition of Dr. L. L. Mattax, of Geneva, coroner of Adams county, was reported as serious today. Dr. Mattax suffered a relapse yesterday and his heart action has been affected. Dr. Mattax is suffering from blood poisoning. Following the dressing of a wound, his hand became infected and about a week ago he was removed to the hospital. He was getting along nicely until Sunday, when he took a turn for the worse, it was stated.

INJURED IN JUNE, 1921

YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETINGS CLOSE

Successful Series Of Ser- vices Held At Baptist Church Here

With much regret on the part of the young people, the special services which had been in progress at the Baptist church for the last few days, closed last night. The young people especially regretted to see Mr. Bennett, the young English evangelist, leave. They are looking forward to his return, at the first opportunity obtained by Mr. Bennett.

Yesterday was an inspiring day to all who attended the services. In the morning, a large congregation gathered and listened to a message which called to deeper service. In the evening the audience was large and extra chairs were placed in the aisles in order to seat everybody. The message carried conviction and the response to the invitation was gratifying.

Mr. Bennett and Howard Brumley, Decatur young man, left today to return to Chicago where they will resume their studies in the Moody Bible Institute.

TO ATTEND IZAAK WALTON MEETING

Local Members Of League To Attend State Conven- tion In Muncie

Several local members of the Izaak Walton League are planning to go to Muncie on Saturday, January 10 to attend the state convention of that organization. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, czar of baseball and a lover of out-door sports, and Will H. Dilg, national president of the Izaak Walton League of America, will be the principal speakers at the convention and banquet which will be served in the evening.

Last fall a chapter of the Izaak Walton League was organized in this city. Forty or fifty men are members of the organization. Chas. W. Knapp is president of the league and Earl Colter is the secretary. Recently the local chapter received application blanks for the securing of fish to place in the quarries and other suitable places in and around Decatur.

The Izaak Walton League sponsors the preservation of out-door life and encourages sportsmanship among hunters and sportsmen in general. Matters of legislation to be brought before the next legislature pertaining to the fish and game laws will be discussed at the state meeting, it was stated.

Petition For Rehearing

UNITED PRESS SERVICE
Indianapolis, Jan. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A petition for rehearing in the case of John C. Etsold against the board of commissioners of Huntington county was filed in the supreme court today.

The case was filed by Etsold from Adams circuit court.

Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Probably light snow in extreme north portion; not much change in temperature.

DAMAGE SUIT GOES ON TRIAL THIS MORNING

Edward Fennig Sues Linn Grove Light & Power Co. For \$10,000

CLAIMS HE WAS PERMANENTLY INJURED IN JUNE, 1921

Claims He Was Permanently Injured When Burned By Charged Wire

The case of Edward Fennig against the Linn Grove Light & Power company, for damages in the sum of \$10,000, went on trial in the Adams circuit court before Judge Sutton and a jury this morning. The jury was obtained and the introduction of evidence began before the noon recess. Indications are that the case will not go to the jury for deliberation before late tomorrow.

Mr. Fennig claims that he was permanently injured on June 27, 1921 when he came into contact with one of the defendant company's light wires carrying a current of 6,600 volts. The wire in question was along a road near the town of Berne. It is said, and was not properly insulated as provided by law. Mr. Fennig alleges that he was seriously burned about the arms and shoulders.

The case was filed on February 7, 1922. Several witnesses have been summoned to testify in the case.

Attorneys for the plaintiff are Earl B. Adams and C. J. Lutz, while the law firm of Fruchte and Litterer represents the defendant.

Members of the jury are Russell Long, Henry Biebrick, Godfrey Lehman, Martin Kiefer, Alfred Bollinger, Edward Chronister, William Mitchell, Samuel Beeler, Harvey L. Smith, Melvin Mallonee, Willis Foner and Marcellus Davidson.

Henry Roth Died Friday Of Ptomaine Poisoning

Funeral services for Henry Roth, age 65 years, of Allen county, a brother of Mrs. Isaac Everett, of Adams county, will be held from the Evangelical church in Fort Wayne at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Roth died at 10 o'clock Friday evening, of ptomaine poisoning. He took seriously ill shortly after eating dinner Friday. Mr. Roth will be buried at Van Wert, Ohio.

ROAD PETITIONS ARE FILED TODAY

Kirkland Township Resi- dents Want Two Roads Resurfaced

Petitions for the resurfacing of two macadam roads in Kirkland township were filed with the board of county commissioners today. The petitions were for the H. A. Breiner and Andrew Schirack roads, the former being one mile in length and the latter two miles. These roads comprise a part of the old Bluffton Pike and were among the first stone improved roads in the county. According to law the petitions must contain the names of 50 resident freeholders and it was stated that only 47 were listed on each petition and in some of the names of the petitioners were duplicated. No action was taken on the petitions.

Property owners from Wabash township also appeared before the board and injured about the petitions for the Fetters and Armstrong roads. Wabash township does not have a credit available for road building this year, the township being \$207.94 above the 2 per cent. limit allowed by law.

To Build Schenck Road

It was stated that the Charles Schenck road in St. Marys township would be constructed this year. The petition for this road was published more than a year ago and the township will have sufficient credit to pay the cost of construction this year.

Gemmell Succeeds Gause As Supreme Court Justice

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—William B. Gemmill, of Marion today took the office as justice of the state supreme court to succeed Judge Fred C. Gause, of New Castle, Indiana.

Gemmell defeated Judge John Aiken, Fort Wayne, democrat in the race of Judgeship in the November election.

Mr. Gemmill's address will be distributed at this meeting.

Mr. Gemmill will deliver his address at seven-thirty this evening.

Portland Girl, Well Known Here, Is Dead

Miss Eva Catherine Minch, age 21 years of Portland, who was well known in this city, died Friday evening at the Jay County hospital where she had been receiving treatment for tubercular meningitis. She was taken to the hospital a week ago last Wednesday. The parents, three brothers and five sisters survive. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Portland.

ORDERS ISSUED BY STATE TAX BOARD TODAY

Reappraisal Would Not
Have Come Until 1926
Under Separate Law

LAW TO BE CHANGED

County Assessors Suggested
That Reappraisal Be
Made This Year

UNITED PRESS SERVICE
Indianapolis, Jan. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The state tax board today issued an order for the reappraisal of all real estate in Indiana in 1925 under authority of the tax law which gives the board that power.

The appraisal would have come in 1926 under a separate law establishing that year as the base year for reappraisal and providing for new appraisals every four years.

The tax board at the suggestion of the county assessors agreed to order the reappraisal this year if the next legislature would amend the law to make 1925 the base year and provide for a new appraisal every four years.

Governor Branch and Ed Jackson, governor-elect agreed to ask for the revision in their messages to the legislature.

Mayor DeVoss Leaves For Trip To Southern States

Mayor Huber DeVoss left Saturday for Huston, Texas, and other points south for a month's rest. He will visit his brother at Huston and will look over the various points of interest in that part of the United States. The mayor has been in bad health for six months and decided upon advice of his physician to rest up for a few days. He will probably return about the middle of February. A chairman of the council will be selected at the next meeting of that body, to preside over meetings until the mayor returns. Mr. DeVoss resigned as official court reporter about two weeks ago.

DEAN RAWLES TO SPEAK TONIGHT