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INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION ADOPTS A FARM PROGRAM

AGRICULTURAL CLUBS PLANNED

Extensive Plan For Boosting Agriculture Outlined At Meeting

Encourage the young men and women of today, so that they are the leaders of tomorrow. The members of the Decatur Industrial Association at the annual meeting and banquet of the organization held last evening at the Knight of Columbus hall, voted to sponsor a program in co-operation with County Agent L. M. Busche, among the junior boy and girl farmers in the county and to co-operate wherever they could in lending assistance to the county agent and the farmer in keeping Adams county to the front as one of the foremost agriculture communities in the state.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the association raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to carry out the program in mind and in paying the expense of conducting several clubs among the boys and girls in the coroner, with the death of Thomas Baker, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, who was killed Sunday morning when a Pennsylvania passenger train struck the Baker automobile at a crossing in this city. Mr. Butcher served as coroner, as prescribed by law, since the county has no coroner, due to the death of Dr. L. M. Maitax last week.

A slight improvement was noted today in the condition of Mrs. Robert Chronister, Walter Baker and Mrs. Frank Baker, the three persons who were seriously injured in the accident, which cost the life of Thomas Baker. Mrs. Chronister and Walter are the most seriously injured, and physicians now have hopes for their recovery, it was stated today.

Funeral services for the lad who was killed, will be held from the St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Suit On Note

A complaint on a note and to foreclose a mortgage was filed in the circuit court today by the Prudential Insurance Company of America against Rufus Lehman and others. Judgment for \$6,000 and for the foreclosure of a mortgage on an 80-acre farm in Hartford township is asked.

Fund To Provide Radio Sets For Blind Residents Of City Gets A Good Start

Total of \$77.25 contributed last night at annual meeting of Industrial Association; Jim Touhey, one of the unfortunate citizens, receives great enjoyment from a loaned set.

Will you subscribe a small amount towards the fund to be used to provide radio sets for the four blind persons in Decatur? The least, attention and the smallest cost for upkeep, that the recipients may have the greatest pleasure and profit.

Come on folks, let's make this over so quickly that these good people will know we mean it. Here's the list up to date, put your name on for tomorrow's publication:

J. H. Carmody	\$ 1.00
Felix Maier	.50
Dan Niblick	1.00
L. F. Conter	1.00
W. A. Lower	1.00
A. R. Holthouse	1.00
C. J. Lutz	1.00
J. G. Niblick	1.00
S. E. Black	1.00
Joe Cowen	1.00
Chas. N. Christen	5.00
Geo. W. Wemhoff	1.00
H. J. Yager	1.00
John Niblick	1.00
Henry Thomas	.25
A. Friend—No Name	2.00
A. Friend—No Name	.40
A. Friend—No Name	.50
A. Friend—No Name	.25
A. Friend—No Name	.50
A. Friend—No Name	.10
A. Friend—No Name	1.00
A. Friend—No Name	.50
A. Friend—No Name	.25
A. Friend—No Name	.50
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LAND OWNERS SHOW DESIRE FOR NEW ROAD

Fine Progress Made In Securing Right-of-Way For Fort Wayne Road

NEARLY ALL SIGNED

Committee Expects To Have All Land Owners Signed By Tomorrow

The special committee which canvassed the land owners between this city and the Allen county line yesterday reports splendid success and the indications are that by tomorrow every property owner along the proposed route will have been signed up on one of the state's easement blanks. The enterprising farmers and land owners co-operated with the committee in every way and will more than do their part. In several instances where the damage is considerable due to the large amount of fence to be moved or rebuilt, requests were made for aid and an effort will be made to secure voluntary offers of this assistance. The work can be done any time between now and the completion of the road.

A complete report of the committee's work will be made within a day or two, published and forwarded to the state highway commission. Indications are that the road will be contracted for next month and constructed during the year. Mr. C. W. Sinner, of the highway commission, who accompanied the committee yesterday, said he had never heard of a more successful effort and he promised every land owner his best efforts to secure for them a splendid road and to do every thing possible to save trouble and annoyance.

Training School Classes Will Meet This Evening

The regular meeting of the classes of the Community Training School will be held at the Central school building this evening. Through a typographical error it was stated in Saturday's issue of the Daily Democrat that the classes would meet on Thursday evening. The meeting tonight will be the second meeting of the second semester which opened a week ago last night. Persons who desire will have an opportunity to join the classes this evening.

Marriage Licenses

Victor Hurless, laborer, Ohio City, Ohio, to Esther Gause, Adams county. Claude R. Fish, contractor, to Betty Schulte, both of Pleasant Mills.

WARREN V. REED DIED YESTERDAY

Former Decatur Man Dies Of Pneumonia In Fort Wayne Hospital

Warren V. Reed, age 39, former Decatur resident, died at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne, at 5:07 o'clock Monday evening, following an illness of chronic pneumonia. Mr. Reed resided in Fort Wayne and was a painter and decorator.

Mr. Reed was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Reed, and was born in Decatur, November 27, 1885.

He spent practically all of his life in this city until four or five years ago when he moved to Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie Winifer Reed, and one son, by a former marriage, Gustave Reed. He also has one half-sister, Mrs. L. McLain, of Marion; two half-brothers, John and Samuel Small, of Marion; and the following uncles and aunts:

Mrs. Charlotte Sargeant, of Fort Wayne; Polly, Sam and John Reed, of Decatur; and Mrs. May Stewart, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The body will be brought to the

home of an uncle, John Reed, at 245 North Tenth street, this city, tomorrow morning. Funeral services will be held from that residence at 9:30 o'clock and from the First Methodist church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The Rev. U. S. A. Bridge, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

The subscription fund was started last night and the total is already \$77.25. Send your to Mr. Colter, Mr. Harting or to this office and help put this splendid home effort for happiness over within the week. The idea is to furnish simple three tube sets of the best make which will require

ANOTHER COLD WAVE COMING

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Near zero and possibly sub-zero weather will invade the midwest tonight, the weather bureau forecast today.

Snow has been falling over most of the territory in this area for the past 24 hours. Two inches fell in Chicago while heavier blankets were reported from adjacent territory.

WILL TRY RADIO MUSIC AT DANCE

New Innovation To Be Tried At H.S. Athletic Association Dance Here

A new innovation in public dances will be given at trial here tomorrow night when an effort will be made to furnish music by radio for the dancing at the high school athletic association dance. The dance will be held in the Masonic hall. An orchestra will be on hands to furnish music part of the time and all evening in case the radio music is unsatisfactory.

It is planned to have two loud speakers in the dance hall, and the radio fans who are making the preparations for the experiment, feel confident that the music can be brought in in sufficient volume for the dancing. They will tune in on Harry M. Snodgrass, the prisoner in the Missouri state penitentiary who is known to radio fans all over the country as "the king of the ivories." Snodgrass will give his last concert from radio station WOS, at Jefferson City, Missouri, tomorrow night, as he will be released from the prison Friday night. The proceeds from the dance will go to the high school athletic fund.

LEGION TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Ex-Service Men To Enjoy Big "Feed" Here On Wednesday Night

The annual banquet of Adams Post No. 43, of the American Legion will be held in the Industrial Association rooms Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Approximately fifty reservations have been made so far.

The principal speakers at the banquet will be French Quinn, of this city, and Dr. Harry O. Jones, of Berne. Clarence Herber, retiring commander of the post, will preside as toastmaster. Short talks will be given by different ex-service men and Joseph Laurent will give a history of the post. Mr. Laurent is a charter member of the post and has held several of the post offices. The committee in charge of the banquet is composed of Joseph Laurent, Clarence Herber, Vernon Auran and Joe McConnell. Installation of the new officers likely will be held following the banquet.

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WOMAN'S CLUB PLAY ENJOYED

Fine Program Given; Club Votes To Bring William Herschell Here

The Dramatic Department had charge of the delightful program at the Woman's Club last night at the Library. The clever one-act play "The Fascinating Mr. Denby," by Seldwin Sage and Howard Munford Jones, was presented. The play was recently published in the Drama magazine, and is a new and popular one.

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Weather

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

FATE OF YOUTH RESTS IN HANDS OF JURORS NOW

Jury Gets Fry Robbery Case At 2:30 O'Clock This Afternoon

DEFENDANT TESTIFIES

Admits Part In Holdup But Declares He Was Forced Into It

The case of the state against Elwood Fry, Union township youth, who is charged with grand larceny and robbery in connection with the holdup and robbery of Homer P. Crum, Honduras storekeeper on July 26, 1924, went to the jury at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. No verdict had been returned at 3 o'clock.

The introduction of evidence was practically completed yesterday afternoon. The defendant was called to the witness stand for a few minutes this morning, he being the only witness heard today. The arguments of the attorneys were given this forenoon and the jury was instructed immediately after court convened after the noon recess.

Fry took the witness stand in his own defense late yesterday afternoon. He admitted that he was with Cleo McCleater during the holdup and robbery at Honduras, but declared that McCleater forced him to take part in the crime. McCleater pleaded guilty a few months ago and is now serving a sentence of from one to fourteen years. Fry testified yesterday that McCleater approached him in this city early in the evening on which the robbery was committed and asked him to go with him to Bluffton to see two girls. After they started to Bluffton in Fry's automobile McCleater told him he was going to holdup the store at Honduras, Fry testified. He continued, saying that McCleater threatened to shoot him if he did not help him in the holdup. He said he did not receive any of the money stolen from Mr. Crum. McCleater testified during the trial that he had given Fry \$20 in money and had paid for a new tire and two inner tubes for Fry's car.

The directors will meet Friday night for the purpose of electing officers, appointing a manager for the coming year and transacting other business matters which might come before the board.

The American Security company was organized in this city in March 1922 and since that time has enjoyed a wide patronage. It deals in loans, mortgage and insurance and has a paid capital of \$100,000.00.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE

Wheat—May, \$1.86 1-8; July, \$1.57; Sept. \$1.46. Corn—May, \$1.30 1-2; July, \$1.31 1-2; Sept. \$1.31 3-4. Oats—May, 62 1-4c; July, 62 1-2c; Sept. 63 3-4c.

ANNUAL REPORT BY SECRETARY

Accomplishments Of Industrial Association Set Out In Report

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GOVERNOR DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE OPPOSES REPEAL OF PRIMARY LAW

New Governor Outlines His Legislative Recommendations In Address

By RAYMOND BRUNER,

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—Vigorous opposition to repeal of the direct primary law in Indiana was expressed by Governor Ed Jackson in his message to the state legislature yesterday.

The demand for repeal of the primary law does not come from the rank and file of the voters of the state, he declared.

Governor Jackson advocated issuance of permanent automobile license plates and replacement of the annual license fee with an increase in the gasoline tax; regulation of busses by the public service commission and application of the budget system to all boards, commissions and departments.

Throughout his speech he struck a keynote of economy and advocated cutting all expenditures to the minimum. He recommended that all salary increases provided in the appropriation bills of 1923 be reduced to their former amounts and came out flat-footed against further salary boosts.

Governor Jackson told the legislature to give careful consideration to the report of the committee which has been making a survey of state commissions and boards and asked passage of legislation to reduce the number of these commissions and boards to the minimum.

While declaring in favor of "proper road building and maintenance," Governor Jackson said the program of road construction should be consistent with the state's ability to meet its obligations without imposing too heavy a burden on the taxpayer.

He struck the note of economy again in urging "strictest economy" in providing for the state schools.

"The value of our schools should not be overestimated," the governor said. "We must not, however, lose sight of the fact that too many conveniences frequently lessen the incentive and initiative. The legislature should provide for the schools within their actual needs only