

KLAN MEETS DEFEAT IN LEGISLATURE

INSTITUTE AT BERNE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Approximately 1,000 Present At Closing Session Last Night

OFFICERS ELECTED

Schools Hold Exhibit Of Work And Corn; Institute Next Year

OTHER INSTITUTES

Today—St. Marys township at Bobo.
Jan. 22—At Geneva.
Jan. 27—Hartford township at Linn Grove.
Jan. 28—Kirkland township at Kirkland school.
Feb. 3—Union township.
Feb. 4—Monroe township at Monroe.
Feb. 5—Monmouth.

The closing session of the farmers institute held at Berne yesterday brought a record breaking attendance to the Auditorium last evening when there were approximately one thousand people present, according to estimates of those who were present. A remarkable interest was shown throughout the day and that the affair was a complete success is evidenced by the fact that at the close of the day over one hundred members had been obtained, making the holding of another institute next year decidedly certain.

Although no open corn show was conducted this year, due to a poor corn crop, nine corn-club boys were present with ten-ear samples of corn. Five of them also showing a bushel of seed corn each in that class. In the three-ear class, Noah Schrock, of Monroe township won first place; Herbert Hawkins, of Washington township, second; Albert Davison, of St. Marys township, third; Walter Amstutz, of Jefferson township, fourth; Albert Steury, of Monroe township, fifth. It was the consensus of opinion of farmers who attend that the corn was excellent quality, considering the year. In the bushel contest, Herbert Hawkins won first, Albert Davison, second and Cecil Smith, of Jefferson township, third. Both Hawkins and Davison attend the Pleasant Mills high school.

The school exhibits were the feature of the day. It was required that each school exhibit one 10-ear sample of corn, one peck of wheat and one peck of oats, along with seven other articles which had been made in school. In this class, the A. C. Parochial School, of Monroe township, took first place with one of the finest exhibits of this nature ever seen, according to Mrs. Tuttle, of

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DECATUR MAN'S NEPHEW TO TAKE PART IN INVESTIGATION OF SUN'S ECLIPSE

Dr. C. C. Kiess to Be Passenger on Airship Los Angeles to Aid in Study of Eclipse on Saturday, Jan. 24; Photographs to be Made With Specially Designed Camera.

Much interest centers around the eclipse of the sun, which will take place sometime between ten and ten-thirty Saturday morning, January 24, Decatur time.

Several scientific investigations will be made on this day and among the foremost observers will be Dr. C. C. Kiess, of the Bureau of Standards, Washington, who will be a passenger on the airship, Los Angeles. Dr. Kiess is a nephew of Joe Kiess, who is employed at the Schafer Hardware company in this city. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kiess live at Fort Wayne. A Washington dispatch to the New York World, says:

"One of the scientific investigations to be made during the solar eclipse on January 24 will be a search for a new element. Dr. C. C. Kiess, of the Bureau of Standards, who will

Infant Dies Three Hours After Birth

Robert M. Roop, infant son of Bryce and Edna Roop, died at 9 o'clock last night, about three hours after birth. This was the first child in the family. The mother formerly was Miss Edna Edgal. Funeral services were held from the residence, 1915 Jackson street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. E. F. Dotson, pastor of the United Brethren church, officiating. Burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

GENEVA CITIZEN DIED YESTERDAY

Orlando Whiteman, Well-Known Citizen, Dies Following Operation

Geneva, Jan. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Orlando Whiteman, age 52 years, well known resident of this town, died at a hospital in Port Wayne at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, following an operation performed for removal of his appendix a few days ago. His body has been returned here for burial. Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with burial in the Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Whiteman was born in Jay county, but had been a resident of Geneva for many years. For the past few years she has been employed in the Pennsylvania shops at Port Wayne. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Edith Shoemaker, of Geneva; Donald, at home; Mrs. Meade Aspy, of Detroit, Michigan; and Harlan, of Port Wayne. Mr. Whiteman is survived by the following brothers and sisters, also: John, of Geneva; Orange, of Columbus; Joseph, of Jay county; Coma, of Jay county; and Mrs. Harvey Pyle, of Geneva.

Flood Waters Receding In Southern States Now

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Swollen tributaries were slowly receding in southern states today, in the wake of one of the most disastrous floods in the history of the south.

Property damage will total at least \$5,000,000, officials estimated, while the death toll stood at ten.

Train schedules were partly resumed, but dirt highways were still impassable in most of the flooded areas. Hundreds of tourists headed for southern winter resorts remained stranded at isolated points.

Small Fire At Geneva

Geneva, Jan. 21.—A small roof fire occurred at the home of Mrs. Charlotte McCollum at 9 o'clock last night. The fire was extinguished by the fire department before much damage resulted.

TOTAL OF RADIO FUND IS \$232.20

Fund For Supplying Sets To Blind Residents Grows Rapidly

The total of the fund being raised to purchase radio receiving sets for the blind residents of the city, went far over the \$200 mark this morning, when the result of Tuesday afternoon's canvass was announced. R. J. Harting and Charles Colter, who are doing the canvassing, reported that \$86.20 more had been raised, making the grand total, \$232.20.

The lodges and other organizations are rallying to the support of the movement and a few have turned in checks unsolicited. Other organizations are invited to contribute to the fund. Another blind resident of the city was located yesterday, making a total of seven residents of the city who are known to be blind. It is possible that there are more who will be located soon, and the fund must be increased greatly yet before it will be sufficient to supply each with a set.

A mistake was made in the report of new contributors yesterday, Joe Lose being credited with a donation of \$1 when it should have been \$2. The solicitors planned to resume their canvass in the business district this afternoon and the factories will be visited soon. Following are the new contributors:

Previous total	\$145.75
Charles Yager	1.00
Employees Post Office	5.25
Al Anker	1.00
Peoples Loan & Trust Co.	5.00
Lewis Cline	.25
Dr. Earl Coverdale	2.00
Fred Schafer	8.00

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BIDS RECEIVED ON NEW BOILERS

Council Delays Letting Of Contract; Meets Again Friday Night

Bids for the furnishing of two new boilers, together with stokers, at the City Light and Power Plant were received by the city council in regular session last evening, but no award of contract will be made until Friday evening or Saturday morning, it was stated.

Proposals were received from three concerns for the furnishing of stokers and from four for the boilers. The concerns who submitted proposals on the stokers were the Illinois Stoker Co., the Westinghouse Electric Co., and the American Engineering Company. Each concern submitted bids for stokers which might be used on either four or five hundred horsepower boilers.

The concerns which submitted bids for the furnishing four or five hundred horsepower boilers were: Babcock and Wilcox; National Mill and Supply Co.; Union Iron Works and the Bass Foundry and Machine Company.

Prices for the stokers ranged from \$8,000 to \$12,850, while the prices on the two boilers ranged from \$20,000 to \$36,000. The different bids are being tabulated and the specifications examined by Supt. M. J. Mylott and members of the electric light committee of the city council.

Councilman George Krick presided in the mayor's chair, during the absence of Mayor Huber M. DeVoss, who is spending a month's vacation in Texas.

An executive session of the council was held following the regular meeting during which time the stokers and boilers were discussed by the councilmen and representatives of the different companies.

Another meeting of the council will be held Friday night at which time the final award of the contracts for the furnishing of the new boilers and stokers likely will be made. The boilers and new equipment will be paid for out of the earnings of the city plant for the last several years.

"FLYING COUP" NEXT

Cleveland, O., Jan. 21.—(United Press)—A "flying coup" for sky touring will be the next family pleasure craft.

The first model of the "dirigible blivver" will be turned over this spring by the Goodyear Zeppelin corporation. P. W. Litchfield, vice president and general manager of the corporation, announced at the automobile show.

The "flying coupe" will be an airship 100 feet long and 30 feet in diameter. A 160 horsepower motor will drive the ship at a 50-miles an hour clip.

Only a few days instruction will be needed to learn to operate the craft, Litchfield said. The "coupe" will have an enclosed aluminum cabin with accommodation for three passengers, he said.

GARY WOMAN TO GIVE ADDRESS

Noted Club Woman To Speak At Meeting Of Woman's Club

Mrs. Frank Sheehan, of Gary, prominent in club circles, will speak at the regular meeting of the Decatur Woman's Club, to be held in the public library Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Sheehan comes to Decatur under the auspices of the civic section of the local club, which will have charge of the program Monday evening.

Mrs. Sheehan is chairman of the department of applied education in the Indiana Federation of Clubs and is chairman of the natural scenery committee of the general federation of clubs. She likely will be the most favorable candidate for the office of president of the state federation at the next annual election. The subject of her talk here will be, "Woman the Builder of Man."

Other numbers on the program Monday evening will be a group of vocal solos by Mrs. Cecile Moser, of this city, and a group of piano solos by Mrs. Roger Swaim, of Bluffton.

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at 7:45 o'clock and the civic section program will start at 8 o'clock.

WEST END WANTS POLICE OFFICER

West End Merchants And Citizens Petition Council For Officer

In view of the several robberies and other cases of lawlessness which have taken place in the west end of the city, proprietors of stores on West Monroe street and other citizens in that district, petitioned the city council last evening to appoint a policeman for that district or to have it patrolled by a regular officer at night.

The petition was signed by the Maier Hide and Fur Co.; George Appleman, Milt Hower, Simeon Haines, George Miller and other merchants who have stores in that district.

Recently, several robberies and hold-ups have taken place in the west end, namely at the Simeon Haines meat market, the Maier Hide and Fur company, Hower's grocery, the George Appleman restaurant, and a few residences.

The matter was referred to the board of safety and a decision in the matter will, no doubt, be made in the near future. About three years ago residents in that part of the city asked that a special policeman be appointed for the west end district, but the council deemed it not advisable to appoint one at that time.

Weather

Indiana: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight in northeast portion.

TRANSFER PUPILS TO H. S. BUILDING

Thirty-Five Fifth And Sixth Grade Pupils Moved From Central

A special meeting of the school board was held last night at which time the crowded situation existing at the Central school building was taken up. There is an excess number of pupils in the fifth and sixth grades at the Central building and it was decided last night to equip room No. 201 in the high school building and transfer thirty-five fifth and sixth grade pupils there.

During the first semester of the present school year there were two teachers for the fifth grade and two for the sixth grade at the Central building, but it was impossible for the teachers to do justice to the pupils, owing to the large number. Herbert Foreman, one of the Central school teachers, will be transferred to the high school building to teach the thirty-five pupils transferred there, and Mrs. W. A. Lower substitute teacher, will teach at the Central building until a new teacher is secured. The thirty-five pupils to be transferred to the high school building will be taken from the southwest part of the city, they being the nearest to the high school building.

Bank Cashier Shoots Self

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Jan. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—E. B. Brashear, cashier of the First National bank of Excelsior Springs, was found dead just outside his apartment here today, a bullet wound in the head. A revolver was clutched in his right hand. Bank examiners have been auditing the bank's accounts for the past two days.

WILL MAP OUT FARM PROGRAM

Committee From Industrial Association To Meet Thursday Night

A meeting of the committee appointed by Avon Burk, president of the Decatur Industrial Association, to arrange plans for the junior farmers program to be sponsored by the association, will be held Thursday evening at 7:30, at the Industrial Association rooms, following the Rotary meeting. Several men have been invited to attend the meeting. They will also be the guests of the Rotarians at their luncheon earlier in the evening.

Among those invited to the meeting from out-of-town are, James Briggs, of Geneva; Fred Studer, Linn Grove; J. D. Winterger, Berne; J. P. Habegger, Berne; W. S. Smith, Monroe; John Hoffman, Preble; Clarence Smith, Preble; E. J. Frickie, local fieldman for the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company; E. S. Christen, county superintendent of schools, and L. M. Busche, county agent.

Plans for carrying out the proposed program in co-operation with County Agent L. M. Busche will be made. It was voted at the annual meeting of the Decatur Industrial Association held January 12, to raise a fund of \$1,000 or \$1,500 with which to sponsor junior farm clubs, such as corn club, a sugar beet club, a calf and dairy club and a livestock judging club in Adams County and to award substantial prizes to the winners. The association also went on record as desirous of co-operating with County Agent, Busche and to make it possible for him to carry out the club programs by giving him an assistant in the office.

County School Superintendent E. S. Christen will assist in the county program by giving it publicity in the schools.

The Berne Business Men's Association wishes to co-operate with the Decatur Industrial Association in carrying out the program and the banks located at Berne, Geneva, Monroe and Preble, are also interested.

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Decatur Banks Named As City Depositories

The finance committee of the city council has selected all three of the city banks as depositories for the city's funds. The deposits will be proportioned among the three banks according to the amount of capital stock, the usual custom practiced in such cases. The city carries cash balances in the electric light and water department funds, the general fund and the sinking fund.

DECORATION DAY RACE IS TARGET

Legislative Blow At Memorial Day Race Launched In House Today

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—A legislative blow at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Decoration Day races was launched in the house of representatives of the Indiana General Assembly today. Representative Miller, of Kokomo, introduced a bill to prohibit racing or sports of any description on Decoration Day.

The measure was referred to the public morals committee.

A fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months is provided for violation of the provisions of the bill.

Two More Resignations Announced At Washington

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 21.—David H. Blair, of North Carolina, commissioner of internal revenue, will resign at the completion of his present term, March 4. It was indicated in authoritative quarters here today.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Herbert Votaw, superintendent of federal prisons and brother-in-law of the late President Harding, has resigned effective March 1, the department of justice announced today.

Votaw is at present ill in a Washington hospital, recovering from a recent appendicitis operation. His physicians say he will be unable to work for six months.

Senate Favors Another Arms Limitation Parley

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The senate today went on record as favoring another world conference for limitation of naval armament.

Without objection, the senate adopted an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, introduced by Senator King, Utah, democrat, urging the president to call another conference at any time when in his judgment it would seem advisable.

The same amendment was included in the navy appropriation bill last year.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS TO STAGE A TWO-ACT COMEDY AT H. S. GYM TONIGHT

Plenty of Amusing Scenes And Action Promised During the Forty Minutes; One Intermission Scheduled But Many More Are Probable; Other Teams Play.

It was announced late this afternoon that Earl Blackburn, manager of the G. E. basketball team and a local well known basketball critic would referee the farmers-merchants game tonight.

"Basketball as it should be played" is the title of a two-act comedy to be staged in the high school gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The principal roles in the play will be taken by Kirkland township farmers and Decatur merchants. Many amusing scenes are promised and plenty of action is assured to hold the interest of the spectators. The play will last about forty minutes, with one scheduled intermission of ten minutes between acts and several other shorter intermissions probable.

In other words, the Kirkland township farmers and the Decatur merchants will play basketball at the high school gym this evening. The

HOODED ORDER IS DEALT CRUSHING BLOW BY ENEMIES

State Senate Votes Down Bill Sponsored By Klan, 41 To 6

HEATED ARGUMENTS

Bill To Prohibit Wearing Of Religious Emblems By Teachers Killed

Indianapolis, Jan., 21.—The Ku Klux Klan raised its head on the floor of the state senate today and was dealt a smashing blow by enemies of the hooded order.

After a lively debate in which all the heat of a religious argument was injected the senate by a vote of 41 to 6 killed the minority report of the committee on education recommending passage of a bill to prohibit the wearing of any religious emblem or garment in the public schools of Indiana.

The senate also postponed action until tomorrow on a minority report recommending passage of a bill to require the reading of the bible in the public schools.

Both measures were introduced in the senate by Senator Sims, of Terre Haute.

The name of the Klan was first brought out in the debate by Senator Chamber, of New Castle, during argument on the bill prohibiting robes and emblems.

"This is one of the reputed Ku Klux Klan bills," Chamber declared. "It seems that this is a much avoided topic of conversation among the senators."

"Let's come out in the open. Don't hide behind your robes in arguing this question."

Senator Sims explained the bill and said that in six counties of the state teachers in the public schools wear black robes and crucifixes while teaching school.

This was the spark that set off the fire works of religious debate.

"A bill like that has no right to get out on the floor of the senate," Senator Neidl, republican floor leader declared. "Religious emphy has come to the point where they don't want a school teacher to wear a pin pertaining to any religious sect."

Senator Cravens, democratic floor leader declared the proposals of the bill were far more serious than was at the first apparent.

Four republican senators and one democrat voted to adopt the minority report they were Alldredge, of Anderson; Lambert, of Columbus; Martin, of Logansport, republicans, and Payne, of Bloomington, democrat.

Tickets have been selling rapidly and indications are that the big gym will be packed to capacity when the two teams take the floor for hostilities this evening.

Following the farmers-merchant game, the Kirkland Elfs will play the Linn Grove Stonebreakers. These two teams have been playing good basketball this season and an interesting game is expected when they clash this evening.

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