

DECATUR GETS BASKETBALL TOURNEY

"SPEEDWAY" BILL DIES IN LOWER HOUSE

Bill To Prevent Sporting Events On Memorial Day Is Killed

NUMEROUS NEW BILLS

Both Houses Hold Long Sessions In Disposing Of Measures

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—After killing the "speed way" bill the state house of representatives today turned its attention to passage of measures up for third reading.

Both houses of the legislature held long sessions in which they carried out the program of speed in disposing of many bills. Numerous new measures were also thrown into the hoppers.

Another religious education measure started off debate in the senate when a majority report for passage of the Senator Dickerman bill to permit public school pupils to take two school hours off a week to receive religious instruction was adopted. The bill now goes to engrossment.

A new angle in the Ohio-Indiana motor truck way was drawn in the senate when Senator Hill, of Carthage, introduced a concurrent resolution for the arrest of the drivers of all trucks operated in Indiana by Ohio concerns.

Senator Hill declared that the Ohio Public Service Commission had ordered the arrest of the drivers of the trucks of Hiner's Red Ball Transit Co. of Indianapolis, operating in that state. He asked adoption of the resolution to retaliate the commission's action and prevent further arrest of Indiana drivers.

The resolution was referred to the committee when Senator Dailey, of Indianapolis, declared that all parties involved should be given a hearing before action is taken.

The "speed way" bill killed by the house would have prevented holding

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NOTED PREACHER COMES TO BERNE

Dr. A. Torrey, World Noted Evangelist, Opens Services Sunday

Berne, Jan. 22.—Dr. Reuben Archer Torrey, one of the nation's greatest and world noted evangelists, of Pasadena, California, will be in Berne next Sunday to begin and conduct the English series of the twentieth annual union evangelistic meetings of the Berne churches. Dr. Torrey's meetings will continue from next Sunday morning through the following Friday, January 30, with three services on the opening day and two services each day for the remainder of the series.

Berne can surely expect great things with the coming of Dr. Torrey, who will serve the people of this community with thirteen spiritual feasts. Although the coming of the great evangelist is being keenly anticipated by many of the local people, few possibly realize the true greatness of Dr. Torrey and the rare treat that he holds in store for this community. Not only Berne and its community should reap the blessings of his ministering here next week, but the entire county ought to share in the benefits that he will bring. The large Mennonite church in which the services will be held and which will seat two thousand persons, should be filled at each meeting with people to receive Dr. Torrey's messages. Everybody is most cordially invited to attend the meetings and no one should have to be urged to come. It is expected that the meetings will be held at each meeting with people to receive Dr. Torrey's messages.

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Democrats To Organize In Cities February 7

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—February 7 was set as the date for holding city conventions throughout the state by the Democratic state central committee here yesterday.

The committee specified that the city chairman shall call the convention and preside over the meeting. In the absence of the city chairman his duties are to be assumed by the county chairman, the committee ordered.

BOBO INSTITUTE HELD YESTERDAY

Three Interesting And Instructive Sessions; Officers Re-Elected

Three interesting sessions were held yesterday by the St. Marys Township Farmers Institute. The institute was held in the school building at Bobo, and the attendance was good at all sessions.

A basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour. Many farmers brought their dinner with them and all spread their food together on a big table in the school building.

Interesting talks were given during the morning and afternoon session by H. R. Muller, of Cedar Grove, Indiana, and Mrs. Carl Tuttle, of Pleasant Lake. These two speakers from the extension department of Purdue University, delivered interesting and instructive talks on farm topics.

In the evening a miscellaneous program was given, including songs, moving pictures, recitations and talks. During the business session of the institute the old officers were re-elected. They are Kermit Bowen, president; Wilson Gulick, vice-president; Ed Koops, secretary; and Austin Michaels, treasurer.

The Geneva farmers institute was held at Geneva today. One session was held this morning, another this afternoon and the closing session will be held this evening.

Two institutes will be held in the county next week. On Tuesday the Hartford township institute will be held and on the following day, Wednesday, January 28, the Kirkland township institute will be held.

General Fire Alarm Is Sounded At G. E. Plant

Through a mistake the general fire alarm at the General Electric plant in this city was sounded at about two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. One of the workmen noticed a small fire at the building and instead of sounding the bell inside of the building, the siren, which is for the general alarm was sounded. No damage was done, but many people wondered if there was a fire at the G. E. plant when they heard the siren.

Powerful New Radio Station To Be Built

Chicago, Jan. 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A new 5,000 watt super power radio station, replacing the 500 watt equipment now in use is to be built in the open country within 50 miles of WIS, Chicago, by WIS, according to an announcement made today by Charles M. Kittle, president of Sears, Roebuck and company.

Two 200 foot sending towers will connect giant antennae and the new station is to be built in the open station will reach two and one half times the distance now touched. The country to avoid interference with Chicago broadcasters. Twin studios in downtown Chicago will inaugurate the first new programs within three months.

Resort Proprietor Found Guilty Of Serious Charge

Antigo, Wis., Jan. 29.—Warren Boucher, summer resort proprietor at Summit Lake, was sentenced to ten years in prison when found guilty by a jury in court here of statutory charges involving Marjorie Skeel, 16-year-old domestic. The jury found Boucher guilty on five counts.

INVESTIGATION IS WELCOMED BY 'PHONE COMPANY

Ask Public Service Commission To Probe Service At Berne

PETITION UNEXPECTED

Company Though Service Was Satisfactory; Willing To Co-operate

The Citizens Telephone Company has written the Public Service Commission urging that they proceed with the investigation of the charges made in a petition filed by a number of farmers in the vicinity of Berne. Mr. Leo Yager, president of the company, said last evening that the company would welcome such an investigation for they declare they have given the very best service possible under all circumstances and since the matter has been brought up, wish it to be investigated thoroughly.

When the rates were advanced here a year or so ago the commission ordered the rural rates equalized over the county and this made an increase of fifteen cents on the Berne lines, the rental being advanced from \$1.35 to \$1.50 which was the amount charged on the rural line out of the city.

As to the complaints in the petition that the service has not been as good recently as before the rates were increased, Mr. Charles Heare, manager at Berne, says there is no grounds for this. He says they have had considerable difficulty on the rural lines because many of the patrons neglect

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FINE PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTE

Kirkland Township Farmers Plan Interesting Sessions For Jan. 28

The complete program for the Kirkland township farmers institute, to be held at the Kirkland high school building on Wednesday, January 28, has been prepared. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held and talks will be made by state speakers. A musical program will also be given in connection with the institute.

Homer Crum is chairman of the Kirkland township farmers institute and a feature of the meeting will be the awarding of about 75 prizes to the successful winners in the different departments of exhibits.

The program arranged for the day is as follows:

Morning Session 9:30
Piano Solo—Nina Shady
Song—High school chorus
Invocation—Rev. J. F. Porter
Address—"Clothes for health and happiness"—Mrs. L. T. Pierce, Knightstown, Ind.

Piano Solo—Gladys Spade
Address—"Hog breeding and feeding"—Mr. J. P. Prigg, Middletown, Ind.

General discussion and announcements.

Noon—Basket Dinner
Afternoon Session 1:15
Song—High school chorus
Report of nominating committee.
Address—"Food elements properly selected and balanced"—Mrs. L. T. Pierce.

Reading
Address—"Legumes and their uses"—Mr. J. P. Prigg.
Report of premium judges
Secretary's report

Announcements and benediction.

Evening Session 7:30
Song—High school chorus
Farmers Debate, "Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished."

Affirmative: Jesse Byerly, R. K. Sovine and August Schlickman; Negative: Joseph D. Smith, John D. Baker and Sam Henschen.

Duet—Zimmerman sisters.

Moving Pictures—L. M. Busche.

Awards Made In Drive For The Gibault Home

Announcements of the recipients of awards in connection with the recent fund drive for the benefit of the Gibault Home for boys at Terre Haute, conducted by the Knights of Columbus councils of the state was received in this city yesterday.

The awards made were as follows: Marmon automobile—William Keough of Brooksville, Ind. Haynes automobile—F. J. Newton, of Indianapolis, and Cole automobile—Mayme Ryan, Indianapolis. The awarding of the Ford sedan was not completed. The awards were made Saturday.

JURY DISAGREES IN LIQUOR CASE

Unable To Reach Verdict In New Jersey Rum Running Case

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 22.—The jury in the trial of ten policemen and two civilians charged with rum running along the docks of Weehawken, reported disagreement today.

The jury stood for 15 hours 9 to 3 for conviction. This development probably means that the men indicted will not be placed on trial again by the Hudson county prosecutor, but will be turned over to federal authorities.

Of almost equal interest to the jurors inability to settle on a verdict was the announcement of Prosecutor Milton that U. S. Senator Edward I. Edwards probably will be summoned before the grand jury to reply to testimony developed during the trial that he had accepted \$3,800 in a liquor transaction.

The men on trial were William F. Griffin, Jersey City real estate operator and alleged "master mind" of the conspiracy; Harry J. Stearns, councilman and chairman of the police commission in Weehawken and ten police, three of them officers.

Indictment of the men followed decision of the Rev. George Bennett, Catholic priest, to "clean up the docks." On the witness stand he told a story of seeing uniformed policemen unloading liquor from a vessel, but was unable to identify Griffin as the leader of the gang, although he saw a man on the scene who was called Griffin.

Sensor Edwards was implicated by the testimony of Lionel Wilson and Charles Hurlbut, federal prohibition enforcement agents, who said \$3,800 was paid to Edwards for 100 cases of Scotch whiskey Griffin was to supply, but that the senator returned the money the following day.

HELPFUL CHURCH SERVICES HELD

"Win My Friend" Services At U. B. Church Are Interesting

The services held Tuesday and Wednesday evening were the most interesting held so far in the "Win My Friend Week" services being held at the United Brethren church this week. The speakers, Mr. C. D. Teeple and Mrs. Frank Downs, brought most helpful addresses.

Tonight, Mrs. O. P. Mills will be the leader and the Rev. B. N. Covert, will be the speaker. Mr. O. P. Mills pastor of the Presbyterian church, will be the leader on Friday evening and the Rev. F. D. Whitesell, pastor of the Baptist church, will be the speaker.

The meetings are evangelistic in character, giving opportunity to accept Christ or volunteer life service in the work of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Weather

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Colder Friday and in north and central portions tonight.

TWO HOUSES IN THIS CITY ARE RANSACKED

Vandals Visit Homes Of A. D. Hunsicker And Mrs. D. D. Heller

FEW ARTICLES TAKEN

Intruders Changed Clothes At Hunsicker Home; Police Investigate

Local police are seeking the identity of a gang of marauders who broke into at least two residences of the city and ransacked every room from basement to attic during the last few days. The houses known to have been entered by the intruders are the A. D. Hunsicker, residence, at 503 W. Adams street, and Mrs. D. D. Heller's residence at 121 South Fifth street. Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker are spending the winter in Florida, and Mrs. Heller has been living with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tyndall since before Christmas.

The work of the marauders was not discovered until yesterday afternoon. Mrs. D. J. Hensley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker, and Mrs. Herman Ehinger, went to the Hunsicker residence about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and made the discovery there. Every drawer in the house had been removed and the contents emptied on the floor. The intruders had evidently slept on the bed in an upstairs room and had spit on the walls of the room. They had exchanged their own dirty clothing for

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WILL TRY COMER IN HIGHER COURT

Van Wert Grand Jury Expected To Indict Man For Harmon Robbery

Van Wert, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Roy F. Comer, Fort Wayne, was held for the common pleas court yesterday under bond of \$2,000 at the close of a hearing in Squire Gilpin's court on a charge of being one of the men who robbed Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon, aged people who live near Wren, on June 14, 1924. The hearing came to a close on its second day after witnesses for Comer, which his sister, Mrs. Eva Rauner, of Fort Wayne, said she would testify, failed to appear.

Prosecuting Attorney John I. Miller issued a call for the January term grand jury yesterday to resume its session Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Although Miller did not issue a public statement, it is believed that the jurors will be asked to indict Comer.

When Comer was taken back to jail in the custody of Sheriff H. W. Johnson and Constable Samuel Baxter, Mrs. Rauner accompanied them as far as East Court street and held a close conversation with her brother. She assured the officers that she would be back here today with a satisfactory bond of \$2,000.

Mrs. Rauner was probably the most interested spectator in the court room during the hearing. She was in consultation with Comer several times during the proceedings under the watchful eye of the sheriff.

Recall Harmons

When the hearing was continued Wednesday afternoon, the court first took the testimony of Deputy Sheriff Fred Boley at the hospital then returned to the common pleas court room. Witnesses which defense had declared would be there, failed to show up. William Postnought recalled both Mr. and Mrs. Harmon to the stand and questioned them at length. He inquired about their trip to Marion, Indiana, last summer to see Comer when he was held in jail and quizzed them again about the amount of money stolen from them.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harmon stuck to their previous statements that they

Alaskan Cold Wave Creeping Southward

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The cold wave from Alaska is creeping southward, reaching Saskatchewan and Manitoba this morning, the weather bureau here announced. At Prince Albert, Sask., the temperature had sunk to 28 degrees below zero, while at Minnedona, Man., it was 14 below.

Fair weather is prevailing over the middlewest, save in the upper lakes region and the far northwest, the bureau stated.

RADIO FUND REACHES \$300

Additional Donations Reported Today Boost Total To \$305.95

The radio fund to purchase receiving sets for the blind residents of this city passed the \$300 mark today. Charles Colter and R. J. Harting, leaders in the movement, reported additional donations of \$73.75, making the grand total \$305.95. Dallas Hunsicker and Burt Hunsicker, two Decatur citizens who are sojourning in Florida this winter, sent donations of one dollar each for the fund. The

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Judge Sutton Appointed Special Judge In Case

Bluffton, Jan. 22.—Judge Hamilton today declined jurisdiction in the case of the Goodrich Rubber Company vs. Lavergne Heche and others, a complaint on account, by reason of his having been on counsel. Judge Jesse C. Sutton, of Decatur, was appointed special judge.

Many Injured In Falls On Ice Last Few Days

Twenty-six persons were patients at the Adams County Memorial hospital today. Eleven of the patients are suffering from fractures of arms and legs, which they broke in falls on the icy walks within the last week.

Monroe Farmer Hurt In Fall Off Load Of Hay

Monroe, Ind., Jan. 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Ambrose Durbin, of Monroe, fell off of a wagon load of hay this morning and fractured his shoulder blade. He was removed to the Adams County Memorial hospital at Decatur where he is receiving medical treatment.

Purchase Of New State Parks Sought In Bill

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—A bill authorizing purchase of two new state parks and creating a one mill tax levy for each, effective in 1925 and 1926, was introduced in the house today by Representative Knepper, of Warsaw.

One of the parks would be known as the Tippecanoe river state park in Kosciusko, Marshall and Fulton counties. The other, to be known as the Pigeon River state park, would be located in Lagrange county.

The bill was sponsored by the Isaac Walton league.

Another bill to be sponsored by the league provides for increasing the state conservation commission from four to five members at the option of the governor.

Mrs. Michael Burns Dies At Fort Wayne

Funeral services for Mrs. Michael Burns, age 67, whose death occurred Tuesday following an illness of heart trouble, will be held Friday morning at Fort Wayne. Mrs. Burns was the mother-in-law of Dr. Elizabeth Burns, of this city, and was known to several people here. Mrs. Burns is survived by her husband, four daughters and four sons, namely, Mrs. Fred Schoppman, Mrs. Anthony Hilker, Mrs. Geo. Gerkin and Mrs. John Hilker, at whose home she died, Frank Burns, of Kansas; Thomas, Mac and Michael Burns, of Fort Wayne.

HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONAL IS ASSIGNED HERE

High School Athletic Association Announces Tourney Centers

EIGHT REGIONALS

Sectional Tourneys Scheduled In 64 Cities For March 6 And 7

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Secretary of the Indiana State high school athletic association today announced 64 sectional centers and eight regional centers for the 1925 state high school basketball championship tourney.

Team entries will close Feb. 23. The state final tourney will be held in Indianapolis March 20 and 21.

Regional meets will be held March 14 at Anderson, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Frankfort, Gary, Kokomo, Martinsville and Richmond.

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There were four regional meets last year.

Decatur and Montpelier designated for one of the sectional meets. Assignment of teams to the sectionals will be made later.

Although the teams to play in the Decatur sectional have not been assigned, it is presumed that the Adams and Jay county teams will play here. The teams from those two counties played at Portland last year. The Wells county teams likely will play at Montpelier as they were grouped with the Blackford county teams at Hartford City last year.

The last sectional tournament held in this city was in 1922, when the Wells and Adams county teams played here. Liberty Center won that tournament. Pennville won the tourney held at Portland last year.

SECOND STREET BUILDING SOLD

Mrs. B. J. Terveer Buys Building Occupied By Gass & Son Store

A real estate deal which has been under way for sometime, involving the sale of an up-town business building, was closed at noon today, whereby Mrs. B. J. Terveer purchased the Burns building on the east side of North Second street, from Frank Burns, of Los Angeles, Calif., former Decatur citizen. The building is now occupied by the E. F. Gass and Son ready-to-wear store.

Mrs. Terveer recently sold her two buildings across the street to George Morris, of Bluffton. These buildings are now being remodeled and when completed the Morris Five and Ten Cent Store will occupy the south room and the back half of the north room. The front part of the north room will be occupied by the Keller Jewelry store.

The exact amount involved in the sale of the Burns building was not made known, but it was stated that it was a little more than \$8,000. The building has a frontage of 20 feet on Second street and extends back 120 feet. The second story extends back 80 feet and there is a basement under the entire building. No changes in the brick building are contemplated at this time, it was stated, by Bernard Terveer, who represented his mother in completing the real estate transactions.

E. F. Gass and Son have occupied the first floor for several years, while the rooms up-stairs are rented for offices.