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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 war 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 Dally, 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 Ser-
vices 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. Every body is most cordially invited to attend the meetings and no one should have to be urged to come. It is ex-

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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 In- structive Sessions; Of- ficers 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 Koos, 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.

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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 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.

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INVESTIGATION IS WELCOMED BY 'PHONE COMPANY

Ask Public Service Com- mission To Probe Ser- vice At Berne

PETITION UNEXPECTED

Company Though Service Was Satisfactory; Will- ing 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.

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FINE PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTE

Kirkland Township Farm- ers Plan Interesting Ses- sions 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.

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JURY DISAGREES IN LIQUOR CASE

Unable To Reach Verdict In New Jersey Rum Run- ning 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 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.

Senator 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" 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.

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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 Ex- pected 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 Harmon

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 Postnaught 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

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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 Minnedosa, Man., it was 14 below.

Fair weather is prevailing over the middlewest, save in the upper lakes region