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JUNIOR FARM PROGRAM IS MAPPED OUT

Joseph Winteregg, Berne, Elected County Chairman Of Clubs

TALKS ARE GIVEN Committee Named To Make Rules And Choose Prizes For Contestants

A meeting of the committee appointed to work out preliminary plans for the County-wide junior farmer program of club work was held last evening at the Decatur Industrial Association rooms following the Rotary meeting, men from Berne and County Superintendent of schools E. S. Christen being guests of the club. Joseph Winteregg, banker of Berne, was elected County chairman of the junior clubs, he to co-operate with County Agent L. M. Busche and the Decatur Industrial Association in carrying out the program among the junior boy and girl farmers in the county. Mr. Winteregg, Mr. Busche and the committee appointed by Avon Burk, president of the Decatur Industrial Association, will work out the plans for the club activities and the rules of the contest, together with the prizes to be given the winner will be announced in the near future.

George Krick, of the Krick-Tyndall Tile company, who takes a great interest in agriculture work, was appointed chairman of the meeting last evening and called upon a number of those present to state their ideas. Splendid co-operation on the part of all was expressed. Talks were made by Mr. Christen, who assured the committee members that he would gladly co-operate in the program by assisting the girls and boys in the rural schools. W. A. Klepper, of the Cloverleaf Creameries; John Carmody, of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company; Mr. Habegger, of the Berne Overall company; E. W. Busche, banker of Monroe; W. A. Lower, and A. D. Suttles, of this city, expressed their ideas of club work and volunteered to help whenever called upon.

Mr. Busche was unable to attend the meeting on account of the farmer's institute at Geneva, but the club work is being carried out under his direction and through his office. It is proposed to organize the junior boy and girl farmers in every township in the county and to have them join the different clubs, to be sponsored by the Decatur Industrial Association, assisted by the community workers at Berne, Geneva, Monroe, Linn Grove and Preble. Calf and dairy clubs, corn and beet sugar clubs and live stock judging clubs will be established throughout the county and substantial awards made to the winners.

Several other projects are under way and as soon as the club work is started a program of interest, not only to the farmers, but the community as a whole will be announced.

Odd Fellows To Hold Initiation And Banquet

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 167, I. O. O. F., will confer the work of the first degree on a class of candidates, Monday evening January 26. All members of the lodge are invited to attend and take part in the work. There will be a banquet after the meeting and Odd Fellows from Geneva, Linn Grove and Willshire, Ohio, are especially invited to attend the meeting and banquet. Sojourning Odd Fellows are invited to attend, also.

PYTHIANS TO GO TO WABASH

Local Knights To Charter Special Car To District Meeting Feb. 4

Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge held an interesting meeting last night, at which time the third rank was conferred on George Stults. Plans for the district meeting to be held in this city on February 5 and for attending the district meeting at Wabash on February 4.

The degree team from the Decatur lodge will confer the first rank on a large class of candidates at the Wabash meeting and the local lodge is planning to charter a special car to carry Decatur Knights to the meeting. A car can be chartered if fifty or more sign up to make the trip. The local degree team has been working diligently of late to get the work in good shape and new paraphernalia has been purchased. The degree team will confer the work on a class of candidates at the district meeting to be held here also, and the lodge is endeavoring to secure a large class to take the work.

The committee in charge of making arrangements for local Knights to attend the Wabash meeting is composed of John Nelson, Charles Bordbeck, Joe Hunter, F. V. Mills, Marion Hoagland, and Doyle Amsbaugh. All Knights who expect to go to Wabash are requested to notify the committee as soon as possible.

Dore B. Erwin, of this city, who is grand chancellor commander of the local in Indiana, attended a district meeting held at Muncie Wednesday and Wednesday night.

Oldest Official In Indiana Masonry Dies

Richmond, Ind., Jan. 23.—Funeral arrangements were being made here today for Samuel Marlatt, 94, oldest official in Masonry in the state. He died at the Masonic home in Franklin yesterday.

ROTARIANS HEAR REV. WHITESELL

Baptist Minister Delivers Interesting Talk At Meeting Of Club

"Build your city upon a hill so that it may be seen" is the way Rev. F. D. Whitesell, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, expressed himself in an after-dinner talk before the Rotarians and their guests at the luncheon meeting held at the Decatur Industrial Association room last evening.

"If you haven't a hill, make one and then let everybody pull the city on top of this hill," Rev. Whitesell said in bringing out his point of community spirit and civic pride. "You have certain hills here now, which attracts the attention of visitors and which help make Decatur, but if I to build one big hill I would build the city on a hill of love and fear for Jesus Christ, a hill where good and loving people, an honest and God-fearing people live," Rev. Whitesell said.

Rev. Whitesell compared a city to a large hill and showed that if a city was built upon the right kind of a hill it would be seen or known throughout the country. His talk was interesting and throughout his twenty minute talk he laid stress upon the finer things in life and urged the practice of real community spirit and good living.

Several guests were present at the meeting last evening, they being John Elliott, of Indianapolis; Abraham Simmons, W. W. Rogers and Charles Dailey, of Bluffton; E. W. Busche, of Monroe; Joseph Winteregg and Mr. Habegger of Berne.

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 23.—Earl Benson, 80, a former inmate of the state asylum at Watertown, last night set fire to a large barn on the farm occupied by Glenn McGirr at Maquon, Ill., and then fired a shot through his own brain. McGirr, seeing flames went to the barn and found Benson dead.

He was carried to the house where he died a few minutes later.

The barn and all its contents burned with a loss of \$10,000. The farm was owned by Benson but was leased to McGirr.

AUTO TRAILER AND HOGS TAKEN

Thieves Abandon Trailer After Butchering Hogs And Hauling Them

Sheriff John Baker spent the entire day yesterday in an unsuccessful effort to locate the parties who stole an automobile trailer from the Otto Longenberger farm, one mile east of Monroe last Tuesday night, and later in the evening stole two large hogs from the Hartman and Dotterer farm at the north edge of Bluffton, killed the hogs, hauled them away and abandoned the trailer on Oak street, near the old cemetery in the south part of this city. The trailer was found by Sheriff Baker Wednesday evening. It was covered with blood from the hogs.

The trailer was sitting at the side of the road by the garage at the Longenberger home Tuesday evening and the women folks at the house saw two men in an old Ford touring car drive up to the garage between 7 and 8 o'clock and take the trailer, but they though it was a neighbor who has an interest in the trailer. Later it was discovered that the trailer had been stolen. The next morning it was learned that two hogs, one old sow weighing about 400 pounds and the other a young hog weighing about 175 pounds, had been stolen from a field near Bluffton. The hogs were driven from the field and killed at the side of the road before being loaded into the trailer. Sheriff Baker stated that a party had reported to him that he saw the men leave the trailer near the old cemetery here about 11 o'clock last Tuesday.

Portland Pool Room Proprietor Is Fined

Portland, Jan. 23.—The three charges against Samuel Renner, South Meridian street pool room proprietor whose trial was set for Thursday in the Jay circuit court, were disposed of late Wednesday afternoon, when Renner appeared before Judge R. D. Wheat and pleaded guilty to two of the charges, namely permitting minors to loiter in his place of business and permitting minors to play pool in his place. The third charge against him that of his having played pool with minors in his place of business, was dismissed on motion of Prosecutor Williamson.

Renner was fined \$25 on each of the two charges to which he pleaded guilty, there being no jail sentences attached to the fines. His arrest was the outgrowth of statements made by Blevy Franks and Roy Timmons, two youths who were brought here from the state reformatory yesterday to testify in the case of the state against Darwin Wagoner. They admitted that they had played pool in Renner's place and that Renner had played pool with them.

Would Limit Amount Of Taxes To Be Levied

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—Pointing out that "the sky is the limit" for tax levies in Indiana, Senator Batt, of Terre Haute yesterday afternoon introduced in the senate a bill to limit the levies of all taxes assessed in townships, school cities and cities to \$2.50.

"The only way to lighten the burden of taxation about which we hear so much is to fix a limit on the levies the different units of the state government can fix," Senator Batt said in discussing his measure.

"There is now a law to set the amount of bonded indebtedness at not more than two per cent of the taxable value of property, but the tax levy itself can be boosted to any figure."

Senator Batt said he thought that \$2.50 was a fair rate. In some units the levy is \$2.12 and in others it ranges as high as \$4.

A similar bill was sponsored by Senator Batt in the legislature two years ago.

Man Killed, Son Injured When Train Hits Auto

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 23.—Waldo Masterson, 37, was killed and his son Russell, six, was probably fatally injured when their automobile was struck by a train near Lamar. Masterson was a mail carrier.

James Steele Recovering From Injury To His Hand

James Steele, of Magley, is slowly recovering from the injury sustained recently when he was accidentally shot in his left hand. Mr. Steele had laid the barrel of his rifle on the live coals in a baseburner in an attempt to melt a lead bullet that had become lodged in the barrel. After the barrel became hot he lifted one end and the bullets were forced out at the trigger end by an explosion due to the air expanding in the barrel. Two of the bullets lodged in Mr. Steele's hand, one at the base of the thumb and the other at the base of the index finger. They were removed by physicians after an X-ray examination.

GENEVA FARMERS HOLD INSTITUTE

Interesting Sessions Held Thursday; Plans Made For Next Year

The three sessions of the Geneva Farmers Institute held yesterday were fairly well attended, the Geneva U. P. Church being the place of meeting. Mr. Muller and Mrs. Tuttle delivered interesting addresses at both day sessions. Excellent music was furnished by pupils of the Geneva High School and the Springer children. Two agricultural films featured the evening program.

Officers elected to have charge of the institute next year are as follows: Chairman, Walter Krick; Vice-Chairman, Martin Brennan; Secretary-Treasurer, James Barr. It is said sufficient membership was obtained to insure the institute for next year.

To Increase Capital Stock In Light Company

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Preble Light and Power company held last evening at the Peterson school house in Kirkland township, it was voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$8,000 to \$20,000. The capital is being increased so that extra connections and improvements to the line can be made. According to the by-laws of the company, patrons who are served by the company must also be stockholders. Several parties living along the line wish to have electric current furnished to them, it was stated and as all the original stock has been sold to patrons it was necessary to increase the capital.

Farmer Drops Dead

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Vevay, Ind., Jan. 23.—While delivering a load of tobacco to a warehouse here, William Myers, 65, a farmer, dropped dead.

SENIORS HEAR PLAY BROADCAST

Hear Play That They Will Stage Next Week Broadcast From New York

Miss Eloise Lewton entertained the members of the cast of the senior class play at a radio party at her home on North Second street last night. The party listened in on the play "Billy," which was broadcast from station WGY at Schenectady, New York, this being the play which the seniors will present at the high school auditorium next Wednesday and Thursday nights. Through the courtesy of N. J. Mylott, superintendent of the city light plant, the arc lights in the city were turned off during the play, which afforded a fine reception of the program. Later in the evening, Mrs. Lewton, mother of the hostess, served delicious refreshments. Those in attendance were: Misses Lee Anna Vance, Mary Macklin, Helen Christen, Jeanette Clark, Kathryn Hyland, Agnes Sellmeyer, Mrs. J. R. Blair, and Messers. Don Hunsicker, Clyde Cline, Hugh Andrews, Harold Lawson, Carroll Cole, Chalmers Everett, Ralph Kenworthy, and Charles Breiner.

Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; rising temperature.

CATHOLIC HIGH TO HOLD DEBATE

Local Debaters Will Meet C.C.H.S. Of Ft. Wayne Here Sunday

The first of a series of debates between the Decatur Catholic high school and the C. C. H. S. of Fort Wayne will be held in this city Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Knights of Columbus. The public is invited to attend. The subject of debate in an interesting one. It is "Resolved: That capital punishment should be abolished."

The D. C. H. S. debating team, composed of Anna Murtaugh, Helen Holthouse and Bernadine Christen, will take the affirmative, while the C. C. H. S. representatives namely Paul App, Bernard Braecker and Francis Corbett, the latter a former Decatur boy, will defend the negative.

The judges for the debate will be Walter Krick, principal of the Decatur High school; Miss Grace Coffee, teacher of English and writing in the public grade schools, and Miss Margaret Moran, also a teacher in the public grade schools of this city. Last year a debate was held between the D. C. H. S. and C. C. H. S. of Fort Wayne in this city and the local school won the contest.

On Monday evening, January 26, the D. C. H. S. negative team will go to Fort Wayne to debate the C. C. H. S. affirmative. The local speakers who will go to Fort Wayne are, Cedric Voglewede, Theodore Knapke and Arthur Voglewede.

The debates are held in the interest of teaching public speaking and to encourage students in their research work of timely topics.

Six New Bridges On State Roads Completed

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Rapidly completing its bridge construction program of 1924, delayed somewhat due to the late contract awards, the state highway commission today announced the opening to traffic of six bridges on important traffic lanes where detours or roadside run-arounds have been in force for weeks.

These structures are on Road No. 11 at a point 2 1/2 miles north of Road 17; one on No. 17 between Ligonier and Kendallville and on the same road a mile east of Waterloo; on No. 32 just north of Fincastle; on No. 23 between Veedersburg and Covington, and Covington, and on No. 39 near Laurel, south east of Rushville.

John D. Williams, director, cautions the public to drive carefully in the hill country of southern Indiana, because present temperatures are causing roads to thaw during the day and freeze at night, with the result road surfaces on the hills are slippery and hazardous. Attention was called that on Road No. 28, the ferry at White River between Rodgers and Sandy Hook is now running through a channel cut through the ice, but this channel may close any time again shutting off ferry operation.

Radio Fund Still Growing; Reaches \$337.95

The sum of \$32 was added today to the radio fund being raised to purchase receiving sets for the blind residents of the city and community, making the grand total of \$337.95 in the fund. The solicitors, Charles Colter and R. J. Harting, who are also the ones who conceived the plan here, are still at work and hope to increase the fund to \$400 or \$500 soon. More blind residents have been located here. There are seven blind residents of this city and two in the immediate vicinity of Decatur, for whom it is desired to purchase sets.

The Psi Iota Xi sorority today joined the list of organizations contributing to the fund, by giving five dollars. The new contributors are: previous total, \$305.95; Mutschler Packing company, \$10; Dr. Fred Patterson, \$1; Star Grocery, \$1; William Baker, \$1; William Bowen, \$1; L. A. Graham, \$1; Frank Young, \$1; George Dutcher, \$1; Rev. F. D. Whitesell, \$1; Angie Firk, \$1; Charles Voglewede, \$1; James W. Brown, \$1; Psi Iota Xi Sorority, \$5; H. A. Colchin, \$1; Charles Mowery, \$1. Total \$337.95.

The schedule for the girls' division is: Kirkland vs. Pleasant Mills, 1 p. m.; Parke vs. Monroe, 1:30 p. m.; winner 8:45 a. m. at 2:40 p. m.; winner 9:40 a. m. vs. Hartford at 3:40 p. m.; winner at 2:40 p. m. vs. winner at 3:40 p. m. at 8:40 p. m.

The schedule for the high school boys is as follows: Pleasant Mills vs. Kirkland, 8 a. m.; Monmouth vs. Jefferson, 8:45 a. m.; Monroe vs. Berne, 9:40 a. m.; winner 8 a. m. vs. winner 8:45 a. m. at 2:40 p. m.; winner 9:40 a. m. vs. Hartford at 3:40 p. m.; winner at 2:40 p. m. vs. winner at 3:40 p. m. at 8:40 p. m.

General admission will be twenty-five cents at each session and season tickets, good for all four sessions, are fifty cents.

Sullivan Dedicates High School Building

Sullivan, Ind., Jan. 22.—Sullivan new high school building was dedicated today. The building which has attracted the attention of educators and schoolmen of the state because of its efficient planning and economic construction was opened for public inspection during the afternoon.

President L. N. Hines, of the state normal school will deliver the dedicatory address this evening.

MARKETING BILL SUPPORTERS WIN

House Adopts Report For Passage Of Bill; Anti-Klan Forces Win

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Co-operative marketing and anti-klan forces were victorious in the state legislature today.

Co-operative marketing forces were victorious when the house of representatives adopted a committee report for the passage of the Murden-Hull bill authorizing the organization of co-operative marketing association in Indiana. The recommendation was submitted after unexpected delay which developed when one member of the house committee on agriculture to which the bill was submitted held out for its indefinite postponement.

This member however gave his last minute approval and the report was submitted.

A few minor amendments were made in the committee on the bill. Most of these were the corrections in the wording to make the bill more workable.

Anti-klan forces were victorious when the senate failed to adopt a minority committee report for passage of a bill introduced by Senator Sims, of Terre Haute to require all teachers in Indiana public schools to obtain their elementary and high school training from public schools of the state.

After a heated argument the house adopted a minority committee report recommending passage of the bill to create a state board of chiropractic examiners and to provide for the licensing of chiropractors.

O. F. Gilliom, well known resident of Berne, was a business caller in the city this afternoon.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT STARTS TONIGHT

Grade Players Play First Round; H.S. Cagers Start Saturday Morning

The eyes of all basketball fans throughout Adams County will be focused on this city tonight and tomorrow, when the county