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LARGE NUMBER OF ENROLLMENTS IN FARM CLUBS

County Agent Reports Total Of 148 Already Enrolled In Clubs

CORN CLUB LEADS

Industrial Association Holds Interesting Meeting Last Night

County Agent L. M. Busche reported to the members of the Decatur Industrial Association at an interesting meeting of the Association held last evening, that 148 applications for the Junior Farm clubs, which are monitored by the Decatur Industrial Association, had already been received. Avon Burk, president of the Association, presided and a smoker was enjoyed.

Mr. Busche stated that he expects more applications today and tomorrow, today being the last day for the boys between the ages of 10 and 18 to enroll.

The corn club leads with 70 enrolments, the calf club is next with 45 and the sugar beet third with 32 members. Prizes, including educational trips, amounting to about \$700 will be awarded to the winners in the different clubs.

Mr. Busche also reported that some difficulty was experienced in getting calves for the members of the calf club. However, he is in touch with several breeders in Wisconsin and Ohio and hopes to be able to obtain enough calves for all members.

The Association also voted in favor of personally helping the junior farm club members and for each member to get in touch with one or two of the boys and visit them during the summer and fall.

The Association voted against a motion to place benches in the court house lawn, the members feeling that loafers would occupy the benches most of the time and that it would ruin the grass in front of the court house. The Woman's Club asked that the matter be presented to the Association for approval or rejection and sentiment was against it.

The matter of taking action relative to converting the old cemetery on Winchester street into a park was discussed and the belief was expressed that action would be taken in the near future.

President Burk appointed several committees and the members discussed several projects of interest to Decatur and community, including roads, an outside entrance to the court house, so that the basement could be used as a public comfort station.

Meet in Two Weeks
The motion was made and carried that another meeting of the Association be held in two weeks at which time reports will be made and other matters disposed of.

COUNCIL ORDERS NEW RECTIFIERS

Takes Another Step To Eliminate Radio Interference At City Plant

The city council held a special session last evening for the purpose of ordering the new G. E. type rectifiers at the City Light and Power Plant, which will be used in distributing the current for the arc lights scattered over the city. M. J. Mylott, superintendent of the power plant, was authorized by the council to place the order for the rectifiers.

It was found that the old style rectifiers at the city plant were causing interference to radio reception in Decatur. Expert engineers from the General Electric company, Fort Wayne, together with local men, made an inspection several weeks ago and were convinced that the old rectifiers were causing the trouble. The system used at the plant was the alternating plan of reducing the current for the arc lights, while with the new type rectifiers, direct current will be furnished.

The change will cost the city approximately \$400, a credit of \$75 being allowed for the old rectifiers.

"Aerial Bootlegger" Is Captured In Rum Row By Uncle Sam's Crack Coast Guardsmen

New York, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—For the second time in seven months an "aerial bootlegger" has been captured in Rum Row.

While establishing communication with a liquor laden vessel anchored 100 miles off shore, the giant seaplane Lorraine II and its crew were seized by coast guardsmen and will arrive here today.

A dispatch from the cutter Mojave, which is bringing its quarry to this port, said the Lorraine was being used

to transport whisky from Rum Row to New York.

According to prohibition officials, under the liquor treaty with Great Britain, it may be possible for the government to seize the vessel with which the Lorraine was establishing communication, even if the rum runner were 100 miles off shore.

The Lorraine was captured while it was tied alongside a bootleg ship in Rum Row, according to word from the Mojave.

Wants Case Tried Before

CROWE DEMANDS AN EARLY TRIAL OF W.D. SHEPHERD

"Defense Can Poison Minds of the People"

FIGHTING FOR BAIL

Defense Attorneys Say They Can Discredit Faiman's Charges

UNITED PRESS SERVICE

Chicago, Mar. 31.—Immediate trial of William D. Shepherd on the charge that he murdered his wealthy ward, Billy McClinton, was demanded today by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe at the reopening of the defense flight for bail.

William Scott Stewart, chief defense attorney, asked Judge Jacob Hopkins to place Dr. Herman Bundesen, city health commissioner, on the stand.

"I can show through Dr. Bundesen that it was impossible for Shepherd or anybody else to obtain typhoid fever germs from the health department," Stewart said.

Dr. C. C. Faiman, chief state witness, insists that he secured typhoid germs from the health department, and that he turned them over to Shepherd for the avowed purpose of killing McClinton.

Crowe objected to placing Dr. Bundesen on the stand.

"I refuse to have this case tried by piece-meal," Crowe shouted. "Let's have this trial go on at once before the defense can poison the minds of the people. I demand that a jury be summoned and the trial started immediately."

Stewart refused to acquiesce to the demand and argument continued on the question of hearing Dr. Bundesen. Stewart declared he "would blow the case out of the water" if Judge Hopkins would allow his witnesses to testify.

Judge Hopkins adjourned the hearing until 11 a. m. tomorrow, refusing to hear Dr. Bundesen and his two assistants, summoned by Stewart.

"You will have to file affidavits before me tomorrow and then I shall decide whether to reopen the bail hearing," Judge Hopkins said.

INDIANAPOLIS BLIND MAN IS ARRESTED FOR OPERATING BLIND TIGER

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—William H. Broslas, a blind man, was held today on a charge of operating a "blind tiger." His arrest followed a police raid on his home in which a quantity of liquor was found.

It is the first time in the history of the Indianapolis police department that a blind man has been arrested on such a charge.

BERNE BOOSTS RELIEF FUND

Sends Total Of \$334.02; Total For County Has Reached \$520.20

Adams county's donation to the Red Cross relief fund, being raised for relief work among the victims of the tornado in southern Indiana and Illinois recently, took a great boost today when T. A. Gottschalk, in charge of the relief fund at Berne, reported to Miss Anna Winnie, secretary of the Red Cross chapter in this county, that citizens of Berne and immediate vicinity have contributed a total of \$334.02 to date.

Mr. Gottschalk sent two certificates of deposit, totalling that amount. He stated that most of that amount was from voluntary donations and that very little had been added from the regular relief fund. The total for the county has reached \$520.20.

Donations from citizens of Decatur and community continued to pour in today and as a result the total of the

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Weather

Fair tonight and Wednesday and not much change in temperature.

Memories Of Broken Engagement Cause Lillian Gish To Shed Real Tears In Court

New York, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"The pulsing thrash of tremendous situations" is being enacted as fervently within the narrow confines of Judge Mack's federal courtroom as ever it was in Hollywood. Lillian Gish has shed real tears.

As Charles H. Duell, Jr., who is suing the actress to compel her to fulfill a contract in which she bound herself to set for him only, testified that before something or other happened, they had been engaged. Lillian put her face in her hands and

soothed.

The "official" engagement came in June, 1923. Duell said, their feeling for each other having been styled "unofficial" prior to that time because the producer's first wife had not obtained a complete divorce from him.

Duell said the engagement was broken "by mutual consent."

Duell told of loaning Lillian large sums of money and said he was chosen as executor of her because her financial affairs were in bad shape and she asked him to straighten them out.

FRANCE REFUSES TO TAKE PART IN AN ARMS PARLEY

Not Interested In Disarmament Conference Proposed By Coolidge

PARLEY IS UNLIKELY

State Officials At Washington Surprised By Attitude Of France

By A. L. Bradford,
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Paris, March 31.—The French foreign office has instructed Ambassador Emile Daeschner to inform the United States government officially that France is not at present interested in proposals for a new disarmament conference.

The attitude is assumed in Quai d'Orsay that France has limited her cruisers and other war implements as far as possible under the present circumstances and that provisions for her security must be settled before further land and air disarmament can be discussed.

These statements were made up on the official authority of the foreign office this afternoon.

By Ludwell Denny,
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Mar. 31.—There will be no Washington arms conference this year unless France can be induced to change her hostile attitude as expressed in official reports from Paris today.

State department officials were surprised by the Paris report that Ambassador Daeschner had been instructed to notify this government officially that France is not at present interested in President Coolidge's proposal.

"We have requested no opinion of France and can make no further comment," Secretary of State Kellogg said.

France's unfriendliness to the proposal has caused much uneasiness in official circles here for two months, as exclusively reported by the United Press. But officials have hoped until the last minute that the French foreign office could be converted to the desirability of another conference.

Since France at the first Washington conference blocked limitation of

cruisers, submarines and auxiliary naval craft, which is the primary purpose of the proposed conference, unofficial negotiations with Paris for further arms limitation have been an uphill task.

Today, though in favor of the conference, feels that she must balance French sea power in the Mediterranean.

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Knights Of Pythias To Donate To Relief Fund

The local lodge of Knights of Pythias has received a communication from the Grand Chancellor, asking for donations for the needy in the recent cyclone district. The lodge has decided not to make a personal canvass for these funds, but it is requested that any Brother wishing to donate to this Pythian relief fund may send the same or hand it to W. A. Lower, at the Peoples Loan & Trust company, or F. V. Mills, at his store or Second street. All funds thus received will be forwarded by Joseph Hunter, Keeper of Records and Seal, to the proper officer.

The vote was 505,542 shares favoring the merger, 152,818 shares opposing it and 225,882 shares not voting.

All roads parties to the projected consolidation now have approved it and the next steps are up to the Interstate commerce commission and the Virginia and Ohio courts. The roads involved are the Chesapeake & Ohio, Erie, Pere Marquette, Hocking Valley and the new Nickel Plate, key-stone of the merger.

The Van Sweringen brothers, engineers of the consolidation, who sat all night with the other stockholders, expressed pleasure at the outcome of the vote and announced that no move would be made to carry out the merger until approval had been received from the Interstate commerce commission and the state courts who have entered the situation.

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NEW LAWS AFFECT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gary Officials Surprised By Resignation Of R. O. Johnson As Mayor

The resignation of R. O. Johnson as mayor of the city of Gary, last Saturday was a sensational surprise even to many of his closest friends. After a two-year strain he seemed suddenly to decide to end the masterly by retiring from the post he has so ably filled.

The entire official family of Gary had gathered at the lake front pavilion to discuss a proposed issue of

bonds for \$150,000 for park improvements this year is one of the best investments the city can make. You cannot see where your money has gone when it is spent in digging and cleaning sewers and in cleaning streets and alleys. But your beautiful parks and boulevards are investments that can be seen and are increasing in value every year.

"Now I have an announcement to make. Tomorrow I shall hand in my resignation as mayor of Gary to take effect Monday, when the city comptroller, W. J. Fulton, will become mayor."

The mayor's voice trembled slightly but he continued: "I have given up the fight. I am going to lock the door and throw away the key. I am going out holding enmity against no man and hoping that none of my fellow citizens will hold enmity against me."

Several of those present expressed regret at the mayor's action and a rising vote of confidence in him was taken, every person present rising to his feet. Mr. Johnson told newspaper representatives that his case now before the supreme court had been postponed until someone in April and he is still hoping for a reversal, but he concluded to resign his office. He will remain in Gary until the case is disposed of and will then decide upon his future plans.

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Price Of Gasoline Will Advance Cent Tomorrow

Indianapolis, March 31—The Standard Oil company of Indiana will increase gasoline prices one cent throughout Indiana tomorrow, it was announced by company officials today.

The increase is to absorb the one cent increase in the state gasoline tax, which becomes effective tomorrow.

Other oil companies are expected to follow the example of the Standard Oil and boost one cent.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBER NAMED

Attorney C. L. Walters Appointed Republican Member Of Board

L. A. Graham, republican county chairman, notified Mrs. Catherine Kaufman, city clerk and chairman of the city election board, this morning that C. L. Walters, well known attorney of this city, had been named as the republican member of the election board. The other member besides Mrs. Kaufman, is Fred V. Mills.

The commissioners will meet with the next day of two and arrange plans for holding the city primary. Legal notices must be published and the election commissioners must also look after the printing of the ballots, including the absent voters ballots, which must be printed about 15 days previous to the election.

Saturday is the last day for candidates to file their declarations of intention to run for city offices. So far, no republican candidates have filed. With the democrats, candidates have filed for every office except that of councilman in the third ward, and several men are being mentioned for that place. The democrats have two candidates for mayor and as far as known there will not be a third candidate. The city primary will be held on May 4 and the general election will be held in November.