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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 sponsored 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 expected 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 enrollments, 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 movement 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.

Meeting 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 Lorrain 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 Lorrain 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 Lorrain was establishing communication, even if the rum runner were 100 miles off shore.

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

Several Decatur Red Men are planning to attend a district meeting of the Improved Order of Red Men, to be held at Fort Wayne, on April 8.

The meeting will begin at 3 p. m. and will end with a night session. Tribes from several surrounding counties will be present and Pocotaligo Tribe, No. 203, of Decatur, will be represented. The officers of the local tribe request that as many brothers as possible attend the regular meeting of the lodge Wednesday night to make arrangements to attend the district meeting.

COUNTY'S OLDEST CITIZEN IS DEAD

William Drew, Well Known Attorney, Dies Of Apoplexy At Geneva

Geneva, Ind., March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—William Drew, 91, well known attorney and former justice of the peace here for many years, believed to be the oldest citizen of the county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Lindsey, here, Sunday night, following a stroke of apoplexy which came last Thursday. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon from the United Brethren church here with interment in West Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Drew would have reached his ninety-second birthday July 5, and it was his desire to live to round out his full century. He was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1833. He moved from there to Steuben county, New York, where he was educated in the common schools and later took a course at Union Academy at Knoxville, Pa. When a young man he moved to Ohio where he clerked in Pickaway and Fayette counties until 1855, when he moved to Randolph county, Indiana, and taught school several years. While there he served as a justice of peace. He enlisted in Co. E, 84th Indiana infantry, and served one year, being discharged because of illness. He came to Geneva in 1876 and has since resided here. He practiced law many years, served as trustee of the town of Geneva and as justice of the peace. He was married in 1856 to Miss Rebecca Vorhis, of Randolph county, and six children were born to them. Mrs. Drew died many years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lindsey, of Geneva, and Mrs. Robert Black, of Oklahoma, and one son, Thomas, of this place.

Attendance Good At Pre-Easter Services At Presbyterian Church

The "pre-Easter" services at the Presbyterian church began the second week with a large congregation last night. The sermons which Rev. Allston has been preaching have been plain, yet forceful and direct. Much favorable comment has been heard concerning his ability as a preacher.

"The Rejection of Jesus—the Rejection of Life," was the subject upon which Rev. Allston spoke last night. "Jesus brought to humanity what all mankind is seeking," he asserted. "Jesus brought to the world those things essential to real life. He brought to the life of humanity a vital consciousness of the presence and blessing of God the Father. He brought to mankind a spirit that makes for purity, purposefulness, peace, liberty, and love. Without these things there can be no real life. Man can exist without these things. He can struggle and strive and fight and hate and backbite and devour and kill, but he cannot do these things and really live. It is to emancipate himself from these things that he is constantly struggling. But there is only one way to freedom from this life of disappointment and failure. Jesus is that way. I am the way, the truth, and the life," he said. The man who rejects Jesus is rejecting the very thing he is seeking. He is rejecting life itself. The man who rejects Him must die in his sins. He must continue to miss the mark, to transgress the laws of God, to violate the laws of life, to stand in opposition to the universe itself."

This evening Rev. Allston will speak on the subject, "The Magic of Grace" or "How God Saves." The interest in the night services is growing and judging from the attendance at last night's service, large audiences may be expected during the week.

Small Pox Epidemic Is Greatly Improved

Bluffton, March 31.—The small pox epidemic in Union township of this county is greatly improved. School was resumed yesterday after all students had been vaccinated. Several cases of the disease had been reported at homes near the school, which caused dismissal for several days. All old cases are said to be improving and no new ones have been reported for the last two days.

BANDITS LOOT LAKETON BANK

Two Unmasked Men Get Between \$1,000 And \$1,500 Near Wabash

Wabash, Ind., March 31.—(United Press Service).—Two unmasked bandits robbed the State bank at Laketon, ten miles northeast of here of between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in cash today.

The bandits drove up to the bank in an automobile and one of them covered J. L. Bright, cashier, and Mrs. Violet Ogden, assistant cashier with revolvers while the others took the money from the cashier's cage.

The bandits overlooked \$1,000 in bonds and made their escape in an auto.

Mrs. Jacob Barkley Dies At Her Home In Hoagland

Mrs. Jacob Barkley died at her home in Hoagland, Monday evening. Death was due to apoplexy, with which she was stricken a week ago. Mrs. Barkley was born in the vicinity of Hoagland and lived there all her life. Her husband died twelve years ago. His death was caused by apoplexy also.

Mrs. Barkley is survived by three sons and three daughters. Several more distant relatives and many friends reside in Decatur and vicinity. Funeral services will be held from the Hoagland Methodist church at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with burial in the Antioch cemetery.

SECOND WEEK OF SERVICES OPENS

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CROWE DEMANDS AN EARLY TRIAL OF W.D. SHEPHERD

Wants Case Tried Before "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 McClintock, was demanded today by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe at the reopening of the defense fight 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 McClintock.

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.—(United Press).—William H. Brosius, 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 Winnes, 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 throb 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 sobbed.

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.

C. & O. OWNERS VOTE FOR MERGER

Stockholders Deliberate For 23 Hours Before Taking Vote

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Richmond, Va., March 31.—After 23 hours in continuous session, unprecedented in financial history, stockholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad voted to enter their railroad in the gigantic Van Swearingen railroad merger.

The vote was 565,542 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, Keystone of the merger.

The Van Swearingen brothers, engineers of the consolidation, who sit 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.

NEW LAWS AFFECT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Several Bills Passed By Recent Legislature Affect Curriculum

Several bills passed by the recent session of the Indiana General Assembly have a direct bearing on the curriculum of public schools and also are of interest to school officials, teachers and students. House enrolled act No. 287 directs the state superintendent of public instruction to provide, by proper rules, for the teaching of a course of diet and nutrition in all elementary and high schools. Failure or refusal to comply with the rule shall be cause for revocation of license. The act was approved March 9.

An act approved March 11 directs that the state and Federal constitutions shall be taught in all schools in the state, as a part of the history course in the elementary grades and part of the civics course in high schools. School officials who fail or refuse to provide for the work shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100.

Senate enrolled bill No. 35 amends an act of 1911 and makes in mandatory for township trustees, boards of school trustees and school commissioners to buy United States flags, four by six feet in size, for schools. The old law provided that flags could be bought on petition of a majority of school patrons. A house enrolled act provides that all schools shall display the American flag on all national and state holidays that are designated as such by the President or governor. For violation of this act there is a fine of from \$10 to \$100.

A fine of from \$25 to \$100 also is incorporated in the law for anyone who mutilates a school flag. Another house bill provides that credit shall be given to students enrolled in higher educational institutions for any study of the Bible done either in the school or in religious schools in connection. These credits can be substituted for any required work for graduation.

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 armaments 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.

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

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ELECTION BOARD MEMBER NAMED

Attorney C. L. Walters Appointed Republican Member Of Board

L. A. Graham, republican county chairman, notified Mrs. Catherine Kauffman, 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. Kauffman, is Fred V. Mills.

The commissioners will meet within the next day or 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.

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.