

STEPHENSON FACES NEW INDICTMENT

PREBLE TOWNSHIP FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE SUNDAY

**William Koldewey Hangs
Self In Shed At Home
Of His Son-in-law**

WORRY OVER ILL HEALTH IS CAUSE

William Koldewey, age 67, prominent Preble township farmer, ended his life by hanging about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the home of his son-in-law, Gust Borne, in Preble township, where he had been living. Mr. Koldewey had been in ill health for some time and worry over his physical condition is said to have been the cause.

Mr. Koldewey left home about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, stating that he was going out to the barn. Early last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Borne found him in a shed near the house. He had tied a rope to a rafter in the shed and had kicked the board, on which he was standing, away from him. Mr. Koldewey had not been dead very long when found.

The deceased man was a prominent and well-known farmer of Preble township. He was born on the farm on which he ended his life, April 27, 1858. He was the son of Frederick and Bernadina Koldewey. Mr. Koldewey was educated in the Preble township schools and while a young man he was married to Louise Ewell. Three children were born to them, two of whom are living. They are Adolph Koldewey, of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Martha Palmer, of Toledo. Several years after the death of his wife, Mr. Koldewey was married to Louise Dirksen, who survives, together with two children. They are Mrs. Gust Borne and Carl Oetting, of Flint, Michigan. One sister, Mrs. Mary Bieberich, and ten grandchildren also survive.

ARTHUR HYLAND BUYS BUSINESS

**Becomes Owner Of Plumbing
Concern Formerly
Owned By His Father**

Arthur Hyland, son of the late P. J. Hyland, today completed a deal whereby he becomes owner and manager of the P. J. Hyland plumbing company. The new concern opened today for business and will be called The Hyland Plumbing and Heating company. Mr. Hyland announced today that the new concern will strive to carry out the policies of the old company.

The new owner has had several years experience in the plumbing business, having been assistant to his father for the last several years. J. N. Irelan, who has been employed by the Hyland company for several years, will continue in his capacity under the new management.

War Veterans Hold Reunion At Marion

Marion, Ind., Oct. 5.—(United Press)—Members of the 139th field artillery were on their way home today after attending the fourth annual reunion of the organization.

Herman Becker, Huntington, was elected president; Elmer Turner, of Indianapolis, first vice president, and Ora G. Nix, of Evansville, second vice president.

Huntington was selected for the 1926 reunion.

Railroad Official Is Killed In Auto Wreck

Attica, Ind., Oct. 5.—(United Press)—The body of W. H. Scriven, superintendent of the Chicago Terminal division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was to be shipped to his home at Oak Park, Ill., today for burial.

Scriven was killed when his auto went over a fifteen foot embankment near here yesterday. Two other occupants of the car received minor injuries.

WILL ACCOMPANY COOLIDGE PARTY

**Francis Stephenson, Former
Decatur Youth, To Be On
Presidential Train**

Francis Stephenson, former Decatur resident and a brother of Miss Helen Stephenson, instructor of physical training for girls, in the local public schools, will be on the presidential train which will pass through the southern part of Indiana tomorrow, enroute to the national convention of the American Legion, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Francis, who attended the Decatur high school, has been connected with Washington newspapers for several years, having served as city editor of one of Washington's leading newspapers. At present, the former Decatur young man is White House editor of the Associated Press and he accompanies the President and his party on all trips.

Most of the Associated Press stories released from Washington, concerning activities at the White House, are written by Francis. One other Indiana man is on the President's train.

AMUSEMENT PARK IS PLANNED HERE

**Dan Zeser Announces Plan
For Recreation Center
In Grove Near City**

Dan Zeser, son of Peter Zeser, has purchased the popular Zeser grove, two and a half miles southeast of this city, and will convert it into an amusement park and build a dancing pavilion, he announced this morning. The new park will be opened early next spring and will be known as Zeser's park.

The grove has been used for many years as a picnic grounds, it having a swimming pool and forty acres of shade. Tables have been erected there and many societies, lodges and churches of this city and county have been using the grove for reunions and meetings.

To Begin Work Soon

Mr. Zeser stated today that he would begin work at once on his new project so that it would be ready for opening in the spring. He plans to convert the grove into a real amusement park and construct a large dancing pavilion which will be open to the public.

Hundreds of Decatur people used the grove this last summer during the hot weather as a picnic ground and bathing place. The creek, which runs through the grove has been dammed up and affords a large pool where fresh water runs in at all times.

Mr. Zeser, who has been in California for several years, returned recently, and has been negotiating for the land for several weeks. He completed the deal this morning and will start at once rebuilding and remodeling the grove. It will contain tables and accommodations for picnics, family reunions and other affairs. The park will be formally opened next spring, Mr. Zeser stated today.

Elks To Meet At New Home Wednesday Night

The Decatur lodge of the B. P. O. Elks will hold an important meeting at the new home on North Second street Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, Fred Schurger, exalted ruler, announced today. Business of importance will be transacted and all members are urged to attend. The meeting was postponed from last Wednesday.

GRADES OF CALF CLUB MEMBERS ARE ANNOUNCED

**All Of The 37 Members Of
The Club Get Free Trip
To Indianapolis**

CALVES JUDGED AT BERNE SATURDAY

According to arrangements which have now been completed, all of the 37 boys and girls who were members of the Adams County Calf Club this year, will make a trip to the National Dairy Show at Indianapolis, on Tuesday, October 13. A large parlor car bus has been contracted for, which will carry the members and their chaperons to and from Indianapolis. The bus will leave Decatur at 4 o'clock in the evening.

Final grades of calf club members who displayed their animals at Berne Saturday, have been determined and are listed below. Of the Holsteins, Mr. Gannon placed the calves as their owners are listed below: first, Noah Schrock; second, Theodore Mason; third, LeRoy Stauffer; fourth, Byron Beard; fifth, Franklin C. Mazelin; sixth, Selma Habegger; seventh, Wilson Weiland; eighth, Elmer Inniger; ninth, Walter Amstutz; tenth, Albert Steury; eleventh, Marion Smith; twelfth, Esther Liechty; thirteenth, Eldon Lehman; fourteenth, Lorene Rich; fifteenth, Linda Liechty.

The Jerseys placed as follows: first, Elizabeth Mosser; second, Frederick J. Duff; third, Herman Griffiths.

There was only one Guernsey entry. Enos L. Zuercher wins first place in his class.

In arriving at final grades several other factors besides the showing of the calf was considered. Record books, which were submitted by all members, were graded and this constituted 30 percent of the final grade. The methods of feeding, the management used by the members and the attitude shown by members made up another 30 percent of the final grade.

PYTHIANS MEET AT INDIANAPOLIS

**Open Fifty-seventh Annual
Session Of Grand Lodge
Tuesday Morning**

Indianapolis, Oct. 5.—(United Press).—Officials of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Indiana today made final arrangements for the fifty-seventh annual convention of the grand lodge of the order which opens tomorrow.

The opening ceremony of the convention will be the memorial services for members of the lodge who died during the past year.

Election of officers will be held tomorrow afternoon. Nathan Lane, Darlington, is scheduled for advancement from vice-grand chancellor to grand chancellor to succeed Dore Irwin, of Decatur. Business affairs of the order will occupy the attention of the convention Wednesday.

Money Donated To Landscape County Court House Lawn

**The Rev. Leonard W. A. Luckey, Of New York City, A Native Of Adams County, Makes Offer In
Letter Received By Daily Democrat; Wants To Make Gift In Memory Of His Father, Who
Was Leader In Movement To Have Present Court House Erected; Plans To Make Greater
Gift To This City Later In Recognition Of Other Memories.**

Reading in the Decatur Daily Democrat of the suggestion that the grounds around the Court House building in this city be landscaped and beautified, the Rev. Leonard W. A. Luckey, Ph.D., of New York City, a native of Adams county, author and educator, has offered to give \$250. to buy the shrubbery and plants needed to carry out the landscape work. The offer was made in a letter to the Daily Democrat, and was made in memory of Rev. Luckey's father, George W. Luckey.

Mr. Luckey's letter was filed with the county commissioners this morning and his offer accepted by the board. A plan submitted by the Wagner Park Nursery company, of Sidney, Ohio, for beautifying the grounds, has been taken under consideration by the board and it, or a similar one, will be used by the commissioners in carrying out the plan of beautification.

DELEGATE RETURNS

**John D. Andrews Represents Decatur
Spanish-American War Veterans
At Encampment.**

John D. Andrews returned to Decatur, yesterday, from St. Petersburg, Florida, where he attended the national encampment of the Spanish-American War veterans. One thousand delegates and hundreds of other veterans attended the five-day session.

Mr. Andrews said that a fine program was enjoyed by all those attending the session. The next meeting will be held next fall at Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Andrews represented the Decatur post of the Spanish War veterans.

COL. MITCHELL TOLD OF CHARGES

**Informed Of Facts On
Which His Court Martial
Will Be Based**

Bulletin
By William J. McEvoy
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Oct. 5.—(United Press).—Colonel "Billy" Mitchell was called to the war department this morning and informed officially of charges upon which his courtmartial will be based.

The air officer who started the furore over the nation's air defense, was received by Colonel G. A. Nugent, acting for Inspector General Hellmich and they went into conference.

Mitchell refused to comment on

DISMISS SUIT AGAINST BANK

**Dallas Greek Drops Suit
Against Yoder Bank To
Recover Stolen Bonds**

Prospects of an interesting and hard-fought law suit in the Adams circuit court went glimmering today when the case was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff. The case was that of Dallas Greek against the Yoder State Bank, which was an outgrowth of the robbery of the Yoder bank several years ago.

A large number of bonds and other securities were stolen from the bank and the depositors brought suit against the bank to secure judgment for their losses. About fifteen or sixteen suits were filed against the bank as a result of the robbery. The bank made plans to fight the suits on the grounds that it was not liable in case of burglaries. Some of the boxes in which the bonds were stolen from the bank were found in the St. Marys river southeast of this city.

One of the cases against the bank was tried at Auburn twice, and the jury disagreed in the case on both occasions. The Supreme court has held since the robbery that the bank is not liable, it is said. It is thought that the other suits against the bank will be dismissed. Attorney David E. Smith, of Fort Wayne, former judge of the Adams circuit court, was one of the attorneys for the bank in the suit here.

ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED

**Large Crowds Attend 80th
Anniversary Services At
St. Peters Church**

Capacity crowds attended the eighty anniversary services of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, in Root township, held at the church yesterday. At 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, a special jubilee service was held and in the afternoon a general get-together meeting of the congregation was held. Talks were made by the former pastors and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock another fine service was held.

Several of the former pastors and practically every member of the congregation and many visitors were present at the services, and the day was one of the happiest in the history of the congregation.

PRESIDENT ON WAY TO LEGION MEET IN OMAHA

**Nation's Executive Passes
Through Ohio, Indiana
And Illinois Today**

CONVENTION OPENS TOMORROW MORNING

Vincennes, Oct. 5.—The special train bearing President Coolidge to the American Legion convention at Omaha passed through this city at 1:05 this afternoon. The President and Mrs. Coolidge appeared on the platform during a short stop.

By William J. Losh,
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Aboard the Presidential Special Train, Enroute to Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—With nearly 24 hours travel still ahead of him, President Coolidge today relaxed in his palatial car, shed the cares of office and enjoyed the scenery of southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois through which his train sped.

Out west ahead, lies a big day tomorrow, with a speech to the American Legion, a luncheon and a parade review. But today Mrs. Coolidge is exercising that rare faculty which has made him the best conditioned president for many years—forgetting his troubles.

With a book in hand, he spends his time in the observation parlor of his car at the rear of the train, now reading, now absorbing the details of the countryside and evidences of its prosperity.

"Buddies" On Hand.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—(United Press).—Fifty thousand "buddies," enthusiastic, almost riotous in their gayety, were on hand today for the opening of the seventh national convention of the American Legion.

Another 50,000 delegates and visitors are expected tomorrow for the visit of President and Mrs. Coolidge.

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Anderson Man Escapes Death When Plane Falls

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 5.—(United Press).—Minor injuries and a wrecked airplane today were all that reminded Fred Parker, local pilot, of a narrow escape from death yesterday.

A new plane, just recently completed at a factory here, fell 50 feet when it was taking off for its maiden flight. The machine hit an air pocket about 50 feet from the ground and crashed when the motor went bad.

WILL CONDUCT DANCING SCHOOL

**Fred T. Schurger to Instruct
Class At K. Of C. Hall, Be-
ginning Thursday**

A dancing school will be opened in this city next Thursday night, at the K. of C. hall, under the supervision of Fred T. Schurger and his assistants, it was announced today. A nominal fee will be charged for instructions and partners will be furnished for all those enrolling in the school.

The school will begin next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, and all students are requested to be at the hall by 7 o'clock so they will be able to register before the school starts. A regular dance to which everybody is invited will be held after each dancing class. The assembly dance will begin at 8:45 o'clock.

Mr. Schurger has conducted several dancing classes, in Decatur and other towns near here. A good orchestra has been obtained for the opening night of the school and for each session thereafter, it was said.

SITE OBTAINED FOR MEMORIAL

**Commissioners Give Consent
To Placing Of Rock
In Court House Lawn**

The Adams county commissioners gave their consent today to placing "Elephant Rock," the great boulder, on the court house lawn in front of the court house. The big rock, weighing, it is estimated, between 40 and 50 tons, will be moved from the bed of the St. Marys river to Decatur and placed in front of the court house as a memorial to Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, the Hoosier author and former resident of Geneva and Adams county.

The campaign in this county for the raising of funds, with which to bring the rock in and place it on a foundation, opened last Friday in the schools throughout the county. Only a small amount, estimated at eight or nine hundred dollars will be necessary to pay the cost of bringing in the rock and placing a tablet on it in memory of Mrs. Porter.

It is stated that the Standard Oil company agreed to donate enough ground for the placing of the rock at the point of Winchester and Second streets and Mercer avenue, but in view of the fact that the memorial to Mrs. Porter is to be a county proposition, it was deemed advisable to have the rock placed in front of the court house, on public property.

Merger Of Wholesale Drug Firms Announced

Toledo, O., Oct. 5.—(United Press).—Merger of the Walding, Kinnan and Marvin company, Toledo, with Kelter-Stewart company, Indianapolis wholesale drug establishments, was announced here today.

The combined capital of the two companies is in excess of \$2,000,000 and total business transacted annually is more than \$8,000,000.

The Indianapolis concern has bought the Dodge and Bradley interests in the Toledo firm, the announcement said.

Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday; probably showers Tuesday in northwest portion; rising temperature Tuesday and in west portion tonight.

EX-KLAN LEADER IS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED ARSON

**Klenk, Gentry And Stephenson's Secretary Also
Named In Indictment**

NOW IN JAIL ON MURDER CHARGE

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Oct. 5.—D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Indiana Klan was indicted by the Marion county grand jury today on a charge of conspiracy to commit a felony in connection with a fire at his palatial home here last April.

Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, henchmen of the former klan leader, and Fred Butler, his secretary, were jointly indicted with him.

Stephenson, Klenck and Gentry are in jail at Noblesville awaiting trial on an indictment charging murder. The trial is scheduled to start next Monday.

The indictment returned today charges the four men with attempted arson. The fire in Stephenson's home occurred the day before he was indicted for murder.

Cans, containing 30 gallons of gasoline and oil were found scattered about the building and all gas jets in the house were open.

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 5.—(United Press).—Further delay in the trial of D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan, and Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry is unlikely, Judge Hines of the Hamilton county court, indicated today.

Stephenson and his two henchmen are scheduled to go on trial a week from today on charges of murdering Miss Madge Oberholzer, of Indianapolis.

Judge Hines pointed out that Oct. 12 had been agreed on as the trial date by Judge Will Sparks of Rushville, special trial judge, and attorneys

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REPUBLICANS AT BERNE NOMINATE

**Town Ticket Chosen at Convention; Slate Is Called
Republic Ticket**

Berne, Oct. 5.—The Berne republicans held a convention in the town hall Thursday night and nominated a ticket for the town election to be held on November 3. The ticket will be known as the Republic ticket instead of the Republican and the emblem will be an elephant instead of the eagle. This was done to comply with a ruling made by the Republican and Democratic state committees to apply to towns where primary elections were not held last spring, according to the election law passed a few months before the primary.

The local democrats, who held a convention last spring, also had to adopt another name for their ticket, the name of "Citizens" ticket being adopted. The emblem will be the word "Citizens" within the circle.

The men nominated by the republicans were: Amos Snyder, trustee, first ward; L. L. Yager, trustee, second ward; Albert N. Sprunger, trustee, third ward; Fred Kamholz, clerk-treasurer. The campaign slogan of the republicans is economy, lower taxes and law enforcement.

Run Up Stairs Proves Fatal To Ex-policeman

Columbus, Ind., Oct. 5.—(United Press).—When Newton R. Clark, 80, a former policeman of this city ran up a flight of stairs in the Keller building last night, where he was employed as custodian he suffered a heart attack and fell dead.

He was a life-long resident of this city and leaves four children.