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INDIANA PAYS FINAL HONOR TO RALSTON

"LOVERS' LANE" BANDIT SOUGHT IN WISCONSIN

Murder Near Kenosha Resembles Slaying Of Fort Wayne Couple

DETECTIVE FROM FORT WAYNE JOINS SEARCH

Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 17.—(United Press)—Search for a moron-bandit, who is believed responsible for several "lovers' lane" holdups in the midwest, was started today in connection with the double murder of pretty Madeline Latimer and her sweetheart, James Sears. The young couple was slain in Sears' automobile early Thursday as it was parked along a lovers' lane near Kenosha.

Just as local authorities felt they had exhausted every possible clew in their investigation of the double slaying, Walter Kavanaugh, Fort Wayne, Ind. detective, arrived by airplane to aid in the search. Kavanaugh was sent here because of the similarity of the murder here with the slaying of Howard Fischer and Katherine Herbers, near Fort Wayne, on May 6 of this year.

Preys On "Spooner's"

It was revealed in the investigation by the Fort Wayne authorities that the "bicycle bandit" laid in wait along roads used by "spooning couples" and would approach them and demand their cash and jewelry, threatening with exposure if they resisted.

Fearing such exposure, the victims failed to enter complaints, it is believed, and as the result the man was able to continue his banditry unnoticed by the law.

Sheriff Frank Willems expressed the opinion that Sears was shot first and that Miss Latimer fainted when she saw her lover slumped in the seat. The murderer then deliberately placed the muzzle of the revolver to the forehead of the girl and fired, ending her life, so as to avoid detection.

Printing Course Added To Muncie High School

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 17.—A printing extension course, which it is believed will serve as a model for the country, has been added to the vocational course at the local high school.

The course was added at the request of the local branch of the International Typographical Union of America.

At the present the course is open only to apprentices and journeymen employed in local printing offices, but may be opened to all students of the school next year.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD OCT. 25

Decatur Lutherans To Con- duct Drive For Val- paraiso University

Placards have been placed in various business houses of town announcing a mass meeting of Lutheran workers for October 25 in the interest of Valparaiso University.

The chairman of the Fort Wayne district, F. J. Gal'meyer, has been active in organizing the congregations of the district. Chairmen have been named in the various Lutheran congregations in this district to assist in the campaign to be carried on the week of November 29, with the purpose of raising \$883,000 for the endowment and rehabilitation of Valparaiso University. Valparaiso University was taken over by members of the Lutheran church. The intention is to develop it into a school of higher learning of high educational standards.

Oscar Lankenau has been appointed chairman of the local congregation. The Rev. Arthur W. Hinz is the pastor.

Wabash College Glee Club Planning Tour

Crawfordsville, Ind., Oct. 17.—The Wabash college glee club has been selected and the directors are beginning plans for the annual tour of the organization.

The glee club will sing in the national contests to be held in Chicago in February.

WILL DEDICATE BUILDING SUNDAY

Interesting Program To Be Held In New Catholic School Building

The dedication of the new St. Joseph Catholic school building, dedicated "To God and Country," will take place at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the school building, corner Fourth and Monroe streets, Rt. Rev. John F. Noll, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Fort Wayne, officiating. An interesting program has been arranged for the afternoon and the public is invited to attend.

Following the dedicatory services, the Catholic high school orchestra will give a selection, "How-do-you-do," followed by a song of greeting by the chorus. Arthur Vogelweide, a senior in the high school, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Vogelweide, will extend words of welcome to the honored guests and visitors. The orchestra will then give another selection, followed by a musical recitation by Miss Rosemary Smith.

The Rev. J. A. Seimetz, pastor of the St. Mary's Catholic church, will introduce the speakers and other guests who will be seated on the stage in the auditorium. The Rev. Louis A. Tieman, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Cincinnati, Ohio, will deliver the principal address of the afternoon. A musical program by the orchestra and chorus will follow.

Dinner At Noon
At noon, the women of the parish will serve a chicken dinner in the rooms of the old school building on Madison and Fifth streets. Serving will begin at about 12 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

In the morning, Bishop Noll will confirm a class of boys and girls at the St. Mary's Catholic church, the services beginning at 9:45 o'clock. This is Bishop Noll's first visit to Decatur, since his ordination last June.

FALL VEGETABLES ON LOCAL MARKET

Groceries Well-stocked With Cabbage; Apples Appear In Large Quantities

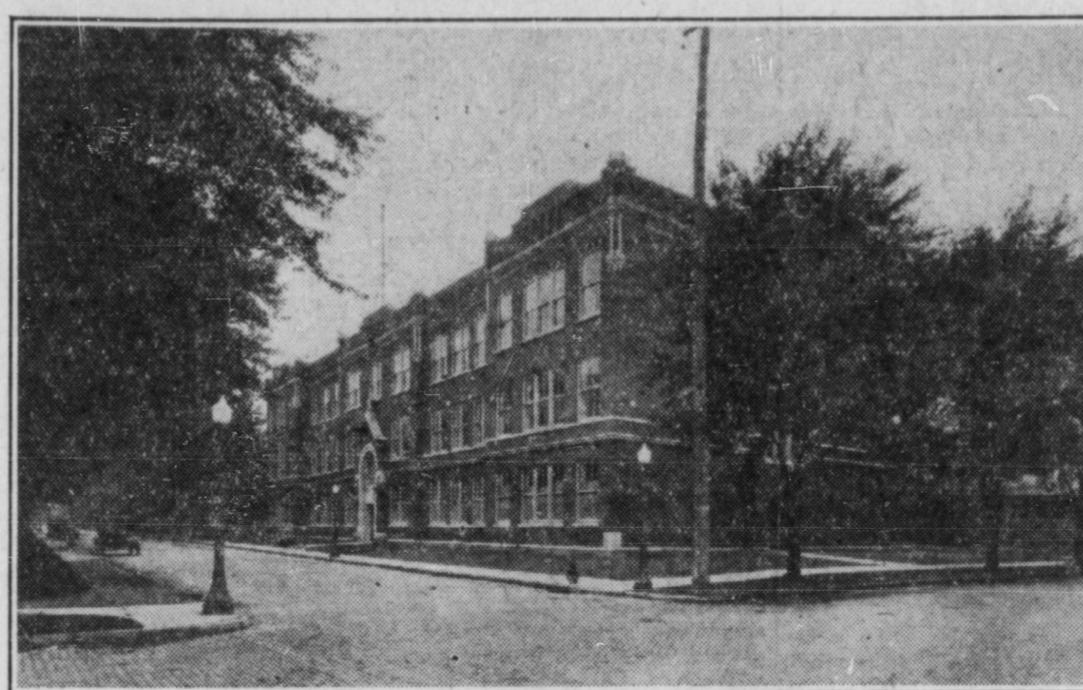
There were a lot of cabbage heads in town today. In other words, Decatur grocers were well-stocked with cabbage. Most of the stores were selling cabbage at two and one-half cents per pound, with better prices will be received by local stores within the next few days and many different varieties will be on the market.

Apples are beginning to make their appearance on the local market in large quantities, also. Prices of \$1.45 and \$1.48 cents per bushel basket prevail in most instances. Carload lots will be received by local stores within the next few days and many different varieties will be on the market.

Other fall fruits and vegetables could be found on the local market in large quantities today. Carrots were selling for five cents per pound; potatoes for 98 cents per bushel; celery five cents per bunch; onions, three pounds for 25 cents; bananas, 7-12 cents per pound; and grape fruit, two for 25 cents. There was some nice cauliflower on the market, also.

**Yeggs Get \$150,000
In Postage Stamps**
Sheboygan, Wis., Oct. 17.—Yeggs looted the post office here today and escaped with stamps valued at \$150,000. Postmaster Kandt announced this afternoon. The robbers forced the watchman to unlock the stamp doors and then burned their way through three doors to obtain the loot.

New School Building To Be Dedicated Sunday



Appropriate ceremonies will be held Sunday afternoon when the new Catholic school building, corner of Fourth and Monroe streets, is dedicated. The building was erected at a total cost of approximately \$300,000. The Rt. Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Fort Wayne, will be charge of the dedication.

FARMS DECREASE IN NUMBER IN U. S.

Agricultural America Undergoes Profound Changes In Past Five Years

Washington, Oct. 17.—(United Press)—Agricultural America in the past five years has undergone profound changes, resulting in a loss in the total number of farms under cultivation, according to the 1925 farm census, results of which were announced by the census bureau today.

The total number of farms in the United States at the present time was placed at 6,372,608, compared with 6,448,343 in 1920, a decrease of 75,735 farms, or 1.2 per cent of the total.

The bare figures, however, do not tell the story of farm abandonments and the sub-division of great ranches into smaller units which has disguised the extent of the decline.

Abandonments were greater in the south than elsewhere. The west compensated somewhat for this loss by turning in an increase but this increase was at the expense of great ranches and ranges, which were cut up into smaller units without increase of acreage.

The general trend, it is shown, has been toward more intensive operation with the small truck and poultry farm replacing the larger acreage where diversified farming has been the practice.

The ravages of the boll-weevil in the cotton states and the migration of negro farm workers were reported, it was stated, for the decline in the number of farms in the south.

The number of ranches along the five year period, it was shown.

Thieves Loot Pi Beta Phi Sorority House At I. U.; Get \$2,000

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 17.—Thieves looted the chapter of the Pi Beta Phi sorority at Indiana university here last night and escaped with fur clothing and jewelry worth \$2,000.

There was no one in the chapter house at the time, the girls being at a dance on the eve of the Syracuse-Indiana football game.

Six fur coats, four other coats and several articles of jewelry were stolen.

President's Father Has Attack Of Neuralgia

Bulletin
Plymouth, Vt., Oct. 17.—(United Press)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, is confined to his home here with an attack of neuralgia.

Early this week the colonel complained of a stiff neck. At first he paid little attention to the ailment, but his condition was such yesterday that Dr. Arthur L. Chute was summoned from Boston.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

The Rev. William G. Kensinger To Deliver Two Addresses At Evangelical Church Sunday.

The Rev. William G. Kensinger, a returned missionary from Congo, Africa, will speak at the Evangelical church in this city, Sunday, both at the morning and evening service. The subjects of his addresses will be "Black Means Black," and "The Missionary Consciousness in Congoland." Rev. Kensinger recently addressed the Missionary convention, which was held in this city, and greatly impressed his audiences with his vivid messages of the natives of Africa and their response to the Gospel. The public is cordially invited to hear these messages at 10:15 a. m. and 7 p. m.

WALTER HUGHES IS BACK IN JAIL

Hartford City Man Arrested Second Time In Fight Over County Office

Hartford City, Ind., Oct. 17.—Walter Hughes, democrat, who stubbornly refuses to give up the office of county auditor on order of the state supreme court, is back in jail today facing charges of usurping a public office.

Hughes was arrested and placed in jail yesterday on a warrant sworn out by Ruth Werber, republican, he'd by the supreme court to be the rightful county auditor.

He secured his release on bond and after a few hours of liberty was rearrested on a second warrant and spent the night in jail.

The court has set no bond on the second warrant and both democratic and republican politicians are awaiting Hughes' release as a signal to renew the fight.

For the few hours that Hughes was free, Blackford county had two auditors. Leaving the jail, Hughes went to the auditor's office, took off his coat and went to work.

Miss Werber, who had assumed the office as soon as Hughes was arrested, continued to work in the same room.

The contest over the office has been in the courts for two years. The supreme court held Miss Werber the winner and this week denied Hughes' petition for a rehearing.

Three Accidental Deaths

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 17.—(United Press)—Three persons were dead today from accidental causes.

Frank Minor, 64, and Rowlie Dame, 62, died from injuries received when they were struck by automobiles.

Infection in a wound caused by stepping on a rusty nail ended in the death of Robert Salenbert, 36.

Robbers Get \$13,000 From Minnesota Bank

New Brighton, Minn., Oct. 17.—(United Press)—Three bandits robbed the First State bank of New Brighton today, escaping with \$13,000.

Fair tonight and slightly colder in extreme south portion. Generally fair Sunday, somewhat warmer in afternoon.

SCHOOLS WILL HAVE VACATION

Teachers In Decatur And County Schools To Attend State Meeting

All teachers in the Decatur public schools and a large number of county school teachers will leave next Wednesday afternoon for Indianapolis, where they will attend the annual state teachers meeting being held in that city during the remainder of the week.

The city schools will be dismissed Wednesday noon for the remainder of the week and the dismissal of county schools is left optional to the teachers. The teachers of Adams county are urged to attend the state meeting, especially because the Northeastern Indiana Teachers Association cancelled its fall meeting, which is usually held at Fort Wayne.

Many special meetings for each school department will be held during the three-day session at Indianapolis and much valuable information is always obtained by the teachers. Most of the national sororities have planned luncheons in Indianapolis this week to accommodate their members who teach school in various places in Indiana.

All city superintendents in various Indiana towns and cities will attend the meetings, and principals, teachers and supply teachers have been urged to attend this year. It is expected that a record number will attend the sessions.

The counties usually hold two regular meetings a year, with called meetings when necessary. The district chairman attended six county conventions, besides speaking to numerous clubs and township gatherings.

"We found the club women of the district most willing to help carry out the policy of the state. Individual clubs and county chairman seemed to feel the need of a closer touch with the present organization. We believe that some arrangement whereby state officers and heads of state departments could have personal touch with county conventions or other large club gatherings, would be an excellent means of acquainting clubs with the worth and magnitude of our State Federation and would result in a greater number of State Federated Clubs. Perhaps the Club Institutes and itineraries of state speakers to the various county conventions will solve the problem.

"At the district convention held in Bluffton April 22, the subjects of Mental Health, Nutrition in the Home and Memorial Trees were considered. Much inspiration was received from the address and personal touch of our state president, Mrs. O. M. Pittenger.

"The district federation met its quota for the Fauntroy fund, bought 'The Life of Lincoln' by Chas. Moore for the general federation headquarters, and assisted individually and collectively in entertaining the biennial council at West Baden.

"The hospitality fund received by the district chairman amounted to \$52.50. Of this the clubs of Randolph county gave \$4.50, of Adams county \$10.00, of Madison county \$23.00, of Wells county \$11.00 and of Delaware county \$4.00. Delaware county reported that they had sent \$26.20 direct to the state officials making a total of \$78.70 from the Eighth district.

With two apprentice helpers, "Dutch" flashed a pistol and helped himself to \$7,000. He asked for \$8,000 but the polite cashier was unable to serve that on short order.

So "Dutch" bowed out and departed hurriedly in the usual high-powered car.

Police say they have drawn a net over the neighborhood. They think "Dutch" will get tangled in it.

Police say the bandit's description

ended on all points with that of Chapman's partner. The bank cashier, who claims to have seen Anderson, was positive the bandit was he.

Plymouth Plans To Build Municipal Skating Pond

Plymouth, Ind., Oct. 17.—Plans for the construction of a municipal skating pond in Centennial park are under consideration by the council and chamber of commerce here.

Indications are that the council will take favorable action on the proposal at its next session.

MAKES REPORT ON CLUBS IN DISTRICT

Retiring Chairman Of District Federation Sends Report To This City

Mrs. Charles C. Deam, of Bluffton, retiring chairman of the Eighth district of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, has forwarded her report on the district to the clubs in the different cities in the district. The district includes six counties. The report, which is of interest to all club women of the city, is as follows:

"The retiring chairman of the Eighth district, which consists of six counties, is pleased to report 56 paid up memberships in the District Federation.

"The Randolph County Federation consists of 20 clubs, three of which are federated with the District and three with the State.

"The Jay County Federation was organized this year, and has a membership of 16 clubs, four of which are federated with the District.

"The Wells County Federation has evolved this year from a City Federation to a County Federation of 24 clubs, nearly half of which are rural clubs. Of these 23 are federated with the District, two with the State and one with the General Federation.

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"The Madison County Federation consists of 11 clubs, ten of which are federated with the District.

"Adams county has not yet organized, but there is reason to think it will in the near future. Three of their clubs are Federated with the District and two with the State.

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