

MELLON URGES HUGE TAX REDUCTION

CROWD ATTENDS DEDICATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING

Catholic Parish Holds Impressive Ceremony At Dedication Sunday

BISHOP NOLL HAS CHARGE OF CEREMONY

The beautiful St. Joseph Catholic school building in this city, representing a congregational gift of \$300,000, was dedicated "To God and Country" Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., of Fort Wayne.

Solemn services, in which twenty priests assisted, were held and a crowd of a few thousand people attended the services and the program given in the large auditorium of the building, following the dedicatory ceremony. The service was held in front of the main entrance to the building on Fourth street and the procession, headed by Bishop Noll, marched from the rectory to the school building. The Rev. J. A. Seimetz, and the Rev. Otto Peters, assistant pastor, acted as masters of the ceremonies, the visiting priests assisting.

Program Given In Auditorium
The doors to the building were then opened and the crowd assembled in the auditorium where a delightful program was given. The orchestra and high school chorus greeted the audience with songs and music and then Arthur Vogelewede, a senior in the high school, delivered words of welcome to Rt. Rev. Bishop Noll and the visitors.

On behalf of the congregation, Mr. Vogelewede welcomed Bishop Noll and emphasized the joy of the occasion. He stressed the happiness of the people of Decatur over the elevation of the editor of Our Sunday Visitor to the episcopate, and referred to the rejoicing of the parishioners in having been able to make their dream come true in completion of the magnificent new school which Bishop Noll blessed on this, his first episcopal visitation to St. Mary's Catholic congregation.

Rev. Tieman Speaks
Rev. Seimetz introduced the speaker, the Rev. Louis A. Tieman, rector of Sacred Heart Catholic church, Cincinnati, who gave the principle address of the afternoon. Rev. Tieman and Rev. Seimetz were classmates while studying for the priesthood. Father

MRS. P. J. LEAHY DIES AT LAOTTO

Mother Of Mrs. Will Bowers Succumbs To Apoplexy And Pneumonia

Mrs. P. J. Leahy, age 64 years, residing on a farm near Laotto, Ind., mother of Mrs. Will Bowers of this city, died Saturday afternoon of apoplexy. Pneumonia had also set in and hastened her death. About a year ago she suffered from a stroke of apoplexy and two weeks ago suffered a second stroke. She had been in poor health for more than a year. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church at Egga, Indiana. Mrs. Leahy was known to Decatur people, having visited here with her daughter, and her friends are grieved to learn of her death.

Mrs. Leahy was the mother of thirteen children, and her death is the first to occur in the family. Mr. Leahy is still living. Besides Mrs. Bowers of this city, Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell, and the Misses Irene and Hilda Leahy, of Fort Wayne; Herbert Leahy of Fort Wayne, John of Kansas City, Mrs. James Quinlan of Detroit, and two daughters who are Catholic sisters, are among the children who survive.

Mrs. Bowers was at the bedside of her mother when death occurred and Mr. Bowers will leave this afternoon to attend the funeral.

Girl Fatally Injured When Hit By Automobile

Indianapolis, Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—Paul Devening, 23, was in city today awaiting investigation of the death of Doris Spain, 21, fatally hurt when she was struck by Devening's auto near Broad Ripple last night. Two companions of Miss Spain were slightly hurt. Devening said the lights of another car blinded him and he did not see the three persons walking on the side of the road.

MISSION FESTIVAL IS WELL ATTENDED

Special Services At Zion Reformed Church Sunday Are Inspiring

Record crowds attended the Mission Festival services at the Zion Reformed church yesterday. All the services were inspiring and uplifting and a splendid interest was manifested on the part of all. The Rev. J. F. Tapp, superintendent of the Reformed church Orphan Home, who had been invited as the festive speaker, delivered two powerful sermons at the morning and evening services. The Revs. Hauser and Sauerwein spoke in the afternoon and delivered two inspiring addresses. The services were beautified by the special musical selections rendered by Miss Della Sellemeyer, Mrs. B. Schroyer, Mrs. D. Goldner, Henry Weidner and a choir of over twenty voices. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weidner, of Detroit, who are visiting here with relatives, assisted in the services with their talented voices.

Dinner and supper were served in the basement by the ladies of the church to several hundred people. The total offerings of the day amounted to \$150.

MORTON HAWKINS ENTERS PRISON

Portland's Erstwhile Wizard Of High Finance Still Professes Innocence

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—Morton Hawkins, Indiana's erstwhile wizard of high finance, still professed his innocence today as he started the first lap of his 15-year sentence in the federal penitentiary for fraudulent use of the mails.

Hawkins, who is no known merely as prisoner No. 24010, has not yet been assigned to regular duties. While being brought to Leavenworth the man from Portland, Ind., who once headed a gigantic loan and mortgage company, insisted on proclaiming his innocence of the charges against him.

Hawkins, who is now known merely millions out of the operations of his concern but he was unable to meet an appeal bond of \$50,000 following his conviction in the federal court at Indianapolis.

"I'm an innocent man, things didn't break right for me, that's all," Hawkins declared repeatedly, "and they put me away for fifteen years." "But I'll be out before long. I'll bet I can make that bond in no time." It is rumored that while Hawkins was a prisoner in the Marion county jail at Indianapolis that he instructed friends where to obtain money to pay off a number of his creditors.

Northwest Has From One To Four Inches Of Snow

Chicago, Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—From one to four inches of snow was heaped in many sections of the northwest today, while the thermometer was far below the freezing point.

Three deaths in Minnesota were attributed to the snow. Robert Schneider, 18, St. Paul, and Walter Fish, 20, Davenport, Ia., were struck down by a passenger train near Red Wing. Police believe the youths were blinded by the snow. Louis Benson, 60, Minneapolis, also walked in front of a train while his head was down to avoid the stinging snow.

Speakers At County Sunday School Convention



REV. H. G. ROWE



DR. SOMMERVILLE LIGHT



MISS NELLIE C. YOUNG

The three persons pictured above will be the principal speakers at the annual Adams County Sunday School Convention, to be held in Monroe and Berne, next Thursday and Friday. Dr. Sommerville Light, pastor of the First Methodist church of Decatur, will speak on "The Personality of the Teacher," at the first session, to be held in the Methodist church at Monroe Thursday evening. The Rev. H. G. Rowe, superintendent of the Young Peoples work of the Indiana Council of Religious Education, will speak at the second and third sessions of the convention, to be held Friday morning and afternoon at the Evangelical church in Berne. Miss Nellie C. Young, superintendent of the children's division of the Indiana Sunday School Association, will speak on the subject, "Needs of Childhood," at the closing session of the convention, to be held in the First Mennonite church in Berne, Friday evening.

MRS. I. L. BIGHAM DIES OF PARALYSIS

Wife Of Oliver Bigham, Residing East Of Decatur, Expires Sunday Night

Mrs. Ida LoDell Bigham, age 58 years, died at her home two and one-half miles east of Decatur, at 5:15 o'clock Sunday evening. Death was due to paralysis. Mrs. Bigham suffered a stroke of paralysis five weeks ago, and had been seriously ill since that time.

Ida LoDell Stiversen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stiversen, of Rockford, Ohio, was born in Delphos, Ohio December 2, 1866. She had resided in Adams county since 1900. She was married to Oliver Bigham in 1884. Mrs. Bigham had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for the last 45 years.

Surviving are the parents, husband, three children, Mrs. James Gattshall, of Decatur, Mrs. Veda Jackson at home, and Mrs. Vincent Abrams, of Huntington; five grandchildren; and four brothers, Otto Stiversen, of Delphos, Ohio; Ray Stiversen, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Harley Stiversen, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and B. R. Stiversen, of Fort Wayne. One sister, Dessie, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held from the home at 1:30 o'clock and from the First Methodist church of Decatur at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Charles Thakham, of Union City, assisted by the Rev. Sommerville Light and the Rev. R. W. Loose, of Decatur, will have charge of the services. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

G. E. BAND IS BEING ORGANIZED

First Rehearsal Of Musical Organization Scheduled For Tuesday Night

The General Electric band is being re-organized in this city and the first rehearsal will be held Tuesday evening, at 7:45 o'clock, at the club rooms at the local G. E. factory. About eighteen or twenty musicians have signed up to play with the band, already. It is said, and those in charge of the reorganization hope to increase the membership to twenty-four, at least.

Tom Reid has been engaged to direct the band. Mr. Reid has had much experience in directing bands. The General Electric company will back the musical organization. Uniforms will be purchased later, if the organization progresses as is expected. Any one wishing to join the band is requested to meet at the G. E. club rooms Tuesday evening.

Bar Associations Hold Memorial For Ralston

Indianapolis, Oct. 19.—Senator Watson was the principal speaker at a memorial service for the late Senator Ralston, held by the Indianapolis and Indiana Bar association today.

The services were conducted in the federal court room with Judge Baltzell presiding. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted.

Lebanon, Oct. 19.—The grave of Senator Ralston, who was buried Saturday, was the shrine to which hundreds of persons flocked Sunday. Mrs. Ralston and a party of friends were at the grave late in the afternoon.

ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS MAILED

Major Ed Miller, Of Danville, Ill., First To Apply For Ballot

The first absent voter's ballots for the city election were being mailed out today by Mrs. Catherine Kaufman, city clerk. Major Ed Miller, of Danville, Illinois, was the first person in Decatur to apply for a ballot. Beginning next Saturday, those voters who will be out of the city on Tuesday, November 2, election day, can appear in person and vote at the clerk's office in the city hall. Applications for absent voter's ballots must be made first and after the blanks are properly filed out and returned by the voter, the clerk mails a ballot to him.

Police Find \$14,176 In Cash And Bonds On Person Of Aged Beggar

New Albany, Ind., Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—The beggar career of Henry Beemer, 76-year-old eccentric, was ended today. Police found \$14,176 in cash and bonds in his clothing when they investigated his activities. Beemer collected garbage and begged food of New Albany citizens. He was adjudged insane.

Fire Destroys U. S. Coastwise Steamer

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—United States steamboat officials today began their investigation of the fire that destroyed the coastwise steamship Commanche six miles off the St. John's river bar Saturday night and threatened the lives of more than 150 passengers and members of the crew.

Weather

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; freezing temperature tonight; not so cold Tuesday afternoon.

Danish Aviatrix Falls To Death At South Bend

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—Dagmar Stegman, Danish aviatrix, who came to the United States a few months ago, found death instead of fame and fortune she sought in her adopted land. She was killed when her parachute failed to open in a leap from an airplane yesterday. Thousands of persons watched her fall.

GEORGE GAULT EXPIRES TODAY

Former Adams Co. Resident Dies At Methodist Hospital, Fort Wayne

George Gault, age 73 years, a former resident of Adams county, died at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne at 1 o'clock this morning. Death was due to peritonitis of the bowels, with which he had been ill since last Wednesday.

The body was brought to the C. C. Cloud residence, near the Decatur cemetery, this morning. Private funeral services will be held from the Cloud residence at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Burial. The Rev. J. C. White, pastor of the Simpson M. E. church, Fort Wayne, will officiate.

Mr. Gault was born in Adams county, March 9, 1852. He resided in this county for many years, but has spent most of the last twelve years in Fort Wayne. For the last four and one-half months, he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. John Spillner, in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

Surviving are one brother, Dayton Gault, of Decatur; and two half-brothers, John Gibson, of near Decatur, and Samuel Gault, of Wisconsin. His wife and one child preceded him in death.

DEFENSE WILL BE TECHNICAL

Stephenson To Rely On Theory Of Reasonable Doubt And Suicide Claim

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Noblesville, Oct. 19.—The defense of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, on trial charged with the murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer, will be a technical one, it was indicated today through questions put to prospective jurors by Eph Inman, chief defense attorney.

Inman's questions indicated the defense will rely heavily on the theory of reasonable doubt and the claim that Miss Oberholzer's death was a case of suicide.

The questioning of talesmen would monotonously along as the second week of the trial started.

Inman carefully asked each man examined whether he believed the state must prove the defendants guilty "beyond all reasonable doubt," before returning a verdict of guilty.

William M. Sparks, special judge, spurred attorneys to greater haste in selecting a jury.

He instructed state and defense attorneys to limit their examination of prospective jurors to questions which were pertinent to their qualifications to serve.

Although it appeared that the second special venire of 100 men would be exhausted before a jury is completed, Judge Sparks said he would not order a third venire before the middle of the week.

Motor Stocks Continue Their Upward Trend

New York, Oct. 19.—Motor stocks continued their upward course of the past few days' hectic trading as the stock market opened today. Aside from the motor group, however, the market was characterized by firmness with few pronounced favorites. Some stocks weakened as the investing public continued the profit-taking noticeable at Saturday's close.

TREASURY HEAD CALLS FOR CUT IN U. S. REVENUE

Secretary Says Between \$250,000,000 And \$300,000,000 Can Be Spared

REPEAL OF SEVERAL TAXES RECOMMENDED

By Paul R. Mallon, (U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Oct. 19.—(United Press.)—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, appearing before the house ways and means committee, today proposed tax reduction of between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000 by the new revenue law, giving assurance that this sum can be safely spared from the treasury.

He advocated fixing the maximum normal tax at five per cent, and the maximum surtax at 20 per cent; urged repeal of the federal state tax, gift tax, and certain miscellaneous taxes; declared strongly for repeal of the publicly provision of the present law; and asked a constitutional amendment prohibiting the issuing of tax exempt securities.

Taxes on automobiles, except possibly, on trucks, tires and accessories, should be retained, he said, arguing that "so long as the government is contributing \$90,000 a year to roads on which these automobiles run, they certainly ought to be made to pay their way."

Minor clarifications in the administrative features of the tax law, were asked by Mellon, including provisions affecting community property and earned incomes.

"It is now estimated that the surplus for 1926 will come close to \$290,000,000," said Mellon, "for 1927 the budget has not yet been determined."

"I think that the surplus in 1927, with revenue based, of course, upon present tax law would be between 250 and 300,000,000 dollars. This, it seems to me, is a figure which is safe to take as the amount by which taxes can be permanently reduced. It seems to the treasury that we should keep this figure of \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 as our goal of tax reduction."

Mellon did not propose any complete set of rates for a "Mellon" plan as he did in the case of the law adopted last year. His major theme was for a reduction of the present high surtax from 40 to 20 per cent, maximum. This, he argued, would stimulate business.

FRUIT DONATED FOR HOSPITAL

Drive Conducted Saturday Nets Nice Supply Of Canned Goods

Miss Emilie C. Christ, superintendent of the Adams County Memorial hospital, wishes to thank the women of Adams county for the donations of fruit made last Saturday to the hospital. The gifts were received at the Niblick building in this city.

Although fruit was scarce this year, a goodly amount was received. The campaign was made under the auspices of the Civic Section of the Woman's club of this city, and Miss Christ and the hospital trustees are grateful to the women for sponsoring the campaign and making the appeal which met with such a fine response.

Miss Christ stated that if anyone still wishes to donate fruit to the hospital that it would be accepted at the hospital this week. Several women called today and stated that it was impossible for them to bring the fruit to town last Saturday, but that they wanted to make a donation.

For several years a campaign has been made to receive donations of fruit for the hospital and each year the appeal is met with a hearty response. The fruit is served to patients at the hospital throughout the year.