

FIGHT TO FREE STEPHENSON STARTED

PROGRAM FOR CLUB ROUND-UP IS ANNOUNCED

Exhibits For Farm Club Gathering Here Saturday Are Arriving

SPEECHES AND PARADE ARE PART OF PROGRAM

The official program for the county farm club round-up, to be held in this city next Saturday, November 7, was announced today by Arthur Suttles, of this city, who is in charge of that feature of the event. The tent, size 40 by 80 feet, will be erected on Liberty Way Friday and will be ready to house the many exhibits of sugar beets, corn and calves.

Several exhibits of corn and sugar beets arrived today and are being taken care of by the county agent, L. M. Busche. Several more are likely to arrive this evening and by Friday evening most of the exhibits in corn and sugar beets are expected to be in place in the big tent.

The program for the round-up is as follows:

Saturday forenoon devoted to inspection of corn, calves and sugar beets.

Basket dinner at old gymnasium at 12 o'clock, noon. Members of Decatur Industrial Association to be guests of the farmers.

Speech by Mr. Allen, 1 p. m.

Awarding of premiums at 1:45 p. m.

Parade, at 3 p. m.

Members may remove exhibits from tent after 4 p. m.

Trainmen and Conductors Seek Seven Per Cent Raise

Chicago, Nov. 5.—(United Press)—General chairmen representing trainmen and conductors on western railroads have decided to ask the railroad labor board for a seven per cent increase in wages, it was made known today following a two-day conference here.

The increase would restore the peak war-time scale.

Existing agreements between the rail workers and the companies expire Dec. 31.

Decision of the general chairmen of the western roads will be placed before the southern chairmen's meeting in Washington on November 10 and the eastern chairmen's meeting in Cleveland November 17. Brotherhood officials feel that their decision will be endorsed at these meetings. After action by all three bodies the demands will be presented to the railroad labor board.

Pythians To Confer Second Rank Tonight

Kekionga Lodge, No. 65, Knights of Pythias will hold initiation ceremonies for several candidates this evening at the lodge home on Third street. The second rank work will be conferred. All members of the lodge are urged to be present for the initiation.

WILLSHIRE VOTES DOWN BOND ISSUE

Citizens Oppose Water Works Proposal; Als-pach Re-elected Mayor

The citizens of Willshire, Ohio, defeated a proposal for issuing bonds for \$15,000, with which to build water works for the village, by a vote of 145 to 60 in the town election held last Tuesday. E. H. Als-pach, republican, was re-elected mayor of the town. The other officers elected were: Miles Ross, democrat, clerk; Walter Avery, republican, treasurer; Grant Strickler, republican, marshal; W. H. Ayres, William Raudabaugh and Lew Wise, republicans, and Frank Stettler, Sam Dellinger and Louis Schumm, democrats, councilmen.

In Willshire township, Clarence Geissler, democrat, was elected clerk and C. H. DeHolt and Oliver Sheets, democrats, and Fred Handwerk, republican, were elected trustees.

Dunbar Band Plans For Next Season

Berne, Nov. 5.—The Dunbar band discussed plans for next year, at a meeting held in the community auditorium Monday evening. The band will begin rehearsals soon and continue them throughout the winter. A committee of three was selected to have charge of the instrumentation of the band. The members of the committee are Director Otis J. Danner, E. W. Baumgartner and Orva Smith. The band is contemplating giving a concert soon after the first of the year.

NEW ROAD NEAR MONROE IS OPEN

Railroad Crossings On State Road South Of Decatur Are Eliminated

The mile of road just north of Monroe on State road 21, which has been constructed recently, to eliminate the sharp turn across the Pennsylvania tracks, is now open for public use. Construction of the road began last spring and it is now completed.

The road is built of macadam and is said to be in good condition for traveling. It meets the state road in almost a straight line and now it is possible to go to Monroe without crossing the Pennsylvania tracks.

This construction was done by the state in its campaign to eliminate all hazards at railroad crossings and sharp turns. Another elimination in Adams county is on the same state road west of Monroe where the road turns to the south. It formerly was a sharp turn to the left, but it has been graded into a slight curve. Two more railroad crossings on the state road, between Geneva and Bryant have been eliminated by straightening the road. Adams county roads are in fair shape for the approaching winter months. The roads west of Decatur are in fair condition, while the other roads leading out of the city are in good condition.

DISCOVER PLOT TO KILL PREMIER

Police Uncover Conspiracy To Shoot Premier Mussolini Of Italy

Bulletin

Rome, Nov. 5.—(United Press)—The police today reported they had discovered a plot to shoot Premier Mussolini.

Mussolini, as leader of the fascists of Italy, has been in conflict for some time with the Masonic lodges and has desired their elimination. Suppression of the socialists is in line with his policy of sweeping aside opposition. He has said force was right when necessary for the achievement of ideals. The fascists and the Masons are reported recently to have had several clashes.

The attempt to kill the premier was to have been made yesterday during Mussolini's speech in celebration of Austro-Italian armistice and the weapon secured for the assassination was an Austrian model rifle of great precision, equipped with an especially accurate range finder.

The police have taken into custody a man named Zaniboni. He was seized in a hotel near the balcony from which Mussolini spoke. This was two hours before the premier appeared on the balcony. Zaniboni had arrived at the hotel at 6 a. m., but had registered under another name. Investigation revealed that a man in a major's uniform had arrived as his description tallied with that of a man sought by the officers, they sought him out and held him.

Zaniboni, a socialist, was formerly a deputy.

The police had an advance tip that an attempt would be made while Mussolini was speaking from the Chigi palace balcony.

Following the discovery of the plot, Mussolini ordered all Masonic lodges to be occupied by the military and the Unitarian Socialist party to be disbanded.

BELL TO PRESIDE DURING MEMORIAL

Well-Known Manufacturer To Preside At Memorial For C. S. Niblick

Clarence E. Bell, well-known manufacturer of this city, has been selected as presiding officer of the public memorial services to be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8, for Charles S. Niblick, Decatur banker, whose death occurred on October 28. Sponsored by a committee of friends and participated in by all the lodges and clubs of which Mr. Niblick was a member, arrangements have been practically completed for the holding of the service.

The program, to which the public is invited, will be held in the auditorium of the new Catholic school building and will begin at 3 o'clock, lasting about one hour. Ten-minute talks will be given by men representing the community, the lodges, church and the neighborhood in which Mr. Niblick lived. Music will also be furnished. Dr. Fred Patterson being appointed chairman to arrange for the music and singing.

The service will be held as a means of paying a public tribute to a man who was a great civic leader, a citizen of high ideals and unselfish service and who was a friend to all. The official program is being arranged today and will be published in Friday evening's paper and the committee in charge extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the service.

GASOLINE PRICE BOOSTED AGAIN

Dealers Who Cut Price Recently Are Selling Fuel At 21.4 Cents Now

Local retailers and wholesalers of gasoline believe today that the "war" that has been going on in this part of the state on gasoline prices, is over. Prices of gasoline in this vicinity were advanced to the former price of 21.4 cents a gallon yesterday and it is believed that other dealers in the state will follow suit.

The war started several weeks ago when some companies cut the price to 15 and 16 cents in various localities. Only one Decatur dealer met the cut, the others holding their price of 21.4, but dealers near Decatur met the reduction and have been selling gasoline at 15 and 16 cents.

The new prices, effective most places in Northern Indiana today, are 21.4 cents for retail gasoline and 19.4 cents for tank wagon. These prices include the state tax of 3 cents per gallon. It is not expected that the price will drop off again this winter, dealers stated today.

The motive for the recent reduction and yesterday's advance has never been disclosed. Several of the larger companies began the reduction and they also were the first to advance the price yesterday.

Prisoner Walks Out Of County Jail At Kokomo

Kokomo, Ind., Nov. 5.—A cell in the Kokomo jail was empty today while police hunted Lawrence King, of Indianapolis, its occupant. Convicted of liquor law violations and sentenced to jail, King walked out of the courthouse while the attention of his guards was turned elsewhere.

Berne Residents Send Clothing To Canada

(Special To Daily Democrat) Berne, Nov. 5.—Seven large boxes of clothing were shipped to Canada this week by Berne citizens, to be used in relief work among the hundreds of Russian Mennonites, who are in great need. The boxes weighed 1,774 pounds.

Proxy Bride



MRS. MILDRED WINFIELD

With his father, Mark E. Winfield, as proxy, Edward S. Winfield, while stationed at a town in Chile, wedded Mildred Fineberg, while she stood before the clergyman at Harrisburg, Pa. Mrs. Winfield is now on her way to Chile. The couple's courtship was conducted almost entirely by mail.

Dr. Samuel Dickie, Noted Prohibition Worker, Dies

Albion, Mich., Nov. 5.—Dr. Samuel Dickie, noted prohibition advocate and president emeritus of Albion college, where he served 20 years as president, died at his home here today at the age of 74. He was found dead in bed, apparently a victim of a sudden heart stroke.

Dr. Dickie was nationally known as a dry leader, serving for 12 years as national chairman of the prohibition party, from 1884 to 1896.

His connection with Albion college dated from his graduation in 1872. On one occasion he ran for governor of Michigan.

Dickie was born at Burford, Oxford county, Ont., on June 6, 1851.

SUPREME COURT AIDS TAX BOARD

Writ Issued To Prevent Enforcement Of Contempt Of Court Charges

Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—The supreme court today issued a writ to prevent enforcement by Judge R. R. Carr of the Fulton circuit court of contempt of court charges against members of the state tax board.

The writ was granted on petition filed for the three members of the board by Attorney General Arthur Gilliom.

November 17 was set by the court for the hearing of Judge Carr.

John W. Brown, chairman, Phillip Zoercher and William Hough, board members were cited for contempt by the Rochester judge because they objected to the tax board.

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WREN HOLDS ELECTION

R. B. Steven Elected Mayor Of Town In Election Held Tuesday; Council Re-elected.

R. B. Steven was elected mayor of Wren, Ohio, in the election held Tuesday. O. J. Feigert was elected clerk, and M. C. Tickle was chosen treasurer. The council was re-elected without opposition.

In the Wren school district, the following persons were elected to the board of education for the new Wren school district: F. W. Bowen, republican; C. A. Springer, democrat; C. F. Snyder, democrat.

Weather

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Colder.

JUDGING TEAM SCORES SECOND

Adams County Boys Rate High In Cattle-Judging At Dairy Show

The Adams county cattle judging team won second place in the judging of Holstein cattle at the National Dairy Exposition held at Indianapolis recently, it was learned today. Cattle judging teams entered the contest from all over the United States and the Adams county team was the only one from Indiana that placed in the contest.

The three members of the Adams county team will receive silver medals for their efforts and in addition Simon Schwartz, of Berne, will receive a judging certificate because of the exceptionally high grade that he made. Mr. Schwartz made an average of more than 90 per cent for his judging. The other members of the team were Joe Schrock and Ruben Habegger.

The team from this county was coached by R. L. Price and the entire community is proud of the Adams county team and its achievement. Many Indiana teams were entered in the contest, but none of them were able to withstand the competition of other states except the local team.

An invitation will be issued for the members of the team and their coach to attend the farm club round-up in this city Saturday. The three members of the team are all young men interested in scientific farming and they merit considerable praise for their work. They worked diligently and created great interest at the show in their ability to judge the cattle.

SPLIT OCCURS IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Fundamentalism - Modernism Controversy Causes First Break In Ranks

Chicago, Nov. 5.—(United Press)—The fundamentalism-modernism controversy today brought the first definite break in the ranks of the Baptist church, second largest Protestant denomination in America.

Charging that there is a "Rockefeller-Fordick conspiracy to dominate the denomination and to shape its missionary policy," the Baptist Bible union announced secession from the church organization. The union will carry on its missionary work independent of the church.

"This action grows out of the action of the northern Baptist convention at Seattle in rejecting a resolution intended to recall modernist missionaries from the foreign field," an official statement from the union declared.

"It also grows out of the reaction of Orthodox Baptists against what was called the Rockefeller-Fordick conspiracy to dominate the denomination and to shape its missionary policy."

Dr. John Roach Straton of New York, leading voice of the fundamentalists in the Baptist church, spoke to the Union. Dr. T. T. Shields, Toronto, and Dr. Frank J. Norris, Fort Worth, Texas, also addressed the union.

Father, Trying To Shoot Rabbit For Sick Child, Kills Himself

Shelbyville, Ind., Nov. 5.—Elbert Poole, 34 is dead today as the result of a hunting accident. Poole, the father of three children, one of whom is ill, went out to kill a rabbit for the sick child and accidentally shot himself.

The body was found by some school children.

More Of Anderson's Counterfeit Bills Appear

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 5.—Counterfeit \$20 bills, believed to have been put in circulation by George "Dutch" Anderson, before he was shot at Muskegon, Mich., have made their appearance here.

The bills are printed on genuine government currency paper and are especially hard to identify.

Seymour Banker Admits He Embezzled \$10,000

Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—Judge Baltzell in federal court today held under advisement the case of John Keegler, Seymour bank cashier, who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$10,000 from the bank.

Keegler said his salary of \$175 a month was too small for him to keep up the social place expected of a man in his position.

A part of the embezzled money was used to aid an invalid brother in Louisville, he said.

RABBIT SUPPER IS BIG SUCCESS

Large Number Of Elks Partake Of "Feed" At Home Last Night

More than 50 Elks gathered at the new home last night to have it proved to them that there were really enough rabbits captured by the "hunting committee" to go around. The annual rabbit supper was a great success and was enjoyed by a large number of members.

There was plenty of food for those who came with a "harvest-hand" appetite and everybody reported a good time. The supper was served following a meeting and initiation, held in the north parlors of the home.

The first Sunday in December was designated as Memorial day for deceased members of the Decatur lodge and plans were started last night to hold a fitting public memorial, as is the usual custom of the Elks lodges all over the United States. It was not decided where to hold the Memorial, but it is probable that it will be held at the home.

Work was started on the home talent play, "Cheer Up," which will be held in this city November 17 and 18 under the auspices of the Elks. After the regular business was disposed of, the members retired to the dining room where the supper was served under the supervision of the committee.

TO GIVE PLAY IN NEW AUDITORIUM

Elk's Production, "Cheer Up," To Be Staged In Catholic School Building

The musical review "Cheer Up," to be staged by the Elks lodge on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, November 17 and 18, will be given in the auditorium of the new Catholic school building, it was decided today. The large stage and the seating facilities of the auditorium make it the most appropriate location for the show.

A director for the Bock Producing company, who booked the production here, is expected to arrive in Decatur Saturday and rehearsals for the show will be started soon. A meeting of the entertainment committee of the Elks lodge was held at the Elks home last night, immediately following the rabbit supper, and France Conter, general chairman for the show, appointed committees to handle the many details connected with the staging of such a production.

About 150 Decatur persons will take part in the play. The proceeds derived from the production will be applied to the Elks Charity fund, to be used in distributing good cheer at Christmas time. Tickets will be placed in the hands of all Elks and in convenient places uptown within a day or two.

Mannfeld Says Hoosiers Are Hunters By Instinct

Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—Hoosiers are hunters by instinct, George Mannfeld, superintendent of the fish and game division of the state conservation department, declared today.

Mannfeld's report showed 205,000 hunting licenses sold in the state during the last fiscal year.

Of this number, 190,145 licenses were for residents of the state.

DEFENSE TRIES TO PROVE GIRL ENDED OWN LIFE

Physicians Pitted Against Each Other In Sensational Murder Trial

REQUEST FOR VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY DENIED

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 5.—One physician was pitted against another today as the state made an attempt to discredit the suicide theory advanced by the defense in the Oberholtzer trial.

Dr. Orville Smiley, first witness for D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, charged with murder, was subjected to a severe cross examination by the state.

Dr. Moon, one of the state's expert witnesses, coached Judge Cox, state attorney, in the cross examination. Overruled in their move for the judge to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty for the former klan dragon and his aides, the defense attorneys waived the right to a preliminary statement and plunged into their evidence.

The death of the girl was due to bichloride of mercury poisoning, Dr. Orville Smiley, the first defense witness, said.

The state, through its testimony had tried to show that infection from wounds inflicted by Stephenson killed the girl.

A woman who took 45 grains of bichloride of mercury on an empty stomach and kept it a secret for six hours was beyond all aid of medical science, Dr. Smiley said.

After six hours, sufficient poison would have been absorbed to have killed the girl.

Dr. Smiley testified that milk is a good antidote for bichloride poisoning. His testimony conflicted with that of states witnesses who said there was no known antidote.

Through Dr. Smiley's evidence the defense was trying to undermine the state's case at two vital points.

His statement that she was beyond the hope of medical aid after keeping the fact that she had taken poison secret for six hours was aimed at the claim that the three men became responsible for her death, by refusing medical attention after learning of her act.

Holle Child Reported To Be Improving Now

The condition of Paul Holle, two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holle, of Union township, which has been serious since a carpet tack was removed from the lad's windpipe recently, is reported to be improving. The child and his parents are still at the hospital in Toledo, Ohio, where the operation was performed. The tube, laced in the child's throat following the operation, has not been removed. Mr. and Mrs. Holle hope to be able to bring their child home within a few days.

ACCIDENT VICTIM REMAINS SERIOUS

Condition Of Albert Baumgartner Reported To Be Critical Late Today

The condition of Albert Baumgartner, of near Berne, who suffered a fractured skull in an automobile accident southwest of Decatur Tuesday night, remained critical late this afternoon. He has been in a semi-conscious condition for several hours at the Adams County Memorial hospital where he was rushed after the accident. It is thought that his chances for recovery are slight.

Mrs. A. H. Whitacre, who was injured in the same accident, is slightly improved, but her condition is still serious. Physicians are still unable to ascertain the extent of Mrs. Whitacre's injuries, but it is thought that she has good chance to recover.