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MOVE LAUNCHED AGAINST KLAN BY DEMOCRATS

Party Leaders Read Organization Out Of Party Before It Gets In

LEADING DEMOCRATS PRESENT AT MEETING

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Indianapolis, Nov. 19.—The democratic leaders of the state today launched a bitter attack against the Klan and proceeded to read the organization out of the party it had a chance to get in.

Alarmed by the statement of Klan leaders that the organization would desert the republican party to aid the democrats, leaders from all parts of the state today acted to forestall such an event.

"If the democratic party takes the Klan into its fold it will have outlived its day," Ben Seifres, Lebanon declared. "The political party in which the Klan dies will be dead for 50 years.

"Any man who belongs to an organization which pledges hate to Catholics, Jews and negroes purges himself when he takes the oath of office," John Heltzman, former mayor of Indianapolis said.

More than 100 leading democrats, including several who have been mentioned as senatorial candidates, were present at the session.

Mrs. John Kern, wife of the former U. S. senator, attended the meeting and told the party workers they had been pussyfooting long enough."

Negro Digs Hole Through Prison Wall With Spoon

Gary, Ind., Nov. 19.—(United Press)—Joe Lawrence, negro, Chicago gunman, was in a separate cell in the police station here following an attempted jail break yesterday.

Lawrence was captured by a riot squad after he had succeeded in digging a hole, large enough for a man to crawl through in the jail wall. The gunman used a spoon he had taken from the prison table at meal time.

Twelve other prisoners were making preparations to follow the negro.

Cyclone Sweeps India; 800 Reported Killed

Bulletin
Bombay, Nov. 19.—(United Press)—A terrific cyclone has swept south India, and according to early reports, 800 persons are believed to have been killed and more than 100,000 pounds sterling, (\$500,000) damage caused.

EPWORTH LEAGUE
WILL HOLD RALLY

Decatur Sub-district Rally To Be Held At Pleasant Mills Friday

The Decatur sub-district of the Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a rally at Pleasant Mills, Friday, November 24. The Fellowship Hour will be held from 5:30 to 6 o'clock, and the banquet program will be held between 6 and 7 o'clock. The evening program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. All Epworth Leaguers and the public in general are invited to attend.

During the banquet, the following talks will be given: "A Hearty Welcome," the Rev. Lowell Smith; Pleasant Mills; Response, Dr. John R. Horsley, central office, Chicago; Response, President John E. Nelson; Decatur; address, Mrs. D. V. Williams, of Geneva.

The following program will be given at 7:30 o'clock:
Music Monroe Orchestra Song Service...Wilson Beery, Leader
Devotionals Rev. Foster, Monroe
Music Decatur League Offering
Everybody Address Dr. J. R. Horsley, Chicago
Music Monroe Orchestra Closing Hymn Congregation
Benediction Rev. D. V. Williams

Detective Shot Down By Three Mexicans

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Nov. 19.—(United Press)—One man is lying at the point of death here today and three Mexicans, alleged gunmen, are being sought by police.

Barney Genueaski, detective, was shot down while attempting to arrest two Mexicans for carrying concealed weapons. The prisoners and a third Mexican, believed to have fired the shot, escaped.

GIRLS FOUND IN LONELY RESORT

House Hidden In Mountains Believed To Be Prison
on for Kidnapped Girls

West Orange, N. J., Nov. 19.—A resort buried in a lonely spot among the Orange mountains, believed to have been the prison of a number of kidnapped girls, was found early today when police raided a bungalow five miles from here.

Two girls, who said they were victims of the divekeepers, led the raiding party. In the house was an attractive girl, about 25 years old, unconscious from the use of drugs. With her was another girl, said to have been kidnapped in Philadelphia, but whose identity officers concealed.

Three men were arrested and twelve complete dope outfits, seven revolvers and a large supply of ammunition seized.

The girls, who say that they ran away from home in Philadelphia but refuse to reveal anything about their families admitted taking drugs voluntarily.

According to the girls, two men invited them to go automobile riding on November 6. The house was represented to them as a bar room where they were to have luncheon and rest. When they entered the bungalow they saw tables arranged as a tearoom but when they wanted to leave they were forcibly detained.

According to the investigators they were criminally assaulted and then, according to the girls, prevailed upon to stay.

The police are under the impression that the girls are still in fear of their erstwhile captors and are not telling everything.

SEEK ADDRESS OF D.H.S. GRADS

Committee In Charge Of
Home-coming Unable To
Locate 11 Alumni

The committee in charge of the Decatur high school alumni home-coming, which will be held in this city December 28, has sent out an "S. O. S." call in an effort to send every ex-student, graduate and former teacher of Decatur high school an invitation for the big affair. Eleven ex-students have not been located.

All other former students, grads and former teachers have received invitations for the affair which promises to rival all other events in Decatur during the holidays. The committee wishes everyone who is entitled to an invitation to have one and those in the charge ask that anyone knowing of the whereabouts of any of the eleven not located to get in touch immediately with Miss Blanche McCrory or Ralph Tyndall at the high school, or write the Decatur office.

Those not located are: Mrs. F. D. Miller, nee Drueill; Burkhead, who graduated in the class of 1888; W. D. Freeman who graduated in 1888; Mrs. David M. Wright, nee Mary Kratner, who graduated in 1891; Charles Barnhart, who graduated in 1893; Will Thomas, who graduated in 1895; Margaret E'cher Ayers, who graduated in 1896; Nellie Elsworth Myers, who graduated in 1896; Etella Vore, Mary Thomas, nee Edith Stabler, Elmer Richmond, who graduated in 1894. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these people will greatly assist the alumni committee by notifying them at once.

Plans are progressing rapidly for the big affair December 28, which (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

FIRE DAMAGES SUGAR FACTORY

Blaze Destroys Wooden
Ventilators On Top Of
Building Last Night

Firemen were called to the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company factory in the north part of town last night about 9 o'clock to extinguish a blaze that started in the wooden stacks on the main building, used as ventilators for the driers.

The blaze ascended several feet for a while and the north part of the city was illuminated for several minutes. The first appearance of fire from a distance led people to believe that the entire factory was on fire. The sparks, however, were harmless because the entire building is fireproof.

As the firemen worked to extinguish the blaze the factory not continued to run full force and it was not necessary to stop at any time during the blaze. The fire was not extinguished for some time and one wooden ventilator was completely destroyed. It is thought, by officials of the factory, that the loss will not be more than \$200.00.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that the interior walls of the ventilators became over heated and combustion resulted. The destroyed stack will be rebuilt at once, it was said.

Annual Crime Toll Of
U. S. Is \$16,000,000,000

Chicago, Nov. 19.—(United Press)—The annual crime toll of the United States is \$16,000,000,000, Henry Hook Van Meter of the Bible league estimated today.

Statistics show that insurance companies pay out \$4,000,000 every year to compensate for losses caused by crime, he said in a speech. Cost of trying to suppress is three times the insurance losses, Van Meter said.

WILL HOLD THANK OFFERING SERVICE

Missionary Organizations of
Zion Reformed Church
To Give Program

The Woman's Missionary Society and the Girls' Missionary Guild of the Zion Reformed church will render their joint public Thank Offering service next Sunday night, at 7 o'clock.

A playlet entitled, "Thank Offering Box Convention," will be given by ten G. M. G. girls and a pageant by the W. M. S. entitled, "The Lower Lights," in which 25 characters take part.

The following program will be rendered:

Prelude.

Congregational Hymn.

Devotionals.

Solo—"Teach Me To Pray"

Miss Della Sellmeyer

Thank Offering Box Convention

Ten G. M. G. members

Duet—"Arise, O Lord God"

Mrs. D. Goldner and Mrs. B. Schroyer

Pageant—"The Lower Lights"

Solo—"Something For Thee"

Mrs. Ben Schroyer

Offertory.

Closing.

Cast of Characters

Following is the cast of characters of the Pageant:

Mrs. Paul, Mrs. A. R. Fledderjohann; Belle Paul, Miss Eleanor Repert; Helen Danforth, Miss Daisy Girod; Miss Gracey, Miss Frances Leinenstell; Eula (colored servant), Miss Mildred Wortham; Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Chas. Brodbeck; Mrs. Faithful, Mrs. Mart Jaber; Mrs. Best, Mrs. Edgar Gerber; Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Ervin Miller; Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. M. F. Wortham; Mrs. True, Mrs. Glen Cowan; Mrs. Loyal, Mrs. William Gehrig; Mrs. Grateful, Mrs. Ben Elzey; Mrs. Goodtime, Mrs. Carl Schaefer; Rev. Zoodheart, Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann; The Secretary, Mrs. Ed Miller; Japanese Child, Harriet Fruchte; Jewess, Virginia Miller; Chinese Girl, Mary Cowan; Southern Girl, Bernadine Koller; Indian Boy, Richard Brodbeck; Deaconess, Mrs. Tillman Gerber; Miss America, Miss Catherine Weidler.

Fair tonight and Friday; somewhat colder in east and south portions to night.

Liquor-Crazed Man Kills Self And Two Children

Bulletin

Chicago, Nov. 19.—(United Press)—Crazed by liquor, Gustaf Pihari, 29, today shot and killed his two small children and then ended his own life with a bullet in the head. His wife, who had gone to a nearby store, returned to find the three bodies. She said her husband had been drinking heavily for two weeks and had threatened suicide last night.

GRAND JURY EATS AT COUNTY FARM

County Officials Accompany
Jurors On Inspection
Trip Today

The members of the Adams county grand jury took dinner with Superintendent and Mrs. H. F. Lafountain, at the county infirmary at noon today.

Prosecutor John T. Kelly, Ballif H. W. Sellmeyer, County Clerk John E. Nelson and Mrs. Cecile Moser, court reporter, accompanied the jury to the county farm and also enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lafountain.

The grand jury made the annual inspection of the county infirmary.

Four or five more witnesses were examined by the grand jury this morning. The witnesses examined so far have been from Decatur and various parts of the county. The session is not expected to last more than a few days.

ONLY THREE HAVE LISTED EXPENSES

President Coolidge To
Speak In New York Tonight

Bulletin

Washington, Nov. 19.—(United Press)—President and Mrs. Coolidge left here at 9 a. m. for New York, where the President tonight will address the New York chamber of commerce. The president's address will be broadcast by several radio stations.

U. S. HIGHWAYS ARE SELECTED

Majority Of Candidates In
City Election Have Not
Complied With Law

Of the fifteen candidates for offices in the Decatur city election held the first part of this month, only three have complied with the state law and have filed their expense account with the city clerk. The delinquent candidates have until December 1 to file their expense accounts, according to the present law.

The three who have already filed are, Mrs. Luella Magley, treasurer-elect; Mrs. Catherine Kauffman, city clerk, and John Schnitz, defeated candidate for councilman-at-large on the republican ticket. The other twelve candidates have thus far failed to file their accounts.

It is not unusual for candidates to wait until the last day to file their expense. Usually, the candidates are busy with other matters after the election and the matter of filing their expense accounts slips their mind until they are reminded to do so.

About ten days still remain, Mrs. Kauffman said today, and it is highly probable that most of the accounts will be filed late next week.

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Negro, Acquitted Of
Murder Charge, Held
For Carrying Weapons

Indianapolis, Nov. 19.—McKinley Jones, negro, acquitted of a murder charge yesterday, was back in jail today in \$5,000 bail charged with carrying concealed weapons. Jones was charged with killing William Bowden, negro, August 24.

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Rotary Governor To
Visit Bluffton Club

Benjamin Sherwood, rotary governor of the Indiana district, who will visit the Decatur Rotary club at noon, next Wednesday, will attend a meeting of the Bluffton club Wednesday evening.

The regular meeting of the Bluffton club has been changed from Thursday evening to Wednesday noon. The Bluffton Rotarians will be hosts to the newly elected city officials of Bluffton at a banquet to be given at the Bluffton hotel Friday evening of this week.

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Knights Of Pythias
To Initiate Tonight

The Knights of Pythias lodge will

confer the first rank initiation work

upon a class of candidates at the

home on Third street this evening.

The incident led to a general rush

against the communists.

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ACE TESTIFIES AT COURT - MARTIAL

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker
Condemns Army's War-
Time Flying Equipment

Washington, Nov. 19.—(United Press)—"The graveyards of the country show what happens to aviators who are supplied with old war-time equipment," Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, American "Ace" of Aces, declared before the Mitchell court-martial today in urging that the army rid itself of antiquated planes.

Deaths in the air service will continue as long as airmen are supplied with the war-worn crafts, Rickenbacker said.