

WOLFE SENTENCED TO SERVE LIFE TERM

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

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 20. 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 Leagues 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, of 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—Monroe Orchestra Offering—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 Gennepski, 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 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 kidnappers, 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 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 Daily Democrat office.

Those not located are: Mrs. F. D. Miller, nee Drucilla 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. Ayers, who graduated in 1896; Nellie Elsworth Myers, who graduated in 1896; Etella Vore, Mary Thomas, Edith Stabler, Elmer Richmond, who graduated in 1884. 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

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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 the 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 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 overheated 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.
Solo—"Teach Me To Pray"..... Miss Della Sellemeyer
Thank Offering Box Convention..... Ten G. M. G. members
Duet—"Arisis, O Lord God"..... Mrs. D. Goldner and Mrs. B. Schroyer
Pageant..... "The Lower Lights"..... Mrs. Ben Schroyer
Offertory.
Closings.

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 Gird; Miss Grace, Miss Frances Leimstoll; Eula (colored servant), Miss Mildred Worthman; 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. Worthman; Mrs. True, Mrs. Glen Cowan; Mrs. Loyal, Mrs. William Gehrig; Mrs. Grateful, Mrs. Ben Elzey; Mrs. Goodtime, Mrs. Carl Schafer; Rev. Goodheart, 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 Weidner.

Liquor-Crazed Man Kills Self And Two Children

Chicago, Nov. 19.—(United Press)—Crazed by liquor, Gustaf Pihart, 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, Bailiff H. W. Sellemeyer, 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

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 Kaufman, 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. Kaufman said today, and it is highly probable that most of the accounts will be filed late next week.

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.

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 Bliss hotel Friday evening of this week.

Weather

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

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.

Vigorous cross examination by general staff counsel could not shake his testimony. Rebuilt airplanes are no good, Rickenbacker said.

Before he took the stand, Reed M. Chambers, of Detroit, testified that anti-aircraft guns could not prevent aircrafts from carrying out their missions.

Lieut. Leigh Wade, pilot of one of the three round-the-world planes, testified in agreement with Col. Mitchell's contention that arrangements for the Hawaii flight, which barely escaped a fatal ending, were not as good as they might have been. He said ships should have been stationed closer together along the route to pick up the planes if they fell.

President Coolidge To Speak In New York Tonight

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

System Of Roads Chosen By Interstate Highways Board; 75,884 Miles

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—(United Press)—The systems of roads to be known as United States highways, selected by the Joint Board of Interstate Highways, has been approved by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, it was announced today.

Jardine approved the report of the board designating 75,884 miles of road, each route of which has been given a number, and forwarded the approval to the American Association of State Highway Officials, now holding their annual meeting in Detroit.

This action completes the work of the board of 24 state and federal highway officials appointed last March by Secretary Gore. The scope of the work as outlined in the resolution addressed to the Secretary was to undertake immediately the selection and designation of a comprehensive system of through routes and to devise a comprehensive and uniform scheme for designating the routes in such a manner as to give them a conspicuous place among the highways of the country as roads of interstate and national significance.

The 75,884 miles of road selected as United States highways includes 145 routes, those running east and west being designated by even numbers and those north and south by odd numbers.

All of these routes will be marked with the standard direction and warning signs which are of two general classes. One group, the danger and caution signs, will consist of signs of four different shapes representing as

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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 meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Peru Man Heads State Savings And Loan League

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 19.—(United Press)—A. Q. Gallahan, of Peru today headed the Savings and Loan league of Indiana.

Other officers elected at the closing session of the convention yesterday were Lew O'Bannon, Corydon, vice-president; Carl Weber, Fort Wayne, second vice-president; J. E. Pierce, Indianapolis, treasurer and E. T. Kutterhenry, Indianapolis, secretary.

SAVING CHECKS TO TOTAL \$25,000

Local Banks To Mail Out Checks To Christmas Savings Club Members

More than \$25,000 will be paid out by Decatur banks during the second week in December to people of this community holding systematic savings accounts, better known as Christmas savings accounts. Checks ranging in value from \$5 to \$500 will be mailed. Hundreds of people in Adams county take advantage of the systematic savings system each year according to officials of local banks.

The systems were first started several years ago and were known as Christmas savings clubs. The clubs were first used largely by children and checks ranging from \$5 to \$15 were sent to the depositors. The plan grew in popularity an d later branched into the systematic saving plan.

At present, practically every bank in the country has a system of some sort, whereby depositors can deposit a certain amount of money each week and draw it out at the end of a stipulated period of weeks. Only a few of the graduated deposit plans, starting with 2, 5, 10 or 25 cents and doubling each week survive. Most of the plans now provide for the deposit of \$2, \$5 or even more each week.

Immediately after checks have been sent out, a new club will be formed and depositors will begin saving for the following December. Letters from time to time are sent out urging the depositor not to spend his money, but to obtain certificates. It is estimated that at least one-third of the money sent out will be returned to the banks for deposit in accounts while the rest will be used in purchasing Christmas gifts.

MORE RAILWAYS TO BE INDICTED

Higher-ups Of Chicago To Be Named In Connection With Beer Conspiracy

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Upwards of 30 new federal indictments are expected before the end of the week in the \$9,000,000 a year beer conspiracy. These are in addition to the indictments returned yesterday in which the Boston and Maine railroad, the Gilt Edge Beverage company of Lawrence, Mass., 23 railroad employees, railroad agents, Chicago policemen and truck drivers were named, federal officials made known.

Higher-ups of Chicago and other sections of the country will be named. It was hinted, between 3,000 and 4,000 railroad carloads of beer have been shipped from the Gilt Edge brewery to Chicago since the first of this year, federal agents said, involving men all along the way.

The federal grand jury which returned the 25 indictments is still in session and more witnesses will be heard today. The jury is sifting reports that many Chicago policemen are entangled in the conspiracy. Some of them are alleged to have

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Communists Are Ejected From Italian Chamber

Rome, Nov. 19.—Communists of the Italian chamber were forcibly ejected today after one of their number had been slapped in the face by Deputy Farinacci, a fascist chief, for remarks against Premier Mussolini. The incident led to a general rush against the communists.

ANDERSON'S PAL FOUND GUILTY OF SLAYING COUPLE

Convicted Man Says He Is Not Guilty As Court Reads His Sentence

NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE AN APPEAL

Muncie, Nov. 19.—Standing before Judge Dearth in circuit court here today, Charles "One Arm" Wolfe, broken and sullen, merely said "I'm not guilty," when asked if he had anything to say as to why he should not be sentenced.

After Wolfe had uttered the three words, the court sentenced him to life in the state prison at Michigan City, telling him that he had had a fair trial and that a jury of 12 men had found him guilty of a first degree murder charge.

Wolfe will be taken to prison Friday, Sheriff Harry E. Hoffman, said today.

It is not probable that an appeal will be carried to the supreme court since Wolfe's financial backing has been exhausted.

The little home of his mother is mortgaged and all his wife's possessions have been sold.

Want Dangerous Grade Crossing Eliminated

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 19.—A recommendation that the city eliminate the dangerous grade crossing where one person was killed and another seriously injured last night, was being prepared today by Coroner Paul F. Robinson.

Mrs. Amanda Heaton, 55, Nora, was fatally injured when a Monon freight train struck the automobile in which she was riding. Charles Heaton, 64, her husband, was seriously injured.

Paul Heaton a son, who was driving the auto, told police he did not

Monroe Band To Stage Home-Talent Play

The Monroe band will stage a home-talent play, entitled, "The Path Across the Hill," in the high school auditorium at Monroe on Saturday and Monday evenings. The proceeds will go toward equipping the band. Music will be furnished between acts by the band. Reserved seat tickets are on sale in Monroe.

CENTRAL SCHOOL TO GIVE PROGRAM

Mothers To Be Guests At Observance Of Education Week On Friday

Special invitations have been issued by the Central school to mothers of all pupils to attend the school's observance of American Education Week, to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged and it is the desire of those in charge to have every mother present at the observance.

C. L. Walters, of this city, will give a short address on Education week and special music has been arranged. The rest of the afternoon will be an informal get-acquainted party for all mothers and their children.

Education week is being observed throughout the United States this week. All schools in the county are having special program daily in observance. Several Decatur business men and men from other parts of the county have been addressing pupils at the various schools in the county. The week's program will close tomorrow. Most schools will hold their observance tomorrow, but several already have started and have divided their program into several short sessions.