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FEDERAL BUILDING BILL IS INTRODUCED

WET BLOC DRIVE AROUSES SENATE TO FIERY DEBATE

Sen. Willis, Ohio, Challenges Wets To Bring Anti-dry Bills To Vote

WETS WANT 2.75 PER CENT BEER

(United Press)

Washington, Dec. 15.—Opening of the wet bloc drive, for 2.75 per cent beer emboldened the senate today in a debate over prohibition.

An attack on the Volstead Act by Senator Edge, New Jersey, republican, drew a sharp rejoinder from Senator Willis, Ohio, republican, who challenged Edge to bring his 2.75 per cent beer bill to a vote.

"If the senator is of the opinion there is any dissatisfaction with the present act in this body, let him bring any of the anti-dry bills to a vote," Willis said.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In six years prohibition has brought national corruption in government and society that demands immediate legislative changes. Senator Walter E. Edge, New Jersey, republican, leader of the new senate wet bloc, declared in a speech on the floor today.

The first remedy which should be applied, he said, is legalization of 2.75 per cent beer.

The address heralded the official opening of the wets' new campaign to spur this congress to some modification of the Volstead act, and was directed to prove the advisability of adopting Edge's beer bill.

"It is generally admitted that the present act can not be enforced," he said, "that it is ridiculous to em-

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Court Reporter Strikes When Stephenson Fails To Pay For Transcript

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 15.—Maude Dale, Hamilton county court reporter who is making a transcript of the evidence in the murder trial of D. C. Stephenson was on strike today.

She quit work on the transcript because she claimed she had not been paid \$150 due her.

Stephenson promised to pay her when he was brought here last Saturday for arguments on his motion for a new trial but she has not received the money, Miss Dale declared.

ABE BAGLEY IS ACQUITTED

Berne Contractor Found Not Guilty Of Violating Auto License Law

Abe Bagley, contractor, of Berne, was found not guilty of operating his automobile without a license plate in city court yesterday. The jury hearing the case was out almost two hours and returned a verdict at about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Bagley was alleged to have driven his car with only one license plate last September.

The case opened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Evidence was heard and several witnesses were called to the stand. The charge was filed by Bar Schrulka, of this city, and the state prosecuted the case.

John T. Kelly represented the state and C. L. Walters represented the defendant. Mr. Bagley, at present, is building a house in this city.

Liquor Laden Car Is Abandoned By Driver

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Police today continued their efforts to locate the owner of an automobile loaded with 15 gallons of liquor which crashed into a car driven by C. N. Jacobs, and attorney, of Dayton, Ohio.

The car is believed to be owned by V. L. Sweet, of Knightstown, but efforts to locate Sweet have failed.

Coroner Probes Three Deaths In Gary, Ind.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Coroner's investigation into the deaths of three persons during the last twenty-four hours were under way here today.

The dead are Lou Evans, 25, who was shot when he attempted to intervene in a family quarrel between Carl Taylor and his wife; Frank Brazick, 53, found asphyxiated in his room, and Bedford Harding, 42, negro, who died from burns received when a gasoline torch exploded.

D.C.H.S. ISSUES TATTER TODAY

Christmas Number Of Catholic High School Publication Off Press

The Christmas number of the Tatter, the publication of the Decatur Catholic High School, made its appearance today. The 75-page book, is one of the best issues ever published by the school. Cedric Vogelweide, as editor, Dick Miller, as assistant editor, Eugene Durkin, as business manager, Fred Connell, assistant business manager and the staff assistants of the Catholic high school are responsible for the well-edited, well-managed publication.

The book is bound in a yellow cover with a clever work of art on the cover piece. Short stories, review of the first half of the school year and literary contributions by various school pupils are features of the book.

The Tatter is published twice each year by pupils appointed by the school officials. The spring edition will be published just before school is dismissed for the summer vacation. This year's Christmas number also contains a news department of outstanding occurrences in the school during the first half of the year.

The book will go on sale this week and may be obtained at the Catholic high school or from any of the D. C. H. S. pupils. The Christmas number is dedicated to the 32 undergraduates who contributed to the magazine.

Chapman Plans To Carry Case To Court Of Appeals

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Having lost the first round in his federal court fight to serve out his 25-year sentence in Atlanta penitentiary before the state of Connecticut hangs him, Gerald Chapman, bandit, today prepared to take his case to the United States court of appeals.

In a decision filed in New Haven today, Judge Edwin S. Thomas of the United States district court, denied Chapman's petition for a writ of habeas corpus permitting him to serve out his federal sentence.

Attorneys for Chapman, headed by Judge Frederick J. Groehl of New York, are preparing an immediate appeal.

Child Wife Seeks To Have Marriage Annulled

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Mrs. Margaret Munson, 15, today sought to annul her marriage to Ray Munson on the grounds that when she was married at Cahopolis, Mich., she was only 14 years old. The couple lived together only one month.

Package Library Service Of I. U. Proves Popular

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 15.—Twenty-three requests from one town in one day was the new record established December 1 by the package library service of the Indiana University Extension Division. Students from the Lynn High School desiring material for torn papers in history, sociology, and economics were responsible for the record.

Noblesville Mayor Resigns

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 15.—With only two weeks of his term to serve, Mayor Horace Brown resigned and was succeeded today by J. A. Joseph, mayor-elect.

Brown, who resigned for business reasons, is president of the Indiana Municipal league.

ELEPHANT ROCK IS BROUGHT TO DECATUR TODAY

Large Boulder, To Be Dedicated To Memory Of Mrs. Porter, Is Moved

DEDICATION SET FOR A LATER DATE

Elephant Rock, the huge boulder taken out of the St. Mary's river recently, to be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, formerly of this county and city, arrived in Decatur this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The boulder was taken out of the river several weeks ago by A. M. Meads, of Conoy, Ohio, who had the contract for moving it to this city.

Several days ago the rock was removed from the banks of the river to the Gage farm, southeast of Decatur. This morning the slow process of moving the rock to this city started. The boulder was placed on a heavily built trailer and attached to a large truck. The time consumed in bringing Elephant Rock to this city is estimated at about seven hours. The rock was formerly located in the center of St. Mary's river about five miles east of Decatur. Mrs. Porter, before her death a year ago, often expressed the desire of having a large boulder dedicated to her memory.

A movement to bring the rock here was started by French Quinn, of this city, and several other business men. The movement was taken up by the school children of the county and a fund was raised sufficient to move the rock to this city and to erect it in the Court House yard with a bronze plaque. The placing of the rock and memory of Adams county's author bronze plaque will be done soon, it was learned today. A fitting dedication will be held and the rock will become known as the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial.

SUGAR FACTORY ISSUES CHECKS

Growers Get \$250,000 Today; Tomorrow Is Pay Day For Employees

The Holland-St. Louis Sugar company today sent out checks totaling about \$250,000, in payment for beets received in the past month. Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 of this total went to Adams county farmers, it was stated. The payment is for about 35,000 tons of beets and will be distributed over the territory of the local company.

Tomorrow, the factory payroll will be distributed among the employees, this totaling about \$15,000.

Practically all of the beets have been lifted and delivered to the weigh stations, but it is estimated that about 500 acres of beets are yet to be delivered to the factory. It is believed that the factory will operate until after the first of the year, the tonnage this year being very large, although the sugar content of the beet is poor.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 tons of beets have been run through the big mill every day this season and, barring the poor condition of the beets, the campaign has been a most successful one.

Bartholomew County's Oldest Resident Dies

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—George Gilliland, 96, said to be the oldest resident of Bartholomew county, is dead at his home here today.

Gilliland was born on a farm near Hartsville.

Dry Goods Stores To Remain Open Evenings

Starting Wednesday evening, the dry goods stores in this city will remain open each evening until Christmas.

Jingle Bells

(By United Press)

Ossining, N. Y.—A measure of Christmas cheer will be brought to the 19 prisoners in Sing Sing's death house, one of whom is a woman. Small gifts will be purchased with the funds of the mutual welfare league.

New York—"Christmas pajamas for men" are advertised in one exclusive Fifth avenue store as for sale "from \$6 to \$150."

Chicago—The Christmas stocking of the local Y. W. C. A. will bulge with \$50,000 cash. This sum was left to the association by Mrs. Carrie McGill, whose will is on file in the probate court.

TWO MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

George Squires And Charles Andrews Uninjured When Train Hits Auto

George Squires and Charles Andrews, of near Peterson, had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon, according to a story reported here today, when an Erie train hit the automobile in which they were riding. The automobile was badly damaged, but neither of the men were injured.

The two men left the general store at Peterson and started to cross the railroad tracks nearby when they saw a train coming. Mr. Squires, who was driving the car, swung the car in along side of the track, hoping to miss the train, but he had driven too far and the car struck head-on with the train.

The auto was badly damaged on the side which hit the train, but both men escaped with only a few minor bruises.

BUYS MAGLEY STORE

Orval Lenhart Purchases General Store From Glen Chronister; Takes Possession Monday

Orval Lenhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burt Lenhart, of this city, has purchased the general store at Magley, from Glen Chronister. Mr. Lenhart took possession of the store yesterday. He will move his family from this city to Magley before the first of next year. Mr. Lenhart owned a store in Pleasant Mills until last August when he sold it. Since then he has been residing in this city.

NEW TAX BILL IS UNDER FIRE

Exemption Provisions Are Targets For Amendment In House Today

By Wm. J. McEvoy

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Exception provisions of the new \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill were the target for amendment in the house today as action was rushed on the measure.

Leaders anticipated a score of changes to be offered but were confident the provisions recommended by the ways and means committee would stand.

At the rate the house proceeded with the measure yesterday, leaders were positive a final vote would be reached before Saturday.

The first amendment to be acted was one presented late yesterday by

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ELKS DEDICATE NEW LODGE HOME THIS AFTERNOON

Dedication Program Starts At 3:00 p. m.; District Deputy Is Guest

BANQUET AND A RECEPTION TONIGHT

The dedication services for the new Elks home, formerly the C. C. Schafer residence on North Second street, started this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the new home. Fred Brown, district deputy of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, was the guest of honor at the ceremony. The dedication ceremony was followed this afternoon by the initiation of several candidates into the local order.

A dedication banquet is scheduled to begin tonight at 6 o'clock. All Elks are cordially invited to attend the banquet, which will be served on the first floor of the new home. Admission of \$1.00 a plate will be charged at the banquet and it will be for members of the lodge, only.

Tonight, at 8 o'clock, a reception will be held for all members of the lodge and their families and friends. There will be dancing. Five Hundred, Bridge and other forms of amusement. The committee desires that all members of the lodge and their families attend this part of the day's festivities, whether they are able to attend the program during the day or not.

The reception tonight will close the day's activities. The new home was purchased last summer by the Decatur lodge. The lodge formerly had rooms on the third floor of the Morrison building for more than 15 years. The present home was bought from C. C. Schafer, who is a member of the Decatur lodge.

RADIO LISTENERS TO HOLD MEETING

Important Session To Be Held In Industrial Rooms Wednesday Night

All radio fans in Decatur and surrounding community are urged to attend a meeting of the Adams County Radio club to be held in the Decatur Industrial rooms at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. George Wemhoff, president of the club, has called the meeting.

Several matters of importance will be discussed at the meeting. Local fans are anxious to strengthen their organization so that it will be possible to trace down and eliminate all interference as quickly as possible. The purpose of the organization is to obtain the best possible reception here. The matter of becoming affiliated with the Broadcast Listeners Association of America will be brought up for a vote tomorrow night, more than likely.

Mr. Wemhoff stated today that he would like to see every person in Decatur who owns a radio set at the meeting tomorrow night. New officers will be elected at that time.

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Bill Provides For Inland Waterways Development

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Appropriation of \$82,000,000 for five-year development of inland waterways is contained in a bill introduced by Senator Brookhart, republican, of Iowa, and referred today to the senate commerce committee.

Developments planned include:

Nine foot channels in the Ohio river from Pittsburgh to Cairo; in the Mississippi from the mouth of the Illinois river to St. Louis; in the Illinois river from Utica, Ill., to its confluence with the Mississippi.

Six foot channels in the Mississippi from the Illinois river to Minneapolis and in the Missouri river from its mouth to the upper end of Quindaro bend.

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

Probably snow except rain or snow in extreme south portion. Not much change in temperature.

Crazed Woman Kills Son, Daughter And Herself

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Preparations were being made here today for a triple funeral for three victims of a crazed woman—the woman's daughter, her son and herself, whom she shot late Monday.

The mother, Mrs. Rose Howard Fugua, 58, was said to have been demented for some time. The daughter was Gladys, 16; the son, Harry, 21. Both son and daughter had been threatened by their mother some time ago with a knife, it was brought out at a coroner's inquest.

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BILL PROVIDES FOR NEW POST OFFICE HERE

Appropriation Of \$125,000 For This City Included In Measure

APPROPRIATION OF \$1,900,000 ASKED

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Chairman Warren of the senate appropriations committee today introduced a bill which would make available \$7,900,000 for carrying out public building projects for which no contracts have been made and \$18,400,000 for buildings already started.

Under the bill, unless the secretary of the treasury should take adverse action, the following cities would be included for about the amounts specified:

Indiana:
Bluffton, \$95,500
Clinton, \$73,200
Decatur, \$125,000
Greensburg, \$140,000
Lebanon, \$15,000
Linton, \$95,000
Mt. Vernon, \$100,000
Noblesville, \$110,000
Plymouth, \$80,000
Warsaw, \$100,000

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