

YOUTH KILLED IN HUNTING ACCIDENT

Relief From Cold Wave Is Predicted For Tomorrow

MUCH SUFFERING IS REPORTED IN MANY LOCALITIES

Moderating Temperatures Are Forecast For Tomorrow Morning

COLD BLAMED FOR DEATHS AND FIRES

(United Press Service)
New York, Dec. 28.—According to reports from 13 cities this afternoon, 32 persons have died directly or indirectly from the freezing weather.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—Relief from the sub-zero cold wave of the past three days was predicted by the weather bureau today for Tuesday as increased suffering was reported from every section of Indiana.

Tuesday morning will bring moderating temperatures and Wednesday the weather will be even less severe, according to the forecast.

Deaths of five Hoosiers were indirectly attributed to the cold wave and fires caused property damage of \$150,000 or more.

Mrs. John Simon, 52, dropped dead while walking home from church at Goshen. Heart trouble superinduced by the cold caused her death.

Mrs. Esther Shaw, 83, a blind woman, living near Shelbyville, was burned to death attempting to start a fire in her home.

An automobile skidded on icy roads near Jeffersonville, causing the death of Mrs. Della Rimmel.

Mrs. Grace Phillips, of Evansville, slipped on an icy levee on Green River, near Evansville and was drowned. Her husband drowned attempting to rescue her.

Greencastle police feared Bert Lesley, 35, missing from his home since Saturday, may have wandered away and frozen to death.

Seventy seven fires were reported in Indianapolis shortly before noon today with a total loss of \$50,000.

Fire swept the Anchor Furniture store at Terre Haute, causing a loss of \$75,000.

An overheated furnace started a \$15,000 blaze in the Lindley business block at Mooresville. Other smaller fires were reported.

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MANY FLEECE BY REALTY COMPANY

Scores Of Teachers, Business Men And Laborers Lose \$3,000,000

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Scores of school teachers, business men and laborers were fleeced out of approximately \$3,000,000 by officials of the Consolidated Theatre and Realty company of Chicago and Indianapolis, federal officials estimated today, following announcement of federal indictments against Frederick H. Grunberg, Sr., his son and other officials of the company.

They are charged with using the mails to defraud.

A "sucker list" of 5,000 names was found on Grunberg's, officials said. Grunberg and his son were arrested in New Orleans some time ago, it was revealed.

Chicago victims lost approximately \$1,000,000, while Indiana contributors were mulcted for about \$2,000,000, officials said.

The Consolidated company more than a year ago was placed in the hands of a receiver by an Indianapolis court, and after pooling the assets was able to pay a dividend of only six per cent.

The company sold bonds on property which it did not own, it is charged. The bonds were floated on leased property, according to the charge.

Large Golden Eagle Is Costly Pet, Farmer Learns

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—John Burns, a farmer near here, who recently captured a large golden eagle on his farm, is learning the high cost of keeping his trophy alive.

The eagle will eat only meat and it must slaughter its own food. It will not eat anything else.

John must feed the captive choice chickens, rabbits and opossums, etc., alive and must provide one at each meal.

John is learning lots about the eagle's eating qualities.

TEMPERATURE REMAINS LOW

Zero Weather Grips Adams County And Northern Indiana Over Week-end

Zero weather was in style in Adams county and northern Indiana over the week-end. The mercury rolled and tumbled below the zero mark during the entire time since Saturday. Yesterday was one of the coldest days of the winter and in many localities it was the coldest day of the year.

The lowest mark reported was 11 degrees below zero, registered Sunday morning and again early this morning. At 8 o'clock this morning, the thermometer on the Peoples Loan and Trust company building registered 5 degrees below.

The mercury then advanced to 1 and 2 degrees below and held close to zero most of the day.

At noon, cold weather was still prevalent. The sun made several almost futile attempts to break through the gray sky. Snow began falling early today and the flurries lasted most of the day.

Automobile radiators and oil lines froze up in many instances over the week-end, and few cars were used Sunday night in this community.

Storage garages in Decatur were full early last night and many cars had to be kept in unheated buildings and sheds. Alcohol for radiators was sold in large quantities by all gasoline filling stations and garages the last few days.

Automobile mechanics say that, during the extreme cold weather, it is advisable to use about half water and half alcohol. Plumbers were busy all day yesterday, temporarily repairing bursted heating and water pipes. Furnaces were kept booming at an excessive rate. The streets were deserted early Saturday and Sunday night, and most Decatur people spent Sunday in their own homes.

Not much relief is expected from the cold wave for the next day or two, according to state weather reports, but it is not expected that the mercury will drop much lower.

Poker Player Slain; Two Suspects Held

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—R. C. Davis, alias Roy Davenport of Rochester, N. Y., and Thomas Brown, Cincinnati, were in jail here today, charged with murder in connection with the shooting to death of Nelson Fant, Flemingsburg, Ky., in a club room poker game late Saturday.

The two suspects were captured by the police after a short chase through the business district. Police say Davenport talked of the tragedy.

It is charged the two men held up the gamblers, including Fant, who later attacked Davis and Brown came to the aid of his companion. In the melee several shots were fired, one of which killed Fant.

Search Of Year Ends

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—A search of almost a year is at an end here today following the arrest of Tony Bruno, 30, paroled prisoner wanted in connection with the robbery of the United States Corrugated Box company last February.

DATES FOR EIGHT FARM INSTITUTES ARE ANNOUNCED

First Of Series Of Meetings In County At Hartford Center, January 20

CORN SHOWS ARE BEING PLANNED

According to information received from the county agent's office, eight farmers' institutes will be held in Adams county this winter. The first will be at Hartford Center, on January 20, Eugene Lindsey being chairman. The other seven are as follows: January 21, Union township, C. D. Spuller, chairman; January 22, Kirkland township, O. V. Dilling, chairman; February 2, Monroe, J. F. Rupert, chairman; February 3, Monmouth, C. D. Kunkel, chairman; February 4, Geneva, Walter Thorndill, chairman; February 5, Bobo, Kermit Bowen, chairman; February 6, Berne, Fred Blum, chairman.

At each of the institutes, two farmers institute speakers engaged by the Farmers Institute Division, of Purdue, will lead discussions of subjects selected by those in charge of the meetings. Programs consisting of local talent also are arranged.

It is probable that corn shows will be held in connection with several of the institutes, the officers of the Monroe and Berne institutes having already announced they expect good-sized entries in these shows.

Faces Term Of 2 To 14 Years For Slaying Rival

Martinsville, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Dewey Staley, 27, today faced the prospect of spending from two to twenty-one years in prison for the slaying of Wallace McGinnis, 28.

McGinnis was beaten to death in a quarrel over a girl, evidence at the trial revealed.

AUCTION SCHOOL TERM IS STARTED

Twenty Students On Hand For Opening Session; More Are Expected

The annual winter term of the Reppert School of Auctioneering started at 8 o'clock this morning, at the class room located over the United Cigar store on Second street. Twenty students were on hand this morning when Colonel Fred Reppert, founder of the school, declared the school opened for the semi-annual session.

Twenty more applicants are expected to arrive in the next day or two, making a total enrollment of near 40. Colonel Reppert stated today. The faculty for the winter term will be practically the same as that of last summer, it was said today.

The Auction school teaches all the phases of auctioneering and is one of the veteran schools of its class. All fields of auctioneering will be covered by the students in the course. A complete roll of students will be announced in the next day or two, Colonel Reppert said today.

Prominent Fort Wayne Business Man Goes East

J. Earl Groth, of Fort Wayne, for several years manager of the Ruride Dry Goods company, will leave the first of the year for New York where he has accepted a position as manager of the S. S. Kresge Department stores. Mr. Groth will be the manager of three large stores. Mr. Groth was well known here and was active in the business and social life of Fort Wayne. He was president of the Rotary club there and was known here by many of the local Rotarians.

Couple Drowned In River In Kentucky

Rumsey, Ky., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Hurry to catch the steamer Evansville after a visit here, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Phillips were drowned in the icy waters of Green River here Sunday.

There were no witnesses to the tragedy, but it is believed Phillips lost his life when he attempted to save his wife after she had fallen from the lock wall.

The bodies were recovered Sunday afternoon and taken to Calhoun, Ky., for burial.

MC CRAY SUFFERS FROM BREAKDOWN

Former Governor Of Indiana Removed To Federal Prison Hospital

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Former Governor Warren T. McCray of Indiana, who is serving a 12 year term for using the mails to defraud, has been removed to the federal prison hospital here following a breakdown caused by high blood pressure.

McCray is not seriously ill, it was said, and as soon as he recovers he will be given lighter duties. He has been relieved of his duties in connection with editing the prison magazine "Good Words" and the supervision of the print shop.

COL. COOLIDGE SUFFERS STROKE

Father Of President Suffering From Paralysis; Condition Favorable

Plymouth, Vermont, Dec. 28.—Col. John C. Coolidge, father of the president, has been stricken with paralysis, affecting his right leg and has been ordered to bed by his physician, Dr. Albert M. Cram.

While Dr. Cram does not consider the Colonel's condition as immediately serious, he has notified President Coolidge of this latest development by means of a long distance telephone conversation with Major James F. Coupal, the president's personal physician, in Washington.

Besides the paralysis, Colonel Coolidge is now suffering more frequent recurrences of the heart block which caused his recent serious illness, according to Dr. Cram, and the condition of the 80-year-old patient is causing some concern.

The paralysis has affected Colonel (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

MEXICAN YOUTH DIES AT HOSPITAL

Peter Grinaldo Succumbs To Septicemia; Home Near Chattanooga, O.

Peter Grinaldo, 16, of near Chattanooga, Ohio, died at the Adams County Memorial hospital this morning, following a short illness of septicemia. He was brought to the hospital five days ago.

The youth was born in Mexico, in 1906. He was a son of Algo and Pasada Grinaldo, who reside near Chattanooga. One brother survives, also. The young man had been employed in the sugar beet fields by the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company for some time.

The body was removed to the Yager Brothers morgue this morning and it will be shipped to McAllen, Texas, for burial.

Weather

Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Not quite so cold Tuesday.

CITY FIREMEN HAVE BUSIEST DAY IN HISTORY

Fire Laddies Answer Four Calls On Sunday; Damage Less Than \$100

ONE MISTAKE MADE IN TURNING IN ALARM

A new record was hung up yesterday by Decatur firemen, when four fires helped make it the busiest day for the local fire fighters in the history of Decatur's volunteer department. The first fire report came about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, when the firemen were called to the Ed Zimmerman home on North Second street. An overheated furnace caused shingles on the roof to catch fire and damage to the extent of \$15 was done before the flames were extinguished. The arrival of the firemen in time, kept the flames from spreading and only a small hole was burned in the roof.

Wrong Address Given

The second call came shortly after noon. The fire was reported wrong to the telephone operator and the firemen were forced to search on several streets before the exact location was found at the Tobe Meyers home on South Fifth street, where another overheated furnace caused damage to the extent of about \$65.

The firemen urge that fire alarms be turned into the telephone operator correctly, stating as near as possible the exact location of the fire and the (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

Auto Toll In Muncie This Year Is Eleven

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Eleven persons have been killed by auto accidents in Muncie and vicinity this year despite efforts of authorities to teach motorists that caution pays.

TO GIVE RECITAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Instructors Of European School Of Music And Pupils To Give Program

A recital will be given at the Decatur high school auditorium Wednesday evening by Miss Ruth Castle, of this city, and Signor J. C. Cafaro and Edward Molham, of Fort Wayne, instructors in the European School of Music, and their pupils. The program will start at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be secured from Miss Castle, M. F. Worthman, superintendent of the city schools, and the pupils of the three instructors.

Included in the program will be selections by a saxophone quintet, a saxophone band of twelve pieces, and solos by the three instructors, their pupils and the Misses Carinela and Theresa Cafaro, daughters of Signor Cafaro. Mr. Molham is instructor in violin music, Miss Castle is an instructor in piano, and Signor Cafaro is a band instructor and is giving lessons to the members of the Decatur junior band.

Mrs. Charles Sowell Dies At Jackson, Mich.

Word was received here by Mrs. Enoch Eady of the death of Mrs. Charles Sowell, of Jackson, Mich., a former resident of this city. Mrs. Sowell died on Christmas day, after an extended illness of cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Sowell was about 48 years of age and lived in this city several years, moving to Jackson from this city. Word of her death was sent here by her son, Rex Sowell, son-in-law of Mrs. Eady. The funeral services were held today at the Jackson and the many friends of the former Decatur woman will be grieved to learn of her death.

New Order Is Issued By Public Service Commission

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—The state public service commission has issued a new order regulating issuance of securities by utilities.

The order requires the utilities to file petitions for authority to issue the securities at least ten days before approval.

Final orders will not be promulgated for the securities until the matter has been heard publicly.

The new rules were drawn up on recommendation of Howell Ellis, secretary of the commission.

D. H. S. ALUMNI MEETING TODAY

Reunion Opens This Afternoon; Banquet And Dance This Evening

The banquet and reunion of the Decatur high school alumni is in progress and many from out of the city are here for the occasion, which opened with registration at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At 4 o'clock, with Mr. C. A. Dugan, a former superintendent in charge, the first program was given with former teachers, students and superintendents taking part. At 6 o'clock, the banquet will be given by the domestic science classes, with Miss Ruth Prisinger, teacher, in charge.

After a program of toasts and responses, the crowd will adjourn to the auditorium, where a special program, divided into decades, will be given and, following this, there will be an organization meeting and a dance for the young people. The event promises to be a very delightful one. The rooms have been decorated by a committee, with Miss Florine Michaud as chairman, and arrangements made to check wraps, tag the guests and see that everybody meets everybody else. The tables will be arranged so that those of the various periods of school life will be together.

Traffic On Ohio River Is Tied Up By Ice Floes

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—With the channel three quarters full of heavy ice floes, traffic on the Ohio River was tied up today. All steamboats have been moved into Green River or behind government locks for protection.

Ferry service at all points on the Ohio has been discontinued indefinitely.

Four Diamonds, Worth \$2,000, Stolen At Gary

Gary, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Two daring gem thieves who stole four diamond rings worth \$2,000 from a jewelry store here Saturday night were hunted by police today.

The robbery occurred while scores of persons were passing the store. One handit broke the show window with a small hammer while his partner engaged the attention of employees of the store.

Joseph Bentz Dies At Marion, Indiana, Sunday

Ralph Bentz received a telegram Sunday announcing the death of his father, Joseph Bentz, at Marion, Indiana. Mr. Bentz was well-known in Decatur. Ralph left Sunday for Marion where he will remain until after the funeral services, which were to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Fire Damages Church In Wells County Sunday

Bluffton, Dec. 28.—The Bluffton fire department answered a call to Rock creek, in Wells county, yesterday noon, when it was learned the St. Paul church of Rockcreek township, was on fire. Fire damaged the building to the extent of about \$500, before the Bluffton firemen extinguished the blaze. An overheated furnace caused the fire.

WERLING BOY IS INSTANTLY KILLED TODAY

Accident Occurs Near Preble At Noon; Son Of Charles Werling

SHOT STRIKES BOY IN NECK AND JAW

Wilbert Werling, age 15, son of Charles Werling, of Preble township, was instantly killed at noon today, when the shot gun with which he was hunting was accidentally discharged. The boy, with two other youths, Lawrence Smith, of Preble, and Delbert Melcher, of Hoagland, was hunting in a woods a mile and a half north-west of Preble when the fatal accident occurred.

The three boys had gone into the woods about two hours before the accident. They had trapped a rabbit in some brush, and the Werling lad had climbed on top of the brush to shoot the rabbit when it tried to escape. He reached down to get his gun and as he drew it toward him the trigger caught on some brush and the gun was discharged. The shot struck the lad in the neck and jaw and it is thought that the jugular vein was torn off.

Death Is Instantaneous

Death was practically instantaneous. The two boys ran to a nearby farm house for help and medical aid was called, but the boy was pronounced dead as soon as physicians arrived. The Melcher boy was visiting the Werling boy during the holidays and the three lads had planned the hunting trip by themselves.

They had left Preble two hours before the accident and had been hunting in the woods. The fatal accident is the first one to occur during the present hunting season in Adams county.

Wilbert Werling was born in (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

Opera Singer Undergoes Operation At Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Florence Macheth, Chicago Civic Opera soprano, was recovering today from an operation for acute appendicitis.

Dr. Albert Macheth, the singer's cousin, performed the operation at the Methodist hospital here.

CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS SUNDAY

Christian Church And Sunday School Select Officials For 1926

G. T. Burk was re-elected trustee of the Christian church, and Dr. Burt Mangold was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday School, at the annual election of officers held yesterday, at the church. Both the church and Sunday school held elections.

The church officers for 1926 are as follows: Trustee, G. T. Burk; deacons, Dr. Burt Mangold, Olin Baker, William Cole, Homer Rhul, George Teams Roy Miller, Joe Cloud, and H. L. Merry; treasurer, William Cole; secretary, Olin Baker; chorister, Josephine Anderson; assistant chorister, Dr. Burt Mangold, pianist, Mrs. Adam Kunowich; assistant pianist, Mamie Teeple.

Sunday school officers elected for 1926 are: Superintendent, Dr. Burt Mangold; assistant superintendent, Olin Baker; secretary, Josephine Anderson; pianist, Isabelle Cloud; assistant pianist, Mamie Teeple; treasurer, Mrs. Homer Rhul; chorister, William Cole.

The officers will be installed next Sunday and will serve in the capacity to which they were elected for one year, with the exception of Mr. Burk, as trustee, whose office is for three years.