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NEW TRAFFIC ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED

Alibi Of Mellett Murder Suspect Is Breaking Down

MAZER ADMITS HE LIED ABOUT CERTAIN DETAILS

Investigators Continue To
Question Suspect About
His Whereabouts

DETECTIVE IS ALIBI WITNESS

Cleveland, O., Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The alibi of Louis Mazer, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton newspaper publisher, is breaking down, according to reports emanating from the room at the federal building where he is undergoing examination.

Mazer confessed lying about certain details in his account of his whereabouts before and after the murder, investigators said. The accused man told questioners yesterday he was at the home of a policeman until 1:30 a. m., the night of the murder, then went to the home of Billy Cary and remained there until 2 p. m. the following day.

When confronted today with the statement of a Canton man that he was seen in a Canton restaurant at 10 a. m., the morning after the Mellett murder, Mazer is reported to have admitted being there. He is also said to have named an underworld character he met that morning to tell him "about a dog that was sick."

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Louis Mazer, under arrest in Cleveland in connection with the murder of Don R. Mellett, has an alibi witness here in Detective Floyd E. Streitenberger, of Canton.

Streitenberger is a delegate to the Fraternal Order of Police now in session here. He said Mazer, whom he counts as innocent of the murder.

"Mazer was at my house from midnight until nearly 1 a. m., the night of the killing and I will do anything I can do to clear him," Streitenberger said.

State Engineer to Oppose Gov. Ross in Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Incomplete returns from Tuesday's primary today indicate that Frank C. Emerson, state engineer, will receive the republican nomination for governor in Wyoming.

The winner of the republican nomination will oppose Governor Nellie Taylor Ross, democrat, the nation's first woman governor, in the general election. Governor Ross was unopposed in the primary.

The count last night gave Emerson 4,590 votes and Frank E. Lucas, secretary of state, and his closest competitor, 3,413.

AUTOS COLLIDE AT WATT TODAY

Occupants of Both Cars Es-
cape Serious Injury in
Morning Accident

A collision between two automobiles in which the occupants of both cars Watt, six miles east of Decatur on the Indiana-Ohio state line, this morning. A car driven by Jesse Sheets and one driven by a stranger, whose name could not be learned, collided near the W. H. Working store.

The cars were damaged to a great extent, but the occupants received only slight injuries. Mr. Sheets and his children occupied one car and a man was driving the other car.

The Sheets children were taken to their home near the scene of the accident and their injuries, which consisted mostly of cuts and slight bruises, were dressed.

Celebrating Birth Of Virginia Dare

Manteo, N. C., Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The imperialism of Sir Walter Raleigh has resulted not only in the development of America but also in the growth and spread through America, of a new ideal of industrial and international peace. Sir Esme Howard British ambassador declared in a speech here today.

Sir Esme spoke at the second day's celebration of the 339th anniversary of the birth of Virginia dare, first white child of American nativity. The speech was delivered on Roanoke Island, site of the ill-fated colony founded by Raleigh in 1584, which was wiped out with out a trace after only a few years of existence.

LOCAL GRAIN ELEVATOR SOLD

Reed Bros., Fort Wayne,
Buy Zimmerman-Carper
Elevator Here.

A business deal was transacted in this city yesterday, whereby Reed brothers, of Fort Wayne, became the owners of the Zimmerman and Carper elevator, in the west part of the city. The transaction becomes effective at once and the new owners have taken charge.

Zimmerman and Carper have been in the elevator business in this city for several years. Messrs. Reed were formerly connected with the Henderson Reed company, of Fort Wayne.

CALVES ARE MAKING GAINS

Members of County Calf
Club Make Reports on

That a number of Adams county boys and girls are, in early life, learning the proper methods of growing dairy calves is brought out by figures compiled from information received at the county agent's office. The last questionnaire received from dairy calf club members shows that, since May 1, individual calves have made average daily gains from 1.3 pounds to 2.2 pounds. It is said that the average thrifty dairy calf should gain 15 to 2 pounds daily, indicating that the majority of the calves are doing as well as could be expected.

A purebred Holstein calf fed by Roy Smith, of Washington township, is leading the remaining twenty-five calves in the club as far as gain in weight is concerned. His calf weighed 215 pounds on May 1, and, on July 31, it weighed 416 pounds making a daily gain of 2.2 pounds. Purebred Holsteins fed by Robert Nyffeler, of St. Mary's township, Marcelle Peard, of Union township, and Lorene Rich, of Monroe township, have gained 2 pounds daily. A purebred Guernsey, fed by Lester Sipe of Blue Creek township, also has gained two pounds daily. Calves fed by Little Kneuss, Ardon Mosser and David L. Lechty gained 1.9 pounds daily.

Although the rate of gain made by the calf is no indication of its showing quality, the members are much interested in growing their calves as rapidly as possible. It is said the calves which are fed to make rapid gains are more thrifty and less likely to become stunted. Also, the more rapid gains are usually cheaper.

In spite of the above facts, members have been cautioned by those supervising the work not to overfeed their calves by overfeeding. It is easily possible to cause indigestion by overfeeding, as well as to make the calf too fat. The calves which won in the County Calf Show last year were in only medium flesh, since dairy cattle are not supposed to be kept in high condition. Nevertheless, where two calves are equal quality, the judge will always place the larger calf a head of the smaller.

CITY GARBAGE CONTRACT LET TO F. J. SCHMITT

City Saves \$185 On Con-
tract By Readvertis-
ing for Bids

COUNCIL TAKES UP OTHER BUSINESS

The city of Decatur saved \$185 by re-advertising for bids to haul and dispose of the garbage collected within the city. F. J. Schmitt, successful bidder, cutting his bid from \$360 to \$175. The council moved that the contract be awarded to Mr. Schmitt.

Two weeks ago, when bids for the city contract were received Mr. Schmitt and Fred Abrach filed bids for \$360, so the council rejected all bids and decided to re-advertise. Since the city has been gathering and disposing of all garbage from residences and restaurants, the price has been reduced each year. The first year, the city paid Mr. Schmitt \$750 for doing the work. The bids filed last night with the council follow: John Hill and Henry Bauman, \$299; Fred Abrach, \$260; George Brown, \$273; C. P. Heckathorn, \$225; F. J. Schmitt, \$175.

Other Council Matters
No objections were filed against the South Sixth street sidewalk improvement or on the North Third street ornamental light improvements. The preliminary assessments were adopted and the resolution passed authorizing the clerk to turn the assessments over to the treasurer for collection.

An ordinance appropriating \$180 from the general fund for the payment of bills in various departments was passed and adopted by the council.

An amended petition for the Russell street sidewalk improvement was filed with the council last evening and referred to the street and sewer committee. The petitioners asked that a curb be placed along, and sidewalk, the first petition namely asking for a cement walk, the proposed improvement extends from Pean street to Rodd street.

MAGLEY COUPLE WED 50 YEARS

Hundred Friends and Rela-
tives Help Mr. and Mrs.
J. Borne Celebrate

About one hundred friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Borne, of Magley, last night, to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Borne's fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary. It was on August 17, 1876, when Jacob Borne and Miss Elizabeth Wilhelmina Bartelmeier "footed" it to the Magley Reformed church to be joined in holy wedlock by the late Rev. W. Spiess, then pastor of the church. The bride then resided about a mile from the church, at the place where Henry Bloemker now lives. For the past 47 years, Mr. and Mrs. Borne have resided on the farm where they now live.

The young bride and groom were accompanied by four attendants at the wedding ceremony. One of the bridesmaids, Mrs. Peter Doerner, of Fort Wayne, was present at the celebration last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Borne were blessed with seven children, three of whom died in youth. The four still living are Mrs. Joseph Kless and Mrs. Jacob Hoffman, of Decatur; John Borne, of Magley, and Rudolph Borne, of Louisville, Ky. There are also 16 grandchildren living.

The evening was spent in games and social fellowship. A number of "oldtime fiddlers", Mr. James Ibliek, William Ruckmann, Kenneth Roth and John McClure, were present and entertained the audience with some lively selections. In the absence of

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Operated Upon



Rudolph Valentino, film star, was operated upon for appendicitis in a New York hospital.

VALENTINO IS BETTER TODAY

Flapper's Idol Of Movies
Shows Slight Improve-
ment in His Illness

New York, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Rudolph Valentino, the flapper's idol of the movies, who is critically ill here, was reported slightly improved by his physicians after their morning consultation today, but it probably will be two more days before Valentino is out of danger.

"Mr. Valentino rested comfortably" the bulletin issued at 10:15 a. m., said.

"He shows a slight improvement in general condition this morning. His temperature is 101, pulse 90 and respiration 22."

Drs. Paul E. Derham, Harold B. Meeker and G. Randolph Manning signed the bulletin.

The temperature, pulse and respiration all were considerably lower than in the last previous bulletin.

Mother and Three Children Burn to Death

Franklin, Pa., Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Trapped in their frame house when an oil stove exploded today, Mrs. David Beightol, 30, and her three children were burned to death. The husband was away, delivering milk, when the explosion occurred. Two of the children were girls, aged five and seven, and the third was a baby boy, six months old.

Tornado Strikes Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Five negroes were reported dead and considerable property damage was done by a tornado which struck near Wilson, Ark., late Tuesday. The number of injured was reported between 12 and 20.

The storm caused most damage to farm buildings in the vicinity of Wilson, reports said.

BOY, 15, GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

Virginia Youth Sentenced
To Die for Criminal
Assault on Girl Of 9

Welch, West Va., Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Fifteen-year-old Adam Burress, of Casewell county, Va., today stands sentenced to death for criminal assault on a 9-year-old daughter of a coal miner.

The boy's defense was based on his age. No attempt was made to deny the crime. Judge James A. Strother ruled out a question of age and the jury required only 9 minutes to reach a verdict last night.

CHURCH SEEKS MEDIATION IN MEXICAN AFFAIR

Episcopate Sends Letter To
President Calles; Hopes
for Modification

STUDYING PLANS FOR OVERTURE

Mexico City, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—It has been confirmed that the episcopate has sent a letter to President Calles expressing the church's loyalty to the government and the hope that the incoming congress may find a legal means to modify the present religious situation. The disclosure follows conferences of the episcopal committee looking toward a plan of mediation in the religious controversy.

Earlier in the day Bishop Pasqual Diaz of Tabasco, spokesman for the episcopate, had told the United Press that the episcopate was studying plans on which a proposition to the government would be based, but said that the episcopate would insist that the rights of the church must be recognized along lines previously laid down.

His declaration was the first sign that higher churchmen were still concerned with mediation plans.

Prior to confirmation of the fact that a letter had actually been sent to President Calles, the opinion was expressed by observers here that there was little possibility of an accord as long as the government was occupied with threats of revolution and the church remained adamant in its demands that all its rights be restored.

The situation is complicated by the approaching opening of congress and the possibility that organized labor—the avowed enemy of the church—may dominate at least the chamber.

Negroes And Whites Clash
Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 28.—(United Press)—Holmes Langston, 32, stabbed to death and Paul Howell, 32, was seriously wounded when attacked by four negroes here last night. Kelly Wilson and Frank Ballard were arrested in connection with the assault and have confessed, according to police.

WIFE OF H. H. HOCKER DIES

Former Resident of Adams
County Dies at Home in
San Fernando, Cal.

Mrs. Mae Williams Hocker, 40, wife of the Rev. Harvey H. Hocker, former resident of Adams county, died at her home in San Fernando, California, Tuesday morning, according to a telegram received by relatives here late Tuesday afternoon. Death was due to cancer. Mrs. Hocker had been seriously ill for the last six weeks.

Mrs. Hocker was born in Illinois. She was married to Rev. Hocker at Monroe. Following their marriage, they moved to Bluffton, where Rev. Hocker was pastor of the Methodist church for several years. From Bluffton, they moved to California and Rev. Hocker is pastor of the Methodist church in San Fernando at present. They have resided in California for about fifteen years.

Surviving are the husband; five children, Marvella, Merrill, Joseph, Raymond and Romona, all at home; and her mother, who resides in Los Angeles, California. The Rev. Hocker is a son of Mrs. Jestead Hocker, of Monroe, and a brother of C. E. Hocker of Decatur, Otis and J. E. Hocker, of Monroe, and Mrs. R. B. McKeeman, of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held in San Fernando Friday afternoon. It is thought that burial will be made in San Fernando, also, although relatives here have received no information as to where interment will be

Many of Lincoln's Documents Bequeathed To Library of Congress

Washington, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Six trunks of President Lincoln's documents are bequeathed to the library of congress under the terms of Robert Todd Lincoln's will, on file in probate court here today. The papers are believed to contain valuable data on the Civil war President. Under the terms of his son's will, however, they cannot be made public until 1947.

Robert Lincoln left his entire estate to his widow. A portrait of Abraham Lincoln, now in the Lincoln home here, probably will be given to the government for the White House, it was understood.

ATTENDANCE RULE CHANGED

School Board Changes Rul-
ing Regarding Entrance
of Primary Pupils

A new ruling concerning attendance of children in public schools in Decatur, has been passed by the Decatur school board, effective with the opening of school this year. If a child is 6 years of age on or before September 7 this year, he will be permitted to begin school on September 7.

If a child is 6 years of age after September 7 and before March 1, 1927, he will be permitted to begin school at the beginning of the second semester January 17. The new ruling will be strictly enforced, it was announced today.

The state school attendance law reads that all children between the ages of 7 and 16 years of age must attend school, so children do not have

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PREPARING FOR SCHOOL OPENING

Many Pupils Expected To
Be Transferred To
Decatur High

Work has been resumed by school officials and preparations are being completed for the opening of the Decatur schools September 7. Superintendent M. F. Worthman has been busy the last several days arranging all the details for the opening of Decatur schools. All teachers have been hired for the year and supplies are arriving daily.

Miss Angie Ficks, secretary to the superintendent, has returned to her desk after a several week's vacation, spent in Denver, Colorado. Final reports are being completed, and all the buildings are being cleaned.

The transfer rate to the Decatur high school this year will be based on a per capita basis at the end of the school year, it was announced today. Last year, the flat rate, as provided by law, was used and the rate was \$81 per student.

This year, the per capita system will be used. Last year the per capita rate was \$134.10, the rate being unusually high because of the several street and other improvements near the school buildings. In the per capita figures, a 10 per cent valuation of the school is also counted in, which in this instance is 10 per cent of \$325,000.

Superintendent Worthman announced that he expected about 50 or 60 transfer pupils at the local high school this year. There will be 29 pupils transferred here from Hoagland. Pupils from other townships in Adams county will swell the number to more than 50, it is thought.

The township trustees are permitted to fill out transfers to pupils of their townships, who live nearer the local school than their own, and the tuition is paid by the transferring township. Several transfer pupils from the western part of Root township always enter Decatur high school because it is closer to them than the Monmouth school.

CHANGES MADE IN REGULATIONS OF CITY TRAFFIC

City Council Adopts Ordinance With Twenty-five Sections

BECOMES EFFECTIVE
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

On page 2
A complete copy of the new traffic ordinance is printed on page 2 in tonight's Daily Democrat.

An ordinance regulating all traffic in the city of Decatur, prohibiting "U" turns on Second street between Marshall and Adams; restricting parking within 15 feet of street intersections or entrances to theaters, churches, hotels, factories, public buildings, clubs, lodges, and fire engine houses; prohibiting children under 16 years of age from driving an automobile, and placing the supervision of all traffic and regulations in the hands of the Board of Public Safety was passed by the city council in session last evening.

The ordinance does not change the system of parallel parking as has been observed in this city for several years.

The ordinance provides a fine of \$100, to which may be added imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, for violation of any section. There are 25 sections to the ordinance. The ordinance also defines the different classes of vehicles.

Jay Walking Prohibited

Cutting corners, commonly known as "jay-walking" is prohibited under one section of the ordinance. This section reads, "All pedestrians crossing streets in the congested district shall cross at right angles and shall not cross diagonally at such intersection. Pedestrians shall pass to the right in passing others from an approaching vehicle and to the left in overtaking others."

The ordinance was signed by Mayor George Krick immediately following its passage by the council last evening and becomes effective after the second legal publication in the Daily Democrat or on the evening of Wednesday, August 25. Every councilman voted for the adoption of the ordinance.

Other provisions in the ordinance are: Three minutes allowed to unload passengers and not more than 15 minutes for loading or unloading of freight or merchandise on main street or public place. Designating that territory between Marshall street on the north, Adams street on the south, Fourth street on the west and the St. Marys river on the east, as the "congested district."

No parades can be held on any street without first obtaining the permission of the committee on public

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COUNCIL PLANS SPECIAL SESSION

Special Meeting Called for
Friday Night to Con-
sider City Budget

A special meeting of the city council will be held Friday evening for the purpose of considering and compiling the budget of estimated expenses required to operate the city government next year, including appropriations for streets, fire protection, street lighting, parks and other funds.

Mayor George Krick and members of the finance committee do not expect any increase in the city budget. However, no figures have been compiled yet. The appropriation for police protection will more than likely be increased, as the city has two additional policemen on the force. An approx-

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