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CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN THIS EVENING

TWO COSTLY FIRES CAUSED BY LIGHTNING

Two Barns, New Threshing Machine, Three Horses, Other Property Burn

PROPERTY ONLY PARTIALLY INSURED

Two barns, a new threshing machine, three horses and a large amount of grain and farming implements were destroyed in two fires which occurred in this vicinity over the week-end, as a result of lightning. The total loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

Fire completely destroyed a large barn on a farm tenanted by August Selging, in Root township and belonging to Mr. Selging's father, Louis Selging, of Bingen, Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Three horses were burned to death in the fire and two wagons and some farming implements and a quantity of oats and hay were destroyed.

Lightning caused the fire, and efforts to quench the flames proved futile. A volunteer brigade was formed, but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything in the barn.

August Selging, whose implements and other property were destroyed, stated that he carried some insurance, but not enough to cover the heavy loss.

The barn was a large one, and it was filled with grain and the implements on the loss, but it is thought a total loss of several thousand dollars. Mr. Selging is one of the leading young farmers of Root township, and his many friends and neighbors made strenuous efforts to save part of his property, but it was of no avail.

Threshing Machine Burns
A new threshing machine, belonging to Chalmers Brodbeck, residing on the state line road east of Decatur, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night when lightning struck a barn belonging to Wilford Miller where the machine had been taken.

Mr. Brodbeck had just purchased the thrasher and it had not yet been used. The machine was a new one, and it was thought a total loss of several thousand dollars. Mr. Brodbeck is one of the leading young farmers of Root township, and his many friends and neighbors made strenuous efforts to save part of his property, but it was of no avail.

FAREWELL SAID TO MOVIE STAR

Funeral Services Held In New York Today For Rudolph Valentino

New York, Aug. 30.—(United Press)—Farewell was said today to Rudolph Valentino.

While thousands gathered in the streets, the body of the motion picture idol, who died a week ago, was carried through New York's theatrical district to the church of St. Malachy—the "actors' chapel"—and there while scores wept, priests intoned the prayers for the soul of the dead. Then the body was returned to the gold room of the funeral chapel where it will wait the coming of Valentino's brother on Wednesday and eventually will be sent to Hollywood, Calif., to be buried among other great of the movie world.

Valentino, who came to this country as an Italian gardener and became the screen's greatest lover, was given a funeral such as is reserved only for the highest in the public regard.

Uncounted thousands of men and women—chiefly women and girls—saw the funeral cortege move slowly down Broadway to the church. Other thousands gathered around the chapel, and were held in line only by 500 policemen, standing shoulder to shoulder and with arms locked.

Mary Pickford, Pola Negri, Constance and Norma Talmadge, Douglas Fairbanks and others of the

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Bandits Get \$11,000 From Buffalo Bank

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 30.—(United Press)—Holding customers and employees up with pistols four bandits today held up the Jefferson branch of the Liberty Bank and escaped with \$11,000. In their haste the men dropped a sack containing \$3,000 in silver.

Between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in a locked vault, scheduled to be transferred to the main bank this morning escaped the holdup men.

MINNIE R. HILL EXPIRES SUNDAY

Wife Of Charles Hill Dies At Home Here; Nine Children Survive

Mrs. Minnie R. Hill, 39, of West Elm street, died at her home at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Death was said to be due to an embolism. Mrs. Hill had been ill for some time, and had been taken to her home from the Adams County Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Minnie Beathey Hill was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beathey. She was born in Blue Creek township, in this county, April 12, 1885. In early life she was united in marriage to Charles Hill. To this union were born eleven children, nine of whom survive together with the husband.

The surviving children are Donald, Martin, Raymond, Mildred, Richard, Audrey, Junior, Cedric, and Gyneth, all of this city. Two children Leslie and Harold, preceded the mother in death. One brother, William Beathey and a half brother, Charles Beathey of Colorado, also survive.

Mrs. Hill lived her entire life in this county. She was a member of the United Brethren church of this city. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock from the United Brethren church. Burial will take place in the Decatur cemetery.

John Bancroft Taken Home From Hospital

John Bancroft, well-known farmer residing near Geneva, who suffered a der while picking pears last week, was removed from the Adams County Memorial Hospital to his home south of Geneva, this morning. An X-Ray examination of his back was made at the hospital, Sunday, and it was found that his spine was broken in two places. The vertebrae were crushed. The surgeons decided that an operation would be of no avail, so it was decided to return Mr. Bancroft to his home and place him in a special apparatus which will hold the spine in place. Mr. Bancroft's body is paralyzed from the waist down. He eats and does not suffer much extreme pain.

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SCOUTS TAKE CAMPING TRIP

Eighteen Members Of Local Troop Leave Today For Trip To Lake Gage

With tents and baggage, 18 Decatur Boy Scouts, accompanied by Scout Master Bryce Thomas and Assistants W. Guy Brown and Cornelius Durkin, left this morning for a week's outing at Lake Gage. The boys will camp out and will have a routine program which will be in force each day of the camp. It is planned to hold the camp the entire week, returning by automobiles next Saturday night. The boys, equipment and food left the Central school building this morning, at 9:30 o'clock, and the Scouts predicted that camp would be set up by the middle of this afternoon.

During the stay at the lake, the boys will arise each morning at 6 o'clock and will have a full day's program from morning until 9:15 o'clock at night. The program will include scout drills, ethics, games, swimming, boating and fishing.

GREAT NORTHERN INDIANA FAIR TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

Annual Exposition At Bellmont Park To Be Bigger And Better Than Ever

MANY ATTRACTIONS TO BE ON GROUNDS

With all the glamor and glitter of past years, but living up to its motto, "better and bigger than ever," the Great Northern Indiana fair, 1926 edition, is making ready to open at Bellmont park, east of this city, Wednesday morning, at 7 o'clock. Already, the midway is gressed up for the occasion, with concessions and shows. The fair will hold day and night sessions from Wednesday morning until Saturday night.

The exhibits already are larger than last year's and indications are that many of the exhibits will be the largest in the history of the Northern Indiana fair. Pre-fair crowds have been gathering at Bellmont park for the last several days, and before the rain yesterday afternoon more than 1,500 persons congregated at the grounds to inspect the early arrivals, and, incidentally, get a touch of the "fair fever."

Good Races Promised

The horse races this year promise to eclipse all races of previous Decatur fairs. At present, 110 horses have been entered in the various events and more than 90 horses are working out at the track for the coming program. Dan Beery, superintendent of the speed department, asserted today that the races would be far better this year than any seen in Decatur in the last several years.

Many fast horses are quartering this week at Bellmont park and with the "every heat a race" plan, it is certain that the spectators will get many thrills during the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon race events.

Midway Is Crowded

The midway is crowded with shows, stands, concessions and exhibitors.

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THREE KILLED IN AUTO WRECKS

Two Accidents Near Fort Wayne Saturday Night Claim Three Lives

Fred B. Gallmeier, 48, a well-known postoffice employe of Fort Wayne, died at 10:45 o'clock Sunday morning, in the Lutheran hospital in that city, of a broken neck, suffered Saturday night in an automobile accident one mile south of Pleasant Lake. Mr. Gallmeier was the second person to die of injuries as a result of the accident and the third victim of motor accidents in the vicinity of Fort Wayne over the week-end.

Mr. Gallmeier was fatally injured when his machine collided with a taxi cab on state road 13. Mrs. Bartles H. Watson, 22, of Fort Wayne, who was riding with Mr. Gallmeier, was fatally injured and died in the Sacred Heart hospital at Garrett, early Sunday morning. Her husband is in a critical condition.

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Bandit Killed In Battle With Police

Chicago, Aug. 30.—(United Press).—One bandit was killed, his confederate probably will die, and three policemen and a company official were wounded when three masked men were met by a fusillade of more than 100 shots from ambushed officers in an attempt to rob the cashier of a Chicago surface street car barn of \$6,000 late last night.

The slain bandit was Ernest Delaverne, who died shortly after being taken to a hospital. John Maloney, his companion, is not expected to live. The third member of the trio, thought to be Delaverne's brother, made his escape.

Killed Baby



Rosina Maio, became insane, boiled her sixteen-month-old child to death in her New York home.

LEGION OPENS STATE MEETING

Decatur Post Represented At State Convention In Marion This Week

Leo Ehinger and Frank Shumaker, of this city, are attending the state convention of the American Legion, at Marion, as delegates from Adams Post, No. 43, of this city. The convention opened Sunday and will close Tuesday. The opening business session was held this morning. A tented city was pitched near the Mississinaw river to furnish sleeping accommodations for the several hundred legionnaires attending the convention.

George Coon, general chairman of the convention committee, delivered the address of welcome and C. A. Jackson, legion department commander, responded. The response for the auxiliary was made by Mrs. C. N. Coombs, state president of the auxiliary. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. was scheduled to make the principal address at the joint session.

most colorful feature of the convention, was to be held this afternoon and a street dance and other entertainment features were provided for the evening.

The convention will close Tuesday morning with a business session at which officers will be elected and the meeting place for next year will be selected.

The Muncie delegation was prepared to make a bid for the 1927 convention. Delegates for Connersville planned to start a move for the establishment of an old age fund through an annual levy on members of the department. Jackson's report as department commander will show the largest membership increase within the past year ever recorded in the history of the Legion.

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CONCESSIONER SHOTS HIMSELF

Stand Owner At Fair Grounds Accidentally Shoots Self In Leg

William White, of Chicago, a concessioner at Bellmont Park, accidentally shot himself last night about 8 o'clock when he was cleaning a revolver at the fair grounds, where he has a stand for fair week.

The bullet from the revolver went through Mr. White's right leg near the knee and made a deep wound. He was taken to the Adams county Memorial Hospital where his injury was dressed.

Mr. White's condition was not considered serious, but nevertheless it was very painful. It is thought that he will be able to be on again in a few days.

MISS EDERLE'S RECORD BROKEN BY A MAN TODAY

German Swimmer Sets New Record For Swimming English Channel

GERTRUDE ISSUES CHALLENGE TO HIM

Dover, Aug. 30.—(United Press)—Ernest Vierkötter, a German swimmer, today broke Gertrude Ederle's record for the channel swim.

Vierkötter entered the water at Cape Gris Nez, France, at 1:35 a.m., today and landed at 2:17 p.m., today. He landed at Langoon Stairs, near Dover.

Vierkötter entered the water at 1:35 a.m., and came ashore here at 2:17 p.m. His time was 12 hours and 42 minutes or one hour and 49 minutes less than Gertrude Ederle's record.

"Pop" Ederle Comments

New York, Aug. 30.—"It's wonderful. He deserves a lot of credit. That's fast time. No, I'm not jealous at all. He's a man."

That was the comment of "Pop" Ederle, father of Gertrude Ederle, on the record swim of Ernest Vierkötter.

Mrs. Corson Gets Offers

New York, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Clemington Corson, 27-year-old mother who was the second woman to swim the English Channel, already has received contract offers aggregating \$200,000, according to Arch Selwyn, producer, now managing her affairs.

Selwyn is working on plans for a swimming meet between Mrs. Corson and Gertrude Ederle and is writing Dudley Field Malone, Miss Ederle's backer, inviting Gertrude to swim around Manhattan island against Mrs. Corson, for a purse of \$25,000. The sum has been put up by T. Walter Lissberger, tire manufacturer and financial backer of Mrs. Corson.

May Enter Race

Dover, Eng., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Clemington Corson, of New York, who swam the English Channel Saturday, today told the United Press that she

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CIRCUIT COURT JURIES DRAWN

Names Drawn For Grand And Petit Juries For September Term Of Court

The grand and petit juries for the September term of the Adams Circuit court, which will open next Monday morning, were drawn this morning by the jury commissioners, E. W. Johnson and M. L. Smith. Members of the grand jury are: Jesse E. Eckhote, Hartford township; Frank Amstutz, Berne; Albert Huser, Monroe township; Herman A. Colchin, Decatur; Harvey M. Beery, Kirkland township; and Carl O. Barnett, Washington township.

Members of the petit jury are: Leo G. Kohne, Washington township; Charles Cook, Preble township; Philip Seuer, Union township; Frank Heller, Hartford township; Alfred Daniels, St. Mary's township; James B. Rice, Decatur; Patrick Moran, Jefferson township; Fred Adlar, Kirkland township; D. C. Lehman, Monroe township; Frank F. Gregg, Geneva; John W. Cook, Wabash township; Edward Gallenmeyer, Preble township.

Irving Berlin And His Bride Return To New York

New York, Aug. 30.—(United Press)—Escorted by special policemen who shielded them from photographers and reporters, Irving Berlin, song writer and his wife, the former Ellen MacKay, returned home in the early hours today, after "a very good time" abroad. A taxi took Mrs. Berlin to the home of a friend, whose name and address was not obtained by reporters several steps behind them. Berlin, however, did not leave the cab at the mysterious friends' apartment, going to his home "to stay for the rest of the summer and work."

Federal Grand Jury To Be Called In September

Indianapolis, Aug. 30.—(United Press)—The federal grand jury is expected to be called into special session about the middle of September to investigate a number of cases on which Albert Ward, district attorney, has been working during the summer.

Rumors persist that Ward will resign after the election in November and it is understood he is striving to clear the docket before that time.

OPENS JUNIOR CHAUTAUQUA

Director Organizes Children For Week's Program At Chautauqua Tent

The Junior chautauqua being held this week in Decatur in connection with the Community Chautauqua, started this morning at the chautauqua tent on the corner of Liberty Way and Third street, under the guidance of Miss Esther Porter, who is here to conduct the junior part of the program.

About 40 children were present at 9 o'clock this morning when Miss Porter began the organization work, and all children in the city are urged to attend. There is no charge for the morning hour work, and Miss Porter is anxious to have as large a class as possible.

To Hold Parade Tuesday

The Junior parade will be held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All children are urged to meet at the chautauqua tent to participate. It is not necessary for the children to have a child's ticket to participate in the morning work or in the parade. The parade, which is an annual affair, always creating considerable interest, will tour the business section and return to the tent in time for the children to go home for their supper.

Junior Town Organized

The Junior town was organized at this morning's meeting. Bob Arnold was elected mayor. Catherine Howler was chosen as clerk and Bob Elzey was elected captain of the guards.

The guardsmen are, Harold Kolter, Carl Sheets, Helen Suttles, Sephus Jackson, Lela Palmer and Bobby Ashbacher. The health commissioners are Byron Hirschy, Gladys Thompson and Edwin Shroll. The service committee consists of Miss Porter, man, Monroe Fuhrman and Marjorie Johnson.

Practice will begin tomorrow, Miss Porter announced, for the Junior program to be given by the children as a part of the Friday afternoon entertainment. A breakfast hike for all members of the Junior chautauqua will be held Saturday morning, Miss Porter said.

Miss Porter has had considerable experience with Junior chautauqua work and the children will benefit greatly from the work by attending regularly.

MOODY SWAMPS "MA" FERGUSON

Woman Governor Of Texas Badly Beaten In Race For Renomination

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 30.—Tabulation of returns in the Texas runoff primary today was expected to show further increase in Dan Moody's lead over Governor Miriam A. Ferguson for the Democratic nomination for Governor. With 245 of the State's counties reporting, Moody had 469,182 and the woman Governor 274,100.

Governor Ferguson refused to make any comment on the result of the contest.

Clothing Stores Close At Noon Two Days This Week

All Decatur clothing stores will close Thursday and Friday, at 12 o'clock noon, this week, to permit the employees to attend the fair. Patrons are asked to take notice. The stores will remain closed the rest of the two days.

SIX DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT TO BE OFFERED

High Class Talent To Be Seen and Heard At Community Chautauqua

TWO PROGRAMS TO BE GIVEN DAILY

The tent is up, the seats have been arranged and everything is in readiness for the opening of Decatur's Community Chautauqua at 8 o'clock tonight, at the corner of Third street and Liberty Way. The Paramount Parisians, consisting of seven ladies, will open the program this year.

The Parisians are said to be one of the finest companies of its kind travelling in America. Each member is a talented musician, and many fine features provide plenty of entertainment for the lovers of music.

Season tickets are still available and may be secured tonight at the chautauqua tent from J. S. Peterson, chairman of the ticket committee, or from any of the ticket guarantors.

Two Programs Daily

There will be a program each afternoon and night this week, and many high class entertainments have been booked for the occasion this year. The program includes music, art, recitals, dramatics and lectures.

A season ticket will save the holder more than \$3.00. Raymond Hartling, president of the local association, pointed out today. Mr. Hartling urges that everyone buy a season ticket in order to not only save money, but also to insure Decatur a chautauqua next year.

More than the guaranteed number of tickets already have been sold, and it is predicted that the largest crowds ever to attend a local chautauqua program will be in attendance this week.

Those in charge of distribution of tickets urge that all money for the tickets be turned in at once to J. S. Peterson at the chautauqua tent.

Odd Fellows Meeting

The Odd Fellows will meet at the hall at 8 o'clock tonight. Work in the first degree will be given and every member is urged to be present.

UNIQUE CHURCH SERVICES HELD

Dr. H. H. Halley, Renowned Bible Student, Appears At Two Services Here

Several Decatur church audiences yesterday enjoyed the most unique and impressive services ever held here. Dr. H. H. Halley, one of the most renowned Bible students in America today, gave two of his Bible readings before congregations in the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches.

Dr. Halley, in all probability, has memorized more of the Bible than any living man. He has spent over ten thousand hours, working two or three hours each day, for twelve years in storing his mind with Bible truths. He has memorized four Gospels completely and has mastered large sections of the other books so that he can, on a moment's notice, give a synopsis of any book in its own language.

Dr. Halley has also arranged several readings on the various subjects treated in the Bible. One of these, on "The Sayings of Jesus," he gave yesterday morning. Sunday evening, he gave extracts from the Books of Job, Ecclesiastes and Psalms. He is prepared to recite for twenty-five hours without repeating himself.

Dr. Halley's method of preparation is unique in that he lets the Bible speak for itself. He comments very little on it. People listened to his recitations, spell-bound. Even the intense heat was forgotten as old verses learned in childhood took on

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