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Thursday.  
in east and south  
parts tonight.

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# 30 CHILDREN ALMOST ASPHYXIATED

## Adams County Farmers Hold Annual Banquet

### FINE PROGRAM GIVEN AT ANNUAL GATHERING HERE

Children Have Part In Program; Interesting Addresses Given

### PURDUE MAN GIVES PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

One of the greatest farm meetings in the history of Adams county was held at the K. C. hall in this city last night when 158 people gathered around the banquet table at 6:30 o'clock and participated in the annual farmers' banquet, held for the purpose of awarding prizes in the various farm clubs, by business houses and manufacturing concerns of Adams county.

Following the fine banquet, William P. Shrock, took the gavel and acted as toastmaster during the meeting. After a few introductory remarks, Mr. Schrock called on Roy V. Price, Adams county cow tester, who had charge of the dairy division of the program.

Mr. Price called upon the three Lehman sisters, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Lehman, who entered two fine readings. They were followed by Miss Ruth Mazelin who lauded the Holstein cow as a milk producer. A dialogue by Mr. Price and Walter Sommer was well received. Mr. Price then awarded medals to Noah Rich and Peter B. Lehman as well as certificates for their having qualified in the 300-pound cow club. He also awarded certificates to several other members whose herds had made high averages. Davy Mosser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mosser, recited a poem calling attention to the fact that Jersey cows will help any farmer out of trouble. Dan Sutker, and Emil Badertscher rendered several selections on their accordions, in most instances being accompanied by Peter B. Lehman who greatly pleased the crowd with his yodeling.

Mr. Schrock then called upon W. T. Rupert, chairman of the five-acre corn club banquet committee, who awarded medals to Albert Ewell and Otto Blieblich for their accomplishments in the five-acre corn contest.

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### TO HOLD CHURCH CONFERENCE HERE

Evangelical Church to Hold Area Conference Of Religious Education

A Conference for all workers in religious education in the local church is to be held Thursday afternoon and evening and all day Friday at the Evangelical church. This is being promoted by the Board of Religious Education of the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical church. This conference is to include an area and takes in the Evangelical churches at Fort Wayne, Huntington, Columbia City, Markie and Bippus. While the sessions will be of special interest to pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers, Young People's Society of Friends and members of the local board of Religious Education, the entire public is cordially invited and will be interested in the addresses and forums which are to follow. It is expected there will be a good delegation from the out-of-town churches. The local congregation is entertaining all delegates. The special speakers at these meetings will be the Rev. Arthur H. Doesscher, pastor of First Church Elkhart, Indiana, and President of the Indiana Board of Religious Education and the Rev. R. Mueller, pastor of Grace Church, South Bend and Conference Director of Religious Education; and the Rev. R. H. Mueller, pastor of Grace Church, South Bend, and Conference Director of Religious Education. Both of these men by training are well qualified to handle the subjects which are to be discussed.

Following is the program: Thursday 3:00 P. M. Conference for

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### Birthday Of William Edward Hickman Passes Without A Celebration

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—(INS)—It was the twentieth birthday today of William Edward Hickman, but there was no birthday celebration for him. His trial for the kidnapping and killing of Marion Parker, paused for a few moments while he was brought before another judge to answer for a second murder.

And this was the day, too, when the woman who bore this son was to appear in court and tell of the trials and tribulations of her life in a plea that the state spare the life of her misguided boy.

### TWO COURTS ASK FOR "FOX'S" LIFE

#### Hickman Is Arraigned For One Murder While On Trial For Another

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—(INS)—William Edward Hickman was a gambler for his life a second time today in appearing before Judge Hardy in the C. Ivy Thoms case. The Thoms murder trial was set for Feb. 15.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1.—(INS)—Two courts of justice called today for the life of "The Fox"—William Edward Hickman—confessed kidnapper and slayer of little Marion Parker. In Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy's court, Hickman was to appear for trial with Welby Hunt of Kansas City, his confessed 16-year-old pal in banditry, on a charge of the murder of S. Ivy Thoms, Los Angeles druggist, during a holdup, Christmas eve, 1926.

This trial was scheduled to be continued to a later date to allow Hickman's trial for the murder of Marion Parker to be resumed before Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco.

Mrs. Eva M. Hickman, mother of "The Fox," and William Thomas Hickman, Hickman's father, were to furnish new courtroom drama, probably late this afternoon with their appearance on the witness stand to give testimony in which they will bare incidents of the past they have tried to forget.

**Auto Accident Fails To Prevent Triple Wedding**

Greensburg, Ind., Feb. 1.—(UP)—An automobile accident failed to prevent three couples enroute to Rushville for a triple wedding from getting married. The party consisted of Robert Whitaker, Rush county farmer, the bride-to-be, Miss Pauling Morrow of near St. Omer; the latter's sister, Miss Grace Morrow; Miss Hazel Lightfoot; Roland Parker of near Homer and Tony Cato of Indianapolis.

Their car failed to make a curve and rolled over an embankment. Fire resulted. All escaped injury except Whitaker who received a sprained back. But the party proceeded to Rushville and were married.

### Interurban Car Kills Motorist, Wrecks Auto

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 1.—(INS)—A spectacular crash between a speedng T. H. I. & E. traction car and an automobile at the Whitcomb road crossing about a mile and half west of here resulted in the demolishing of the auto, the killing of the motorist, the overturning of the interurban car and the injuries of six passengers and the motorman and conductor of the traction car.

The motorist killed in the accident was Joseph M. Faulkner, 58, of Indianapolis. His son, Chester, 26, escaped by leaping.

### Corn Borer Signs Are Being Posted On Roads

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 1.—(INS)—The European corn borer having been in quarantine for some time, now is further restricted as state roads are being posted around the townships where the quarantine is in force. Signs placed on all roads inform the public of the restrictions regarding shipments of corn from the affected areas.

### PRINCE AND PRINCESS BETROTHED



Princess Ingrid (left), daughter of the Swedish Crown Prince, is betrothed to the Danish Crown Prince, Frederik (right). The National Tidende of Copenhagen has published a report that during the so-called Danish Week at Stockholm, Sweden, the engagement will be formally announced. Prince Frederik has left for the capital of Sweden to attend the approaching festivities.

### Continue Hearings In Farm Relief Fight

Washington, Feb. 1.—(INS)—A congressional decision in the fight over farm relief was postponed indefinitely today when Rep. Haugen (R) of Iowa, chairman of the house agriculture committee, announced that hearings would continue until March.

The senate agricultural committee has not touched the problem as yet, and is not expected to begin consideration of the McNary-Haugen bill for two weeks.

### Burlington, Vermont, Has Million Dollar Fire

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 1.—(INS)—Damage estimated at nearly \$1,000,000 was done by fire in the heart of the business district of this city today.

Flames destroyed two buildings in one block.

Five stores, a barber shop, the offices of the Prudential Life Insurance company and the local and state Young Men's Christian Association were burned out.

### SUNDAY MOVIES STIR BLUFFTON

#### Fight To Prevent Sunday Shows Started In City Council

Bluffton, Feb. 1.—(INS)—A fight to prevent Bluffton's two movie theatres from giving shows on Sundays was started last night at the meeting of the city council when Councilman O. E. Lesh proposed an ordinance which would license theatres here and stipulate that a theatre owner would forfeit his license to operate, should he on any Sunday give a show.

Four ministers and a number of laymen were in attendance at the meeting and denounced Sunday shows. A vote of the council on the ordinance cannot be taken until a later date, as there must be second and third reading. Bluffton has been without Sunday shows until three weeks ago when the Gayety gave a free show. Since then the Gayety has been charging admission on Sundays.

### Lions Club To Entertain Cast Of "Circus Solly"

Plans for entertaining the cast of the home talent play, "Circus Solly" staged here recently under the auspices of the Lions Club, were made at the regular meeting of the Lions last night. The cast will be entertained at the Country Club, but the date has not been selected.

Leo Kirsch was in charge of the meeting last night. Russell Jaberg favored the Club with several piano solos.

### Chauncey Steele Will Give Indiana A Wide Berth From Now On

Chauncey Steele, former Decatur resident but lately of Celina, Ohio, will steer clear of Indiana soil hereafter, at least for some time.

Steele was arrested at Portland a few days ago on a charge of intoxication, after he was found at the home of "Yaller" Boyd, a colored man. Judge Wheat of the circuit court, fined Steele \$10 and costs and sentenced him to serve six months on the state penal farm.

However, after the judge learned that Steele lived at Celina, he suspended the sentence upon the promise of Steele that he would remain out of this state.

### BAKER FUNERAL PLANS ARE MADE

#### Final Rites For Mrs. Mary Jane Baker Arranged For Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Baker, who died suddenly at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her son, Roy, in this city, will be held at Winchester United Brethren church in Monroe township, Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock (standard time). The funeral will leave this city at 1:30 o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Burial will be made at the Ray cemetery, in Monroe township.

Mary Jane Waggoner Baker was born in Monroe township, October 23, 1859. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Waggoner. In early life, she was united to Samuel Baker who preceded her in death three years ago. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Baker has been residing with her son in this city.

Mrs. Baker spent her entire life in Adams county. She was a member of the Winchester United Brethren church. Surviving are three sons, Ira Baker, of Port Wayne, and Ves and Roy Baker, of Decatur, a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Reffey, of Decatur, also survives as do two brothers, Eli Waggoner of Glendale, Washington, and Ira Waggoner of Monroe, and a sister, Mrs. Minda Laisure, of Monroe. Eleven grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren also survive.

The Rev. Albert Johnson of Willshire, Ohio and the Rev. Mr. Kendall of Huntington, will have charge of the services.

### STORY OF HIGH FINANCE IS TOLD

#### Strange Story Told At Teapot Dome Investigation Today

By William K. Hutchinson  
(I. N. S. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 1.—(INS)—A strange story of high finance, in which the directors of the Sinclair Crude Oil company signed a \$50,000,000 guarantee for the Continental Trading Company without ever having heard of the latter concern, which told the senate public lands committee today by A. L. Carlson, a Sinclair director, of the new Teapot Dome investigation.

Carlson said the board of directors of the Sinclair company had never heard of the Continental but signed the guarantee because Harry F. Sinclair and Robert W. Stewart had approved it. This testimony definitely linked Sinclair and Stewart to continental.

The purpose of the Senate's investigation is to learn what became of a \$3,000,000 Liberty bond fund once held by the continental.

### Thompson Noll Undergoes Serious Operation Today

Thompson Noll, trustee of Washington township, underwent a major operation at the Adams County Memorial hospital this morning. The operation was an emergency case. The attending physician stated that, while Mr. Noll's condition was serious, he was of the opinion that his chances for recovery were good.

### MONOXIDE GAS ESCAPES THROUGH HEATER IN ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL BUS, IMPERILING CHILDREN'S LIVES

Seven Children Are Unconscious When Bus Stops At Bobo School Building This Morning; All Are Affected By The Fumes; Driver Of Bus Unaware That Anything Was Wrong; All Reported To Be Recovering.

Thirty children and one man narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation this morning, from monoxide gas escaping from an improvised heater in a school bus, carrying the children to the school at Bobo, Adams county. About twenty of the children were overcome by the fumes, seven of them being unconscious when the bus reached the school.

All of the occupants of the bus were affected by the gas.

A physician was summoned to Bobo and resuscitation begun on those most seriously affected. It was several minutes before all of them had been revived. Twelve of the children were taken to their homes.

**Driver Unaware Of Trouble**

John Thatcher, of Bobo, driver of the bus, said he did not notice the fumes and did not know anything was wrong until he stopped to let the children out of the bus at the school building. He found several of the children slumped over in their seats.

Mr. Thatcher said he felt a little dizzy after he got out of the bus into the fresh air.

Opal Walters, 15, daughter of Mrs. Luu Walters, was the most seriously affected by the fumes. She sits in the rear of the bus and serves as a "conductor." Mr. Thatcher is hard of hearing and can not hear the children well. When he stops the bus to take on or let off children, Miss Walters pulls a cord that rings a bell in front of Mr. Thatcher, to let him know when to start the bus again. Mildred Brodbeck, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brodbeck, also was in a serious condition when the bus was stopped.

The exhaust from the motor was run through a pipe inside the bus to furnish heat. Mr. Thatcher had done some work on the heater yesterday and apparently did not get the connections airtight, as the fumes escaped through the connections. The heater pipe ran the full length of the bus. The children in the center and rear of the bus were most affected by the fumes, as a certain amount of fresh air came in through the front of the bus.

**Sensation Caused In London**

London, Feb. 1.—(UP)—A sensation was caused today by the announcement that a government commission had been appointed to investigate the dealings in foreign exchange by government officials.

### SPECIAL MUSIC GIVEN AT REVIVAL

Rev. And Mrs. Sharroo Furnish Treat At United Brethren Church

Another large crowd was in attendance at the United Brethren revival last night. A special treat was in store for them as Rev. and Mrs. Sharroo were present and sang two wonderful duets. The first number by Mr. and Mrs. Sharroo was "I Need Jesus," and at the conclusion of the sermon they sang very touchingly "Is Jesus Satisfied With You." The visit of these helpers last night was a great blessing and help for the Rev. Mr. Wilson had been called home on account of the serious illness of his little daughter, but will return to day.

The prayermeeting held by the Work and Win class proved helpful and each evening at 7:10 o'clock they will direct a prayer service in the class room to which all are invited.

Last night, the pastor, the Rev. Cecil R. Smith, used a part of the story of the rich man and Lazarus as the back ground for his sermon and called attention to the family record as recorded about Dives. This citation of scripture is a little different than the previous chapter of Luke's gospel and, while the previous chapter magnifies the Grace of God, this one presents some thoughts on the wrath of God, as brought about by sinful man. A few of the things that was noted in this family to which the rich man belonged were: First, He belonged to a wealthy family, but wealth does not mean eternal salvation.

Love proposes to launch a city in which each workman will be given a small tract of land to farm during his leisure time. He wishes congress to finance the purchase of land, the erection of industrial establishments and has ideas which he hopes will meet with favorable reception in the United States senate and the house of representatives. Love's former attempts on his own behalf to launch such cities have failed.

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