

CRACK PASSENGER TRAINS WRECKED

SLEET STORM IS BLAMED FOR RAIL CRASH NEAR LIMA

Score Of More Persons In Hospitals As Result Of Pennsylvania Wreck

ONE FLYER RAMS OTHER FROM REAR

Cleveland, O., Mar. 31.—(INS)—Reports received in Cleveland over the radio from Fort Wayne, Ind., division point of the Pennsylvania railroad today revealed a score or more persons were in hospitals as a result of a collision of the Broadway and Liberty Limited, crack Pennsylvania trains which occurred there last night.

Many others suffered slight cuts and bruises, the reports stated. Direct communication with Lima was impossible today as all telegraph and telephone lines were down.

Communication Line Down

According to the reports received here, both trains were running in the same direction. A broken communication line caused by the sleet storm was blamed for the wreck.

The engineer on one of the flyers, Henry Strasser, was reported the most seriously injured. One of his arms was amputated, according to the word received here.

Survivors Reach Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, March 31.—(INS)—Battered, bruised and hours overdue, more than a hundred survivors of the wreck of the Broadway and Liberty Limiteds, two of the crack flyers of the Pennsylvania railroad, arrived in Pittsburgh today, from Lima, O., where more than two score of their fellow passengers were injured in a head-on collision of the two trains.

The majority of the survivors continued on eastward after having been brought here from Lima in a special train made up of the remnants of the two flyers.

The injured brought here had been treated on the train at the scene of the wreck while those seriously hurt remained in hospitals at Lima.

The vicinity in which the wreck occurred had been isolated by a blizzard that swept through the district yesterday.

METHODISTS TO VOTE ON MERGER

North Indiana Conference To Vote On Merger With Northwest Conference

Fort Wayne, March 31.—(INS)—The eighty-fifth annual North Indiana Methodist Conference this afternoon voted overwhelmingly to defer action for four years on the proposed merger with the Northwest Indiana Methodist Conference.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 31.—(INS)—The 55th annual north Indiana Methodist conference today was to vote on the proposed merger of the North and Northwest Indiana Methodist conferences.

The general belief was that the merger proposal will be defeated because legal authorities expressed the opinion to the merger committee that such a merger would invalidate the North Indiana Conference's rights to \$361,000 collected for preachers' aid in the conference.

The conference delegates today continued the balloting to elect two more delegates to the general conference in Kansas City next May. Thus far four of the six delegates have been chosen. Rev. W. T. Arnold, superintendent of the Muncie district, was elected general delegate on the 14th ballot.

The conference committee on the proposed new ministerial pension plan reported to the conference that it thought the plan was too intricate and not complete. The committee therefore recommended that the conference look with favor on the general plan and ask the Kansas City general conference to make a thorough study of it and resubmit it to the annual conference in Methodism for further discussion. This report was adopted by the conference.

The names of ten young men were received on trial at the conference and were placed in studies of the first year. These young men will receive appointments to their first charges at this session of the conference.

American Fliers Set New Endurance Record

Jacksonville, Fla., March 31.—(INS)—George Haldeman and Eddie Stinson Friday afternoon set a new endurance record for sustained flight in an airplane, bettering the former mark made August 5, by Johann Ristetz and Cornelius Edzar, German fliers. Haldeman and Stinson landed at 1:14:10 p.m., their time being 52 hours, 36 minutes and 41 seconds. This bettered the former record by one hour, 14 minutes and 10 seconds. When the fliers landed they still had gasoline in the tanks and the motor was still running.

JUVENILE ACTORS SCORE GREAT HIT

Ninth Annual North Ward Play Pleases Large Audience Friday Night

The annual North Ward play, given by the pupils attending that school under the direction of their teachers and principal, proved to be one of the best given by the children. This was the ninth consecutive year of play production for the North Ward grade pupils. The Decatur high school auditorium was filled to capacity for the play.

"Goldilocks' Adventure" was the name of the little operetta presented, which was just as pretty and entertaining as it could possibly have been made. It was based on the old fairy tale of the "Three Bears." The title role of "Goldilocks" was played by Lois Sovine, aged 8 years, and her enunciation, interpretation of the part, stage presence and acting was practically perfect for one of her years. Dressed in a pink ruffled organdy dress, and wearing long curls, she was an exact reproduction of the "Goldilocks" of story book fame. Her smile and pleasant stage personality won her audience from the first and she held their utmost attention throughout the entire three acts of the play.

The first act of the play was a garden scene at Goldilocks' home. Her mother, played by Alberta Peel, had invited a group of her little playmates to attend a birthday party in happy little Goldilocks' honor. When she sees her little friends approaching, Goldilocks skips merrily out to greet them and they all return with a "happy birthday" dance and song and presents for their hostess. The playmates were: Jeanne Anderson, Mary Jane Beery, Barbara Burk, Aris Brintzbeck, Jean Freeland, Marcia Garner, Doris Hitchcock, Ruth Margaret Kimble, Berenice Kreischer, Florence McConnell, Betty Smith, Anna Jane Tyndall, Pauline Tumbleson, Maxine Smith, William Buck, Robert Harmon, Guy Koos, Junior Murphy, Leonard Merryman, Raymond Meeks, Dick Schafer, Junior Zerkel, Max Smith, Roger Arnold and Tommy Summers.

As the party disperses, Goldilocks begs permission of her mother to accompany her friends for a short distance on their homeward way. The favor is granted with the warning that she is not to go near the woods. Goldilocks promises and the children are off as the curtain falls on the first act.

Act two takes place in the woods where Goldilocks has wandered, enchanted by the beautiful wild flowers which she is busy plucking. Finally, she grows weary and falls asleep. "Papa" the Wood God (Billy Schafer), creeps stealthily in, sees the darling child asleep and, to give her wonderful dreams, he anoints her eyelids with his magic dream liquid.

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HOLY WEEK TO BEGIN SUNDAY

Palm Sunday To Be Observed In Churches Tomorrow

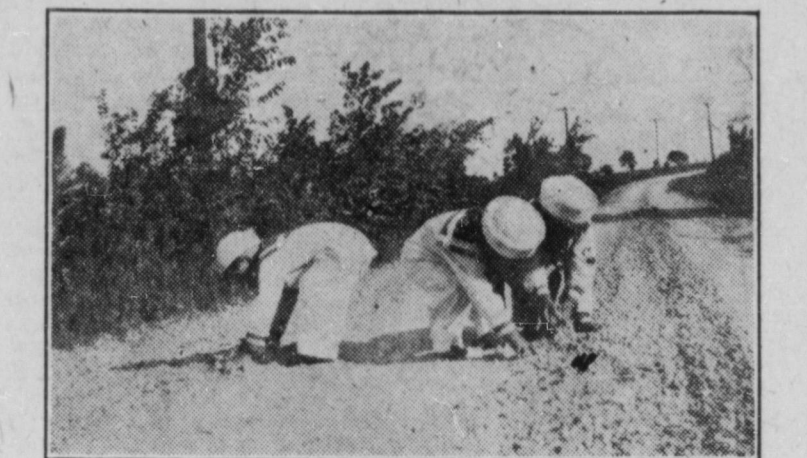
Holy Week will be ushered in with the observance of Palm Sunday tomorrow.

In the St. Marys Catholic church, palms will be distributed before the 9:45 o'clock high mass. The significance of the observance of Palm and Holy Week in the Catholic church is given in the following article, prepared by the Rev. Father Joseph Hession, acting pastor of the St. Marys Catholic church:

"Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem."

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Three Birthdays, All In One



The three "R's," in former days, stood for "Readin', Rit'n and 'Rithmetic," but in the Homer Raudebush family, residing south of Decatur on the county farm road, they stand for Raymond, Robert and Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Raudebush's triplet boys, shown above. The boys will celebrate their fifth birthday anniversary Sunday, April 1. The above picture was snapped recently while the boys were engaged in picking up stones on the highway in front of the Frank Aurand farm, south of the city.

Walter Myers Recommends Alterations At Capitol

Richmond, Ind., Mar. 31.—(INS)—Ironical alterations at the state house proposed by Walter Myers, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, were the subject of laughter here today.

Myers, making a campaign speech here last night, in reference to opponents advocating moderation in political warfare, said:

"Let them make a Louvre and a Westminster Abbey of the State House and its grounds! Let them tear down the monument to Governor Morton and replace it with an equestrian statue of Ed Jackson giving spiritual consolation to senator as he chokes to death on a corn cob. Let them raze the memorial to vice-President Hendricks and in its place put a life-size group of Senator Robinson and his 'birds' flocking together. Nearby let them erect the graven image of George V. Coffin in the dress of a nurse bringing a little United States Senator out of the nowhere into the here."

"On the south side of the dome, let there be an oil painting by Rubens of Duvall and the six Indianapolis councilmen with robes and masks laid aside."

"In the very dome of the Capitol let them construct a heroic figure of D. C. Stephenson as a party Moses breaking the tablets of stone as he declares himself the law in Indiana."

"Close to the treasurer's office build a statue of Elder Hays piously counting his oil bonds and hiding them from public view in 'fences'."

"Somewhere in the great outdoors let them enthroned Wizard Evans on a pedestal as Jove, nodding his hooded head and sending forth his Huffingtons and his Orbisons to carry his orders from Washington so that the Ho! P-ll may tremble on the plains of Indiana."

PLAN FOR BIBLE MEMORY CONTEST

All Children Urged to Enter Annual Contest To Be Held Soon

C. D. Teeple, of this city, received a communication today from Nellie C. Young, superintendent of the Children's division of the Indiana Council of Religious Education, concerning the annual Bible Memory contest, held by the Council of Religious Education.

All children are urged to enter the contest, but Miss Young explained that each year the pupil entering should select a different topic in the contest. The idea of asking each contestant to select a new topic each year is to familiarize the child with as many different chapters of the Bible as possible and place the Bible ahead of the idea of winning the contest.

Leaflets concerning the Bible Memory contest have also been sent Mr. Teeple and a more definite announcement concerning the annual event will be made in a few days it was announced today.

Pupils Of South Ward Entertained By Teachers

A party was given the pupils of the South Ward school building by the teachers at the last period of the day, Friday afternoon. The children made Easter baskets, which were filled with candy eggs and rabbits by the teachers.

SLEET DAMAGE BEING REPAIRED

Telephone And Light Company Linemen Busy; Sun Melts Ice Today

Telephone, telegraph and electric light linemen of Adams county today continued their work of rebuilding and the mass of tangled wires and broken poles was slowly being untangled. Telephone communication was still severely crippled, but local telephone officials stated that their crew was working hard to establish communication as soon as possible.

Telegraph instruments were ticking again today and it was thought that communication had been permanently established over that route.

The city light crew worked most of yesterday repairing the main lines and establishing power for the various factories in Decatur. It was thought that most of the lines to operate homes would be mended by tonight. Several homes were without lights last night.

The sun today soon melted the sleet, which was threatening more damage, and the present danger was practically over by noon today. An accurate estimate of the loss in the county was impossible today, but utility officials stated that it would total thousands of dollars.

Practically every farmer in Adams county suffered some loss to trees. Many large trees in Decatur also were ruined by the sleet and wind Friday night.

Farmers Report Damage To Fruit Trees By Sleet

Farmers report some damage to fruit trees as a result of the sleet storm Thursday night. Many of the old apple trees were torn to pieces, like the maple trees in this city, but the cherry and peach trees, although damaged some, were not injured as much as the others. The maple trees in this city were greatly damaged and along certain streets it looks like "no man's land."

Amos Fisher city street commissioner, and his force of men were busy yesterday and today clearing the streets of limbs and brush. The broken limbs have been piled on the lawns and some plan of having them hauled away will be decided upon by the city street department.

Baby Of Willshire Couple Dies Here

Delores Jean, four-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brasher, living south of Willshire, Ohio, died at 11:30 o'clock this morning at the Adams County Memorial hospital, in this city. Death was due to pneumonia, following an illness of bowel trouble. The baby was the only child in the family. The body was removed to the home of the parents and funeral arrangements had not been made today. The father is employed in this city at the A. R. Ashbacher Tin Shop.

"Dry Ice" Making Device Demonstrated In This City Today

Did you ever see "dry ice" or someone make "dry ice" with a temperature of 110 degrees below zero? It's just frozen air and that isn't hot air either.

The Cloverleaf Creameries, Inc., of this city has a gas tank which makes this dry ice, the gas from the tank being expelled through a little container, which freezes the moisture in the air. A little cake of this dry ice will last for several hours.

The dry ice is so cold that it will freeze mercury. Heber Humbarger, plant superintendent of the Cloverleaf Creameries, held a demonstration with the gas tank at the Daily Democrat office this afternoon, and much to the wonderment of his watchers showed them how it worked.

The dry ice can be used for refrigerating purposes. Railroad cars are using it to some extent now in their refrigerator cars.

The man who invented the gas, it is said, is working on the plan of using the dry ice for home refrigeration purposes and if that time comes, well good-bye to the ice man.

Three Men Fined In City Court Friday Night

Lloyd Baker, Kenneth Beard and Jerome Omor, all of this city, entered pleas of guilty to a charge of public intoxication when arraigned in city court before Mayor George Kirk last night. The court fined each \$10 and costs. Omor and Baker also received suspended sentences on the penal farm of sixty days and six months, respectively.

Parents Of 10 Divorced

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spivak, married 32 years and the parents of ten children, were divorced here on a suit by the wife who alleged cruelty.

Logansport Gets Next Methodist Conference

Fort Wayne, March 31.—The Broadway M. E. church at Logansport was selected as the next meeting place of the North Indiana M. E. Conference. The Logansport church received 103 votes, and the First Methodist Episcopal church at Hartford City ninety.

One the tenth ballot Dr. W. W. Wiant, superintendent of the Fort Wayne district, was elected delegate to the general conference at Kansas City.

OLD HOME WEEK WORKERS MEET

Finance Committee Makes Plans For Conducting Drive On April 3

Enthusiasm prevailed at the meeting of the Old Home Week finance committee at the Industrial Association rooms last night, and a general committee, which will be divided into teams to make a concentrated drive for funds, has been selected. All members of the drive committee are requested to meet at the Industrial Association Rooms, Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock, to receive further instructions concerning the drive for funds.

The committee is as follows: Mayor George Krick, Raymond J. Harting, E. W. Lankenau, C. C. Pumphrey, Dan Niblick, John Stults, Herman H. Myers, Joe Lose, Oscar Lankenau, H. P. Schmitt, Dick Heller, C. E. Peterson, Henry Schulte, Vincent Bormann, Charles Hite, H. J. Yager, William Linn, Ray Kohne, Lawrence Kleinhenz, W. A. Klepper.

The finance committee will notify each member, personally, of the Monday meeting, and plans will be laid at that meeting concerning the drive. The drive will be made Tuesday April 3, and every store and manufacturing concern in Decatur will be visited.

The Old Home Week Club will be continued for any interested person and memberships can be secured at any local bank. As soon as the funds have been raised, the finance committee will report to the general committee for the affair and the project will be under way.

The consensus of opinion of practically every business firm in Decatur is to have the biggest and best celebration Decatur has ever had and every person will be called on for aid.

All members of the drive committee are urged to lay aside other business Monday night and assist in the getting the drive started off in fine shape.

Hoagland Man Injured When Auto Hits Ditch

Roy Johnston, who resides near Hoagland, was injured at 7 o'clock last night when his automobile went into the ditch two miles south of Fort Wayne, on the Wayne Trace. His car was totally wrecked. Johnston was taken to the St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne where his injuries were treated. He received serious cuts about his face and hands. Johnston claims he was forced into the ditch by an oncoming car.

Germans Postpone Flight Indefinitely

Baldonnell Flying Field, Dublin, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—As bad winds and rain continued across the Baldonnell flying field today the Junkers airplane, Bremen, was wheeled back into its hangar and the start on a trans-Atlantic flight postponed indefinitely.

GOOD FRIDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Protestant Churches To Hold Union Service At Methodist Church

A union church service in observance of Good Friday will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church here next Friday between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 3 o'clock p.m. under the auspices of the seven Protestant churches represented in the Decatur Ministerial Association. This has been an annual event in this city for the last three years. With each succeeding year the Good Friday services have been growing, both in power and scope.

As in former years, the local pastors are asking that all places of business

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SUDDEN DEATH OF SEN. WILLIS WIDELY MOURNED

Ohio Presidential Candidate Dies Suddenly As He Prepares To Deliver Speech

DEATH STRIKES WITHOUT WARNING

Delaware, O., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Ohio, "the Mother of Presidents," today embraced in death its favorite son for the 1928 republican presidential nomination—Senator Frank B. Willis.

Willis died last night as a great crowd gathered in a homecoming at his home city to listen to his address, aimed towards his own presidential candidacy. "I feel ill," Willis said as the Columbus republican glee club sang "At the End of a Perfect Day."

A few minutes later he was dead. Demonstration Precedes Death

There was a great demonstration for Willis during the evening. The Kiwanis club banqueted him.

Later he stood at a reviewing stand—silhouetted against a sky redened by torches and watched his townspeople parade in his honor. For more than 30 minutes he watched the parade and once or twice complained, in an undertone, that he had inhaled some of the smoke from the red flares.

Then he went to the Gray chapel of Ohio Wesleyan university which was filling rapidly with admirers. He was led to the place of honor on the platform and the leading citizens of Delaware joined him there. Many well-known Ohio republicans also were on the speaker's program.

A glee club furnished the musical part of the program. It was a varied program and the singers were just in the midst of Carrie Jacob's Bond's melody when Willis complained of feeling ill.

Mrs. Willis was at his side. She did not realize the seriousness of her husband's illness and did not accompany him out of the hall, remaining behind to hear the glee club finish "A Perfect Day," and begin "How Can I Leave Thee?"

Outside the chapel Willis fainted.

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ALMEDA HAGGARD CALLED BY DEATH

Monroe Township Woman, Aged 75, Dies At Home Of Daughter Today

Almeda Haggard, 75, died at 5:30 o'clock this morning, March 31, 1928, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jess Erp, in Monroe township. Death followed a lingering illness of tuberculosis.

Mrs. Almeda Haggard was the daughter of Uri and Margaret Mix, and was born in Auglaize county, O., November 17, 1852. In early life she came to Adams county, where she spent practically her entire lifetime. Her husband, John Haggard, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Haggard had been in poor health for some time. During the last few years of her life she had divided her place of residence, living part of the time with her son, Walter Meek, in Chicago, and with her daughter, Mrs. Jess Erp, in this county. About ten months ago, she was brought to the Erp home from Chicago, and was ill at the time. Her condition gradually grew worse until death relieved her at the above mentioned hour.

The following children and stepchildren survive: Harry Haggard, of Pontiac, Michigan; Walter Meek, of Chicago, and Mrs. Grace Erp, of Decatur route nine, all children of the deceased; and Henry Haggard, James Martin Haggard, John A. Haggard, Mrs. Roberta Noffsinger, Mrs. Cora McCain, Mrs. Retha Roe, all of Monroe, and Jason Haggard, of Holiday, North Dakota, stepchildren.

Four brothers and sisters preceded Mrs. Haggard in death. There are 39 grandchildren and step grandchildren, and twenty-nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Jesse Erp residence in Monroe township, and at 2 o'clock at the Monroe M. E. church. Rev. Foster, of the Monroe church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Ray cemetery.