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FAMILY

HEAT WAVE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE TO CONVENE OFTEN

Meetings Planned Two Or
Three Times Each Week;
Discuss Decorations

NAME CHAIRMAN OF REGISTRATION

It was decided last evening by the general committee for Old Home Week to meet two or three times a week until all details have been arranged and until all committees and sub-committees are working smoothly. The next meeting will be held at the City Hall next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at which time arrangements will be made for special lighting and decorating of the city. Arches will be constructed across the streets and a string of lights will be extended from the end of North Second street to the bridge.

Mrs. J. H. Heiler was named chairman of the committee for registration and information and will name a number of people to assist. They will have headquarters at a prominent place on the midway and will see that the visitors register, receive souvenirs and are given such information as they may desire.

The Finance committee is well along with its work, but has not finished. One section, that from the Brock alley south to Jefferson street and along First street, has not been canvassed, but will be in a day or two. On the other routes most of the money has been collected and the general committee feels sure the responses will be satisfactory.

Mr. Christen, county agent, is at Purdue today, arranging for an agricultural exhibit here that will equal that at the state fair. The program committee will meet Monday night and all other committees will get into action at once. The event will be more than has been claimed for it in every way and it remains only for each business and social organization to get busy to see that they are properly represented during the week. Old Home Week is going over big. Help make it better.

Rotarians Hear Report Of International Convention

Herman J. Yager, delegate of the Decatur Rotary Club to the annual convention of Rotary International, at Minneapolis, last June, gave a complete report of the convention at the regular meeting of the club last evening. Mr. Yager read parts of the speech given by several of the speakers and told of the interest shown in the big international gathering.

Movie Producer Dies
London, July 20—(UPI)—Scott Sydney, American moving picture producer long associated with Christie Comedies, died suddenly at the village of Radlett today while discussing the script of a comedy he was to produce.

WILLIAM HOLLE EXPIRES TODAY

Pioneer Resident Of Union Township Dies At Fort Wayne Hospital

William Holle, 79, for many years one of the prominent farmers in Union township, Adams county, died at 2 o'clock this morning at the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, following an operation last Wednesday for hernia. Death was attributed to inflammation and strangulation of the bowels.

Mr. Holle moved to Fort Wayne about 16 years ago after retiring from active farming in this county. During his many years of residence in Union township, he actively engaged in farming and years ago conducted a saw mill on his farm. He was well and favorably known in this part of the country.

Mr. Holle was born in Germany, November 11, 1848, and came to this country when he was eight years of age. The family settled in Union township and that place was always his home until he moved to Fort Wayne in 1912. Fifty-two years ago, he was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Bleeeke, daughter of Christian Bleeeke, one of the pioneer families in Union township.

Besides the widow, the following

After Four Years



DR. SHUMAKER LOSES APPEAL

Supreme Court Upholds Sentence For Contempt; Stephenson Loses Appeal

Indianapolis, July 20.—(INS)—The Indiana Supreme court this afternoon handed down three important decisions, two of which affect two of the state's best known men, Dr. E. S. Shumaker, head of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, and D. C. Stephenson, imprisoned former grand dragon of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan.

The court's decision affirmed the original sentence of 60 days on the state farm and \$250 fine imposed on Dr. Shumaker for contempt of court in that he had criticised the supreme court as being "weak." The court, however, denied Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom's petition for an increase in Shumaker's penalty.

The court denied a rehearing to Stephenson on his appeal from the decision of Superior Court Judge H. L. Crumpacker, of Laporte, denying him a writ of habeas corpus to get out of the state prison.

The court also dismissed the appeal of Ira M. Holmes from the Marion county superior court judgment that he had no claim on the Indianapolis mayoralty office.

Mrs. Anna Brennan
Dies In New York

Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. Anna Brennan, who died yesterday morning at Mospeh, Long Island, New York. Mrs. Brennan was the grandmother of William Francis Schneider, who makes his home with Mrs. Catherine Schneider, in this city. She was the mother-in-law of Joseph Schneider.

Committee Named To Get
Pastor For Berne Church

Berne, July 20—(Special)—J. F. Springer, John Eicher, Ben Sprunger, Jerry Leichty and D. J. Sprunger, deacons in the First Mennonite church of Berne, have been assigned the task of finding a successor to the Rev. P. R. Schroeder, as pastor of the local church. Rev. Schroeder will leave Berne early next month to take up his duties as president of a small junior Mennonite school at Freeman, South Dakota.

Colored Flood Light
Plays On Water Sprays
At City Water Works

A red flood light has been placed on top of the city water works buildings at Rugg Memorial park and the colored light is played on the water as it is sprayed in the spray ponds at night. A beautiful scene is thus produced.

Probe Of Assassination
Of Obregon Near Close

Mexico City, July 20—(UPI)—Investigation of the assassination of General Alvaro Obregon—already officially blamed to the "Catholic Clergy"—May end today and young Jose De Leon Toral may be executed momentarily.

Ten persons, in addition to the confessed murderer, are held and chief of police Rico Zertucher said the General inspection of the crime almost was concluded.

BERNE CHOIR TO
SING IN DECATUR

Ladies Chorus Of Mennonite
Church To Appear At
U. B. Church Sunday

The Mennonite Ladies Choir, of Berne, will render special sacred concert at the local United Brethren church, Sunday evening. The choir has been giving special musical programs in other cities this summer and this community is fortunate in being able to secure it.

The Mennonite church at Berne is widely known for its wonderful musical talent. This is the first appearance of the Ladies Choir in Decatur and the public is invited to hear it Sunday evening. The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock and will consist of choruses and duets, solos, quartets and a special reading given by Miss Luginbill.

Restless Honey Bees Indicate Long Winter, Prognosticators Say

Portland, July 20—(UPI)—Prepare for a long cold winter.

That is the warning of prognosticators who base their forecasts on bees. From throughout the state come reports that the operators of aparies are losing many swarms of bees, the entire swarm leaving the hives unherded and before the owner can take steps to stop them. Bees in general are very restless this summer, they state.

These bee prognosticators cite the winter of 1917-1918 as the most recent instance when summer restlessness of the honey bees forecast a severe winter.

DR. WIANT TO SPEAK HERE

Prominent Methodist To Give Sermon At Union Services, Sunday Evening

Dr. Warren W. Wiant, district superintendent of the Fort Wayne district of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be the speaker at the union service planned by the Decatur churches for next Sunday evening. The service will be held at the First Methodist church.



Dr. W. W. Wiant

Dr. Wiant has risen through the ranks of the church in a marked way. He is a young man, but has a highly responsible position as district superintendent. He is a fluent speaker, keen of mind and big of heart and never fails to interest and stir his audience.

A splendid program of music is being planned in connection with the union meeting.

Young Indianapolis Girl
Kidnapped By Aged Moron

Indianapolis July 20—(INS)—North side citizens were aroused today by the kidnapping of 12-year-old Helen Clossin by a grey-haired "gas hawk" who took the girl to Broad Ripple in his car and attempted to attack her. The girl managed to escape and reported the incident to her father Harry Clossin who immediately called police.

Mr. Clossin was born August 19, 1839, in Jackson, Ohio, her maiden name having been Annie Wood. She united in marriage with Noah Merica, who preceded her in death twenty-one years ago. Most of her life period with the exception of the last five years which she spent with Mrs. Yaney, Mrs. Merica was a resident of Decatur.

She is survived by four children, Mrs. John H. Yaney, of Celina, Ohio; Frank F. Merica, of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Andrew Baxter, of Decatur, and Mrs. John Fisher, of South Bend. One son, John Merica, died eleven years ago, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Thompson, died about twenty-five years ago at her home in Fort Wayne. Two brothers, Charles and Newell Wood, of Jackson, Ohio, and one half-brother, Marion Palmer, also of Jackson, Ohio, survive.

Mrs. Merica, at the time she suffered the paralytic stroke, three years ago, planned all the details of her funeral. She chose her undertaker, minister, singers, pall bearers, place of burial, and even supervised the making of her burial dress.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist church in this city. The Rev. Mr. Scherer, of Spencerville, Ohio, will preside at the obsequies. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

There will be reports from all heads of the various departments, such as, Sunday school superintendents, ladies aid societies, missionary societies, Epworth League, etc. Dr. Warren W. Wiant, district superintendent, will preside at the conference and conduct the business session.

SMITH WOULD ECONOMIZE

Plans To Eliminate Useless Bureaus And Boards If Elected President

By Raymond L. Borst,
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Albany, N. Y., July 20.—A complete overhauling of the machinery of the federal government and the consolidation and elimination of overlapping and useless bureaus, boards and commissions in the interest of economy and efficiency is planned by Governor Al Smith in the event of his election to presidency.

This was revealed by the governor to United States Senators Millard E. Tydings of Maryland and Harry B. Hawes of Missouri, recent guests of the executive mansion.

Plans Constructive Campaign

The governor impressed upon Tydings and Hawes that he proposed to conduct a "constructive" campaign and not one of criticism.

"I want my campaign and my administration, if I am elected, to be constructive," the governor was quoted by Senator Tydings. "I want things to be done to better the national government."

One of the outstanding achievements of Smith's four terms as governor of New York has been his reorganization of the state government in which he consolidated the 196 bureaus and agencies into 18 main departments.

According to close friends of the governor he feels the same thing can be accomplished in the federal government, only on a larger scale.

Senator Tydings is authority for the statement that the government will stress the need for an overhauling and reorganization of the federal government in his notification speech next month.

Members Old Home Week
Music Committee Named

C. C. Schafer, chairman of the music committee for Old Home Week, has announced the appointment of the following members of his committee: Judge and Mrs. J. C. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bowers. They will have charge of all the music, both vocal and band, during the week, will employ the various organizations and talents and will see that there is plenty of splendid music.

They will meet at an early date upon call of the chairman.

JOHN D. YAGER VISITS DECATUR

Reads Old Home Week Letters In Daily Democrat And Gets Homesick

John D. Yager, reared at the Park hotel in the city, now a resident of Bellevue, Ohio, where he has for many years been in the service of the Nickle Plate railway, visited here this morning. He and Mrs. Yager have been enjoying an automobile trip and came here for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Fred Bender, of Pleasant Mills. At Warsaw, John noticed a copy of the Daily Democrat containing several Old Home Week letters. It made him homesick so they drove here for a day, subscribed for the paper and expects to return for the big week next September.

John and Adam Brown were on a ship bound for Belgium twenty-nine days ago with a large number of horses, the property of Mr. Brown and Julius Haugk. The ship struck a terrible storm and it became necessary to unload the horses in the ocean, together with the rest of the cargo. The boat finally limped into St. Michaels, on the Azore Islands, after a very thrilling experience.

John has a copy of a little paper published there and will send it on to be posted in the Daily Democrat window.

John's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Yager.

CONFERENCE TO
BE HELD SUNDAY

Three Methodist Charges To Hold Joint Quarterly Conference Here

There will be a joint quarterly conference of three Methodist charges at the Decatur Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The conference will be composed of the Pleasant Mills, Decatur circuit and Decatur First church.

This will be the second annual conference of the present church year and the union conference of the three charges is a new program for this part of the sub-district.

There will be reports from all heads of the various departments, such as, Sunday school superintendents, ladies aid societies, missionary societies, Epworth League, etc. Dr. Warren W. Wiant, district superintendent, will preside at the conference and conduct the business session.

Republican Al Smith



Alfred E. Smith, not related in any way to the Democratic standard bearer, who has been ruled ineligible to run for sheriff of Douglas County, Kansas, because he failed to file his declaration in person.

ANOTHER FINED IN CITY COURT

W. S. Burns, Of Home Billiard Hall, Fined For Keeping Slot Machine

W. S. Burns, of the Home Billiard Hall North Second street, entered a plea of guilty in Mayor's court late yesterday afternoon, to the charge of keeping a slot machine in his place of business and was fined \$25 and cost, amounting to \$35, by Mayor George Krick.

Mayor Krick ordered the slot machines destroyed. The defendants having ten days time to file a plea against such action.

Mr. Burns was the fourth person to plead guilty to the charge filed against him. He received the same fine as did Floyd Death, Fred Fullenkamp and Doy Lhamon, who were arrested for keeping a gambling device.

Bernard Kintz, who was arraigned in mayor's court yesterday afternoon, asked for more time in entering his plea. His case and the charge against Mots Sether, also charged with keeping a gambling device, will be heard by Mayor Krick tonight. Jesse Rice also arrested on the same charge will be arraigned later. If the defendants plead guilty, they will in all probability be given the same fine. No ruling has been made yet for the disposition of the money found in the slot machines. It was stated that several of the machines had considerable money in them.

Meanwhile, the hot weather was causing additional lives in Indiana. Since the mercury began flirting with the nineties, at least five persons have died in Indiana from heat prostrations.

Maximum temperatures in Indiana yesterday was at Vincennes, where the mercury climbed to 95. Columbus and Madison had 93 degrees.

Wheat Thrashing Begun
In Berne Community

Berne, July 20—(Special)—Wheat thrashing has been started in this community. The first load of new wheat brought to market was delivered to the Berne Grain and Hay company, Wednesday by Isaac Lehman. The quality of the grain was good, but the moisture content was comparatively high. The wheat tested 55 and sold for \$1.25 per bushel. Wheat thrashed on the Albert Augsburger farm was delivered to the Berne Equity elevator Thursday. It tested 57 pounds per bushel and the moisture test was 15½ per cent.

BERNE TEACHING CORPS SELECTED

Two Vacancies Remain To Be Filled; H. B. Hoffman Gets Leave Of Absence

Berne, July 20—(Special)—Two vacancies remain to be filled in the teaching corps for the Berne public schools next winter. The vacancies are in the eighth grade and music director. H. B. Hoffman, who has efficiently directed the music department for several years, has been granted a leave of absence for one year to complete work for his A. B. degree.

The teachers for the high school are E. W. Jeffery, Superintendent, Miss Caroline Hirsch, Principal; Edison Springer, Manual Arts; Maynard Hetrick, Commercial; Miss Hazel Langdon, Domestic Arts; Mrs. J. C. Walton, Latin; H. H. Hoffman, Social science; Harold S. Johnson, Athletics; Music open.

The grade teachers: first Mrs. R. L. Butcher; second, Miss Rose Springer; third, Miss Hilda Lehman; fourth Miss Helen Atz, fifth Miss Bernice Masters; sixth, Miss Salome Schug; seventh, Dale Braun; eighth open.

LINN GROVE WOMAN BksMb Berne, July 20—(Special)—Mrs. F. P. Stedde, wife of the pastor of the Evangelical church at Linn Grove, is confined to the Otis hospital, at Celina suffering from a broken leg, bruised ankle and perhaps internal injuries, as the result of a fall down the cellar steps at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucille