

WEATHER
Partly cloudy to
cloudy tonight and
Sunday. Slightly
warmer tonight in
north and central
portions.

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UNIDENTIFIED MURDER VICTIM FOUND

BROKEN PONTOON DISCLOSES FATE OF ARCTIC FLIERS

Part Of Roald Amundsen's
Plane Is Picked Up By
Fishing Boat

AVIATOR'S FRIENDS IDENTIFY WRECKAGE

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 1. (UPI)—Roald Amundsen and his companions who flew out over the Arctic to aid survivors of the wrecked dirigible Italia plunged to death in Barents Sea on the night of June 18, it appears almost certain today.

A broken pontoon brought into Tromsø by the fishing boat Brodd has been identified as belonging to Amundsen's plane, the Latham.

Wreckage Is Identified

The pontoon part was identified first by photographs as belonging to the Latham. Later, the French consul at Tromsø informed the United Press that the pontoon was identified by friends of Amundsen who witnessed the start of his flight. The consul said there was no doubt the pontoon belonged to the plane.

Authorities were planning to recall rescue ships searching for Amundsen as soon as it was made official.

The pontoon was found in the open sea between Bear Island, which is half way to Spitzbergen and the northern coast of Norway. It was badly rusted and appeared to have been torn violently from the wing of the plane.

It was estimated the accident probably occurred between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 18, midway from Norway to Bear Island.

New Auctioneer To Locate In Decatur

Orville Ruck, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, a graduate of the summer class of the Reppert School of Auctioneering, has accepted a position as assistant auctioneer to Col. Fred Reppert and Col. Roy Johnson, with offices in the Peoples Loan and Trust company building this city.

Mr. Ruck is considered one of the best auctioneers in his class and feels that it was a decided honor and advantage to be offered this position. He is a young man with a pleasing personality and a good voice. He made many friends while attending the school.

Wendell B. Ashcraft Visits Friends Here

Wendell B. Ashcraft, of Ada, Ohio, visited here yesterday and called on friends of his late father, William E. Ashcraft. The senior Mr. Ashcraft, who formerly edited the Decatur Journal several years, was stricken with paralysis a year ago today and died September 4 of last year. Mrs. Ashcraft and son reside in Ada, where Wendell recently completed his college course. They expect to move to California.

Wendell is a talented piano-accordionist. He has appeared as a headliner on musical programs in many cities and communities, and has often given recitals.

RURAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

Annual Summer Vacation
To End Sunday For
Rural School Pupils

School bells in all of the rural districts of Adams county will ring again next Monday morning, announcing the end of the annual summer vacation period. The schools in Berne and Decatur will not open until Tuesday morning, due to Monday being Labor Day.

The school buildings throughout the county have been thoroughly cleaned and made ready for the opening of school. The trustees have engaged corps of capable instructors for the term.

There are seven high schools in the county, outside those in Berne and Decatur. They are Kirkland township, Hartford township, Jefferson township, Monroe, Geneva, Monmouth and Pleasant Mills. In addition to the high schools, there are consolidated grade schools and many district schools.

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Argentine Envoy

First Span Of Extensive Air-Rail Trans-Continental Passenger Service Started

Chicago, Sept. 1. (UPI)—The first span of an extensive air and rail transcontinental passenger service was opened here today.

Planes operated by the Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., through its subsidiary, the Northwest Airways Inc., will connect at Chicago and the twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, with through limited express trains to and from the east and west.

Piloted by veterans of the air mail in powerful Ford cabin planes, passengers will save approximately eight hours between Chicago and the twin cities, and full business day between eastern points and the Pacific northwest.

The planes will leave here regularly at 3 p.m., arriving at St. Paul at 7 p.m. Southbound planes will leave Minneapolis at 8:30 a.m. and St. Paul at 8:40 A.M., arriving here in three hours and forty minutes. The route to be followed, carefully marked and well lighted, was developed by the United States department of commerce.

Plans for the service were outlined by the technical committee of the Transcontinental Air Transport, headed by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who is also consulting aeronautical engineer for the Pennsylvania railroad.

The line opened today will form one of many auxiliaries and feeders for the main transcontinental line, now being organized between New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Farmer Shoots Flash Light Out Of Thief's Hand

Laud, Ind., Sept. 1. (INS)—Casper "Cap" Bell, farmer living south of here was awakened by a noise emanating from his chicken house. He got his shotgun and started an investigation.

From a strategic position "Cap" spied a thief with a flashlight moving about near the hen coop.

Taking aim at the flashlight "Cap" cut loose with his shotgun.

The light went out, there was a howl of pain and a few moments later the sound of a roaring automobile speeding off.

Further investigation revealed a shot-speckled flashlight lying on the ground near the chicken house. "Cap" had shot it out of the thief's hand.

"Cap" reported the matter to Sheriff J. M. Haynes.

TO GIVE PRIZES TO MASQUERADERS

Masquerade Parade To Feature Closing Event Of Old Home Week

Walter Wilkinson, chairman for the big Mardi Gras celebration two weeks from tonight, closing Old Home Week, reports great interest in the affair and predicts a great windup to the most successful week ever presented in this school last spring.

Indications are that the enrollment in both the public and parochial schools will be about the same as last year, with a possibility of a slight increase.

Children who are six years old or who will be six on or before January 18, 1929, will be permitted to enter the public schools next Tuesday morning, at 8:15 o'clock.

Following are the public school zones of the city, as outlined today by Mr. Worthman:

All first, second, third and fourth grade children living in territory bounded by G. R. & I. railroad, corporation line on the north, St. Marys river on the east and Adams street on the south, will attend school at North Ward.

All first, second, third and fourth grade children living in the territory bounded by Adams street, St. Marys river, corporation line on the south, G. R. & I. railroad on the west will attend school at the South Ward.

All first, second, third and fourth grade children living in the territory bounded by corporation line on the north, G. R. & I. railroad on the

Weather for period September 3-8, for the region of the Great Lakes No precipitation of consequence likely first half of week, but shower period may occur during latter half; no marked fluctuations in temperature indicated and readings will be mostly near seasonal normals.

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Near Seasonal Weather Forecast For Next Week

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Levi Linn Injured In
Auto Wreck Near Bluffton

Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 1. (UPI)—Fate has dealt Emory Powell, 55, an ironical blow. After thirty years as a soldier without coming to harm, he lies at a hospital suffering from a bullet wound inflicted by the accidental discharge of a rifle at the hands of his cousin Ned, age 9.

The accident occurred while Powell, Ned and the latter's brothers Jack, 14, were hunting turtles along the Tippecanoe river.

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Mayor George W. Dahl of Fargo, N. D., W. H. Strachan, and C. H. Trembley of the Northern Pacific railroad, and J. Caldwell of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific will be among the passengers on the initial flight from the north. Dahl purchased the first ticket.

Other railroads which have arranged to handle the service are the Pennsylvania and the Great Northern.

The planes have accommodations for 12 passengers. The planes are driven by three 400-horsepower motors, have a cruising speed of 115 miles per hour, and a maximum speed of 140 miles per hour.

**VACATION SEASON
TO END MONDAY**

Activity To Be Resumed In Many Lines Tuesday After Summer Lull

Labor day will mark the end of the vacation season and next Tuesday will see much activity in the lines that have been at a standstill for the past three months.

Business will be at a standstill over Labor Day, but will again resume its usual course Tuesday morning.

The public, Catholic and Lutheran schools will open Tuesday morning. The Adams Circuit court, although officially opening on Monday, will not get under way until Tuesday morning. Court has not been in session since June.

The county commissioners and the county council will be in session Tuesday. The county budget and tax rates will be adopted by the county council and the commissioners have a busy session ahead of them.

The city council will meet Tuesday evening. Members of the township advisory boards and the trustees of school boards will also meet on Tuesday and fix the tax rates for their respective taxing units.

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