

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.—(U.P.)—Roald Amundsen and his companions who flew over the Arctic to aid survivors of the wrecked dirigible Italia plunged to death in Barents Sea on the night of June 18, it appeared 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's 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 all 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

Orrille 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 soon.

Wendell is a talented piano-accompanist. 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.

Argentine Envoy



Manuel Malbran, newly-appointed ambassador to the United States from Argentina. He will assume his post in Washington in the near future.

Legion Post To Meet Next Tuesday Evening

All members of Adams Post No. 43, American Legion, are urged to attend the regular meeting of the post to be held in Legion Hall, Tuesday evening, Sept. 4, at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the executive committee are asked to be present for a special session to be held following the post meeting.

CITY SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY

Enrollment Equal To Or Larger Than Last Year's Enrollment Expected

The public and parochial schools of Decatur will open for the 1928-29 term Tuesday morning. The public school teachers will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock Monday morning, at which time M. F. Worthman, superintendent of the city schools, will outline the year's work.

The first year pupils in Decatur high school, as well as those pupils who have been transferred here from other high schools, have been registering at the high school building during the last two days. Other pupils were registered at the close of 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 corporation line on the north, 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 south, will attend school at the North Ward.

Near Seasonal Weather Forecast For Next Week

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.

Levi Linn Injured In Auto Wreck Near Bluffton

Levi Linn, formerly of Decatur, and senior member of the firm of Linn and Saurer, of Bluffton, suffered three fractured ribs when his car collided with another car driven by Joe Sowards, three miles east of Bluffton, last night. The accident occurred when Mr. Linn failed to see a wagon driven by a man named Reinhard.

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

Chicago, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—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 a 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

Laurel, 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-specked 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 section.

The masquerade parade will, of course, be the feature, with bushels of confetti being thrown from upstairs windows. Judges for the parade will be Chalmer Porter, W. A. Lower, E. W. Lankenau, Mrs. Edgar Wicks and Mrs. J. F. Arnold.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Most comical jazz band—\$10.00 Most comical lady costume—\$5.00 Most comical men's costume—\$5.00 Most comical boy's costume—\$2.50 Most comical girl's costume—\$2.50 Most comical couple—\$5.00 Most comical fat man—\$2.50 Most comical slim man—\$2.50 Most comical fat woman—\$2.50 Most comical slim woman—\$2.50.

"Get your costume ready and have a couple of bushels of fun while making the closing night of the week a good one" is the advice of the Committee. Flares of red fire, which will burn fifteen minutes, will be given to the marchers.

Serves 30 Years As Soldier Without Harm; Shot By Young Cousin

Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—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.

PLAN ANNOUNCED BY RADIO BOARD

Plan For Reallocation Of Broadcasting Stations Is Made Public

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—A plan for reallocation of the country's broadcasting facilities providing for an equal distribution among the five radio zones was made public today by the federal radio commission.

Large stations having a minimum power of 5,000 watts are assigned forty of these channels, and there are to be eight clearer channels in each zone. The plan provides that only one of these stations shall operate on each of the 40 channels during night hours.

In this way, the commission expects to insure clear reception of radio programs to listeners in all parts of the country.

The commission plan also calls for distribution of the other 34 cleared channels for regional broadcasting service. This will permit 125 full time stations of the local type. Throughout the reallocation program, wide geographical spacing was observed between stations on adjoining channels to eliminate objectionable "cross talk."

There will be 150 full-time positions for 250 to 1,000 watt stations, and 40 positions for stations of more than 5,000 watts.

Summarizing by zones, this will permit each of the five regions to

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COMMITTEE OF CORN BELT FOR GOVERNOR SMITH

Middlewestern Farm Or- ganization On Record As Favoring His Candidacy

LIKE SMITH'S STAND ON SURPLUS PROBLEM

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—The corn belt committee, representing almost every important farm organization in the middle west, was on record today as in sympathy with Governor Alfred E. Smith, democratic nominee, for the presidency.

The committee adopted resolutions praising the democratic platform stand on farm relief and stating the alleged shortcomings of the republicans. The committee claimed to represent 3,000,000 farmers.

Resolution Adopted

Reiterating the committee's faith in the McNary-Haugen bill and remarking on President Coolidge's veto of that bill, the resolutions said:

"The democratic platform pledges the party to enact legislation that will prevent the price of the surplus determining the price of the whole crop. It recognizes the principle that the cost of dealing with surpluses must be distributed over each marketed unit of the commodity whose producers are benefited by such assistance."

"The democratic candidate takes his position squarely on this platform. He points out in his acceptance speech that the tariff is ineffective and of no value upon crops of which we produce an exportable surplus, and he declares, as does the democratic platform, in favor of legislation to make the tariff effective on such crops. He promises his leadership in an earnest effort to bring this about by proper legislation. Farmers in the wheat growing states where their main cash crop is now being marketed at a half price its cost of production and without a trace of benefit from the 42 cent tariff, are fully aware of the failure of the tariff to be effective in case of a surplus."

CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES ENDS

Berne Man Re-elected Secre- tary Of Middle District Mennonite Conference

Berne, Sept. 1.—(Special)—E. W. Baumgartner, of Berne, was re-elected secretary of the Middle District Mennonite conference, at the sessions of the conference held at Wadsworth, Ohio, this week. Other officers elected were: Paul E. Whitmer, dean of the Wilmersburg Theological Seminary at Bluffton, Ohio, president; the Rev. E. J. Neuschwander, pastor of the Ebenezer church near Bluffton, Ohio, vice-president.

Delegates from the First Mennonite church of Berne, who attended the conference, were Ben Sprunger, John Elcher, Jerry Lechty, D. J. Springer and Eli Luginbill. The Rev. C. H. A. van der Smitten and three members of Mr. Baumgartner's family, also attended.

New members were elected to the following committees:

Educational committee—Dean Noah E. Byers of Bluffton College.

Program committee—Rev. J. E. Amstutz, Trenton, Ohio.

Evangelization committee—Rev. N. O. Blosser, New Stark, Ohio.

Trustee—J. H. Tschantz, Dalton, Ohio.

Rev. C. H. A. van der Smitten of Berne was elected to serve as German secretary which however is not an executive office. Rev. van der Smitten is editor of the Bundesbote, which is the German organ of the Mennonite church.

Wayland, Iowa, was selected as the place for the 1929 conference. The dates will be decided by the conference executives.

Those who attended the Wadsworth conference, from here, report good and interesting sessions. Dean Whitmer, the newly elected president, delivered a series of very fine Bible lectures. He succeeds as conference head Rev. S. M. Musselman, pastor of the First Mennonite church at Bluffton, Ohio.

German Ace Here



Captain Jack von Wiegand, former ace of German flying service, who vanquished gallant Quentin Roosevelt in air combat in France. The ex-enemy flier is in United States to obtain footing in commercial aviation.

DECATUR LIONS TO BROADCAST

Club To Give Half Hour Program At Fort Wayne Tuesday Evening

A half hour's program of music and other entertainment will be broadcast from radio station WOWO, in Fort Wayne, next Tuesday evening, by the Decatur Lions Club, it was announced today. The program will follow immediately after the Columbia chain program, will end at 9 o'clock (central standard time).

Songs by the entire Lion Club will open and close the program. Roy Mumma will read one of James Whitcomb Riley's poems; Paul Sauer will sing a group of vocal solos and Cliff Saylor and Mrs. Dan Tyndall will appear in a group of vocal duets. Rev. Harry W. Thompson will make a four-minute talk in which he will tell about Decatur's Old Home Week, to be held September 10 to 15, inclusive.

Decatur radio fans are invited to tune in on WOWO Tuesday evening, from 9 to 9:30 o'clock, Decatur time.

Sow Attacks Boy Who Picked Up Little Pig

Spencer, Ind., Sept. 1.—(INS)—Attacked by a huge sow when he picked up a little pig in her litter, 5-year-old Lloyd Munsey of Indianapolis, was almost killed by the enraged sow in an apple orchard on the John H. Smith farm, at Pottersville, southwest of here.

Only the presence of mind of Lloyd's 9-year-old brother Paul, who seized a club and belabored the sow, prevented the sow from killing the youngster.

The boy's left forearm was broken and his right collar bone was fractured and he was bitten and bruised.

Flower Show To Be Held At Fort Wayne This Fall

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—With more than 60 floral and historical floats already guaranteed for the fall flower festival here this year, Charles J. Steiss, civic secretary of the chamber of commerce has forecast that the coming show will be one of the largest ever staged.

The flower show this year will be one of the features of the "Fort Wayne Hospitality Days" celebration, Sept. 13, 14 and 15.

NO PAPER MONDAY

In pursuance of an annual custom the Daily Democrat will suspend publication for one day on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. Business will be suspended throughout the city, in general, and there will be no rural mail deliveries.

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN DITCH NEAR NEWCASTLE

Murder Believed To Have Been Committed With Hammer; Head Crushed

VICTIM BELIEVED TO BE 30 YEARS OF AGE

Newcastle, Sept. 1.—(INS)—The body of an unidentified woman, about 30 years old, her head beaten into a pulp apparently with a hammer, was found in a ditch on a side road leading to the main Newcastle-Muncie highway, about two miles northwest of this city today, by Frank Trout, a farmer, and his son, Walter.

The Trouts were driving along the lonely side road in a wagon when they spied an object wrapped in a white bed sheet, lying in the ditch. They stopped to investigate and were horrified to see the rigid gray eyes of a dead woman staring up at them from the bundle. The two men rushed to the John Foster farm home, about a quarter of a mile away and telephoned Sheriff Elmer Cannon.

Officers Called

Sheriff Cannon and Coroner V. T. Davis rushed to the scene at once. The coroner said the woman had been dead since late yesterday.

Near the body lay the woman's shoes, of a slate color. Apparently, the victim had been slain elsewhere, her body deposited in the ditch and the shoes thrown after her, Sheriff Cannon said.

There were no suspicious automobile tracks found anywhere near the scene, the sheriff said, after an inspection of the road. The Trouts told him they heard no suspicious noises during the night.

Rum Runners Suspected

Sheriff Cannon expressed the belief that the woman was connected with some liquor running gang and had been killed by rum runners. The case paralleled that of the woman found slain and burned near Crown Point on August 16, the authorities believe.

Although the body of the woman was fully clothed, with the exception of the shoes, the sheriff was unable to find any initials or any clue to her name.

Nor was there any trace of the weapon with which she was beaten to death. Coroner Davis believed a hammer had been used, because of the several round holes found in the head.

Description of Victim

The victim of the killing weighed about 100 pounds, had black bobbed hair, gray eyes and was about 5 feet and 5 inches tall. On the little finger of the left hand was a ring. Fastened to a string around the neck was a \$2.50 gold piece.

The woman had on a black, voile dress and pink underwear. She wore gray hose. On her black dress was

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LIMBERLOST DAY PLANS EXPLAINED

All Schools In County Plan To Dismiss So Pupils May Attend Event

C. J. Lutz, well-known Decatur attorney, spoke to the teachers assembled for the closing session of the Adams county teachers' institute here Friday afternoon, regarding the program for Limberlost Day, Tuesday, September 11, during Decatur's Old Home Week. All schools in the county will be dismissed for that day, in order that the children may take part in the dedication of Elephant Rock, in the court house yard, as a memorial to the late Gene Stratton Porter, beloved Adams county author.

The school children of the county subscribed to a fund for bringing Elephant rock from its former location in the bed of the St. Marys river southeast of the city to the court house yard. Mr. Lutz, in his talk yesterday, expressed the hope that not a single child in Adams county would be deprived of an opportunity to take part in the dedication of the memorial here September 11.