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ROWLAND HOLDS AIR DERBY LEAD AT KANSAS CITY

Twenty-Eight Planes In Trans-Continental Air Race Cross Indiana

THREE PLANES SUFFER MISHAPS

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 6.—(UPI)—Earl Rowland, of Wichita, Kansas, held his lead in the trans-continental air derby today when he arrived in Kansas City, the second over-night stop. He landed his Cessna plane at Richards airport at 12:43 o'clock P. M.

Racers Cross Indiana

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 6.—(UPI)—Twenty-eight of the 31 trans-continental race planes which left Columbus, Ohio, this morning, passed through Indiana successfully today and went on to St. Louis after stopping here.

Three of the planes met with mishaps.

One plane, piloted by Dan Robertson, of St. Louis, crashed near Rushville, Ind. Neither Robertson nor his passenger, Earl Daugherty, were hurt seriously.

J. W. Hunt, Moundsville, W. Va., was forced down in Indianapolis with a broken carburetor. The pilot was not hurt.

Harry Smedley, of Kansas City, was reported to have been forced down 20 miles from Indianapolis without injuries to himself or his passenger, George L. Bennett, owner of the plane.

Drinking Fountains Placed in Legion Memorial Park

Three new drinking fountains were placed in the Legion Memorial park today by the city of Decatur. The fountains were placed near the center of the park. They are of the valve control type and were installed by Orval Harruff, superintendent of the city water department.

Russia And Bulgaria Endorse Anti-War Pact

Moscow, Sept. 6.—(UPI)—The Soviet government decided officially today to adhere to the Kellogg anti-war treaty.

Acting Foreign Minister M. M. Litvinoff transmitted to Jean Herbigue, French ambassador, the Soviets formal notice of adherence to the treaty.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(UPI)—Bulgaria today joined the growing list of non-signatory nations which have announced their intention to subscribe to the Kellogg anti-war treaty when it notified the state department that it would take this action at an early date. This brings the number of non-signatory nations who have adhered or will adhere to the pact to 26.

BERNE SCHOOLS HAVE 471 PUPILS

High School Has 160 Pupils; More Children Expected To Enroll

Berne, Sept. 6.—(Special)—The Berne schools opened Tuesday with a total enrollment of 471 pupils. More children are expected to enroll within the next few days.

The enrollment by grades is as follows: grade 1-46, Mrs. R. L. Butcher, teacher; grade 2, 42, Miss Rose Springer, teacher; grade 3, 40, Miss Hilda Lehman, teacher; grade 4, 35, Miss Helen Atz, teacher; grade 5, 38, Miss Bernice Masters, teacher; grade 6, 28, Miss Salome Schmitz, teacher; grade 7, 37; Miss Edna Smith, teacher; grade 8, 36, Dale H. Braun, teacher; grade 9, 160. There are 44 pupils in the freshman class of the high school.

The high school teachers are E. W. Jeffery, superintendent; Miss Caroline L. Hirsch, principal; Mrs. Grace Walton, Latin and English; Harry H. Hoffman, English and Science; Harold S. Johnson, History and athletic coach; Edison Springer, Mathematics and Industrial Arts; Miss Hazel Langdon, Home Economics and Art; Miss Wilma Dick, Music; and Maynard Hetrick, Commercial subjects.

Southwest's Fairest



HOLD SUSPECT IN \$200,000 HOLDUP

Man At St. Louis Partially Identified As Indianapolis Country Club Bandit

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6—(UPI)—Four Indianapolis witnesses today partially identified Charles Phayer, held here as one of the bandits who robbed the Broadmoor Country Club of \$200,000 on May 30. Ben Baratti, a companion of Phayer, was not identified.

Everett T. Fisher of Indianapolis, one of the four witnesses, positively identified an expensive "Patek Phillipi" split second watch found on Phayer as the one taken from him in the robbery.

As none of the witnesses identified Baratti in connection with the Broadmoor robbery, authorities indicated he would be released.

The Patek watch, valued by fisher at \$300, was found in Phayer's possession police said. It was the only Patek watch which had been reported missing from any part of the country, they said.

Phayer, an alleged gambler of East St. Louis, Ill., vehemently denied any connection with the Broadmoor robbery, and told police he obtained the watch in a division of assets from an East St. Louis gambling house.

School Publication Runs Picture Of Elephant Rock

Recognition is given in this month's issue of the "Cooperative School Bulletin," published at Butler, Indiana, of the activities going on in Decatur in preparation for Old Home Week and the dedication of "Elephant Rock," in memory of Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter. The front cover of the magazine contains a picture of the Memorial will: two children standing in front of it, a reproduction of which will appear in the Old Home Week edition of the Daily Democrat, Saturday. The magazine is published in the interest of the public schools at Butler and Auburn, Indiana.

An article entitled "Gene Stratton Porter, Adams County's Own," which appeared in the publication was written by Mrs. Frank Downs, of Decatur. The following editorial also appeared: "A Mr. French Quinn, a dealer in real estate, at Decatur, Indiana, deserves considerable recognition and commendation for his interest in the promotion of the wonderful literary work of Gene Stratton Porter. He is backing the great movement of Gene Stratton Porter Day at Decatur, September 11."

WANT FLOWERS FOR BLANKET

Woman's Club Delegated To Make Blanket To Cover Elephant Rock

The task of making a blanket of flowers with which to cover Elephant Rock, which stands on the Court House yard as a memorial to Gene Stratton Porter, at the dedication ceremonies on Tuesday, has been delegated to the Woman's Club of the city.

Preparedness for this will necessitate the use of many garden flowers, which it is requested the members of the club or any other individual who is interested, donate to the cause.

The call for flowers is herewith issued with the request that all flowers be picked and sent to the home of Mrs. W. E. Smith, South Third street, on Monday evening. The blanket will be made then, early Tuesday morning.

A great many flowers are needed and the public is asked to respond to this call as freely as possible.

Baby Strangled To Death
Indianapolis, Sept. 6.—(UPI)—Nine months old Cleo May Long, was strangled to death when her head became caught between the bars of her crib. She was breathing slightly when found, but resuscitation efforts failed.

U. S. Steel Stock Rises To \$156 A Share Today

New York, Sept. 6.—(UPI)—U. S. steel corporation common stock today rose to \$156, a gain of \$3 over the previous closing price and a new record price for the present shares. Demand for this issue was enhanced by predictions by the steel reviews that the third quarter would set a new record for steel production in the third quarter.

Catfish Weighing 11 1/2 Pounds, 31 Inches Long Caught In River Here

What is believed to be the largest Channel Catfish ever caught in the St. Marys river near here, was being exhibited today by Paul Reynolds and Heze Cochran, of this city, who hooked the fish while fishing in the river near the Smith bridge at the north edge of the city last night. The fish is 31 inches long and weighs 11 1/2 pounds.

The fish was caught on a small hook and line with a steel casting rod. The two men were fishing in a boat and it took them ten minutes to land the fish.

LUCY BIENZ IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mother Of Decatur Man Dies At Home East Of Willshire Today

Mrs. Lucy Bienz, aged approximately 55 years, wife of Wm. Bienz, died at 4 o'clock this morning, Thursday, September 6, 1928, at her home two and one-half miles east of Willshire, Ohio. Death was due to complications which followed a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Bienz is survived by her husband and the following children: Earl Bienz, residing on Mercer avenue, this city; Mrs. Juanita Ward, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Leila Hill, of Denver, Colorado; Irene and Roxie Bienz, and Mrs. Neva Lydenburg, of Dayton, Ohio; and Clem Bienz, of Van Wert, Ohio.

Late this afternoon, funeral arrangements were still pending, awaiting word from the daughter in Colorado, but tentative arrangements have the funeral set for Sunday afternoon.

Federal Grand Jury Subpoenaed 150 Witnesses

Indianapolis, Sept. 6—(UPI)—Subpoenas for more than 150 witnesses to appear before the Federal grand jury session starting Tuesday were served today by Deputy U. S. Marshals.

Albert Ward, U. S. district attorney, said 115 cases involving 175 persons were ready for presentation to the grand jurors.

The grand jury is expected to complete its investigation and be ready to report September 15.

Three Youths Confess To 40 Holdups, Police Say

Indianapolis, Sept. 6—(UPI)—Three youths, all under 21 years of age, were held here today as a result, police said, of their confessions to approximately 40 holdups and burglaries.

The three, Harry Noey, 19, John McCarthy, 19, and Milburn Jones, 19, confessed to eighteen holdups, one store burglary, the theft of twenty automobiles, and the passing of worthless checks amounting to \$500, officials said.

Detectives said they believed the crimes admitted amounted to only a small part of the total activities of the youths.

Lyle Womack Seeks Divorce From Ruth Elder, Pretty Flier

Balboa, Canal Zone, Sept. 6—(UPI)—Lyle Womack filed suit for divorce in the Canal Zone district court at Ancon today, against Ruth Elder, charging cruelty.

"I tried to effect a reconciliation," he said. "I urged Ruth to join me here but she prefers her career and I do not desire to hinder her."

Makes Good Speed

There were a few minor tasks and then Hazel began work on the purse. It took her less than two weeks of one hour a day work to complete the job. Few of those who see could have done it faster.

Miss Winifred Conrick, head of the occupational therapy department of James Whitcomb Riley Hospital

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MARY R. HOFFMAN EXPIRES TODAY

Preble Township Woman Dies Of Pneumonia At Hospital In This City

Mrs. Mary R. Hoffman, 64 years, died at 9 o'clock this morning, Thursday, September 6, 1928, at the Adams County Memorial hospital. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia, which followed an operation for strangulated hernia, to which Mrs. Hoffman submitted late Monday evening.

Mary R. Hoffman was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Werling, deceased. She was born March 9, 1864, in Preble township where she has resided during her entire life period, making her home on the Hoffman homestead, 1 1/2 miles north of Preble, with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Hoffman. She was united in marriage with Christ Hoffman, who preceded her in death about thirty-two years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Oswald and Victor Hoffman, both of Preble; six grand-children; a step-mother, Mrs. Ida Werling, of Preble; one sister, Miss Roma Werling, of Preble; three brothers, August and Albert Werling, of Preble, and Charles Werling, of Peterson; one half-sister, Mrs. Harry Chalfant, of Griffith; and one half-brother, Raymond Werling.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the family residence, and at 1:45 o'clock at the Preble Lutheran church of which the deceased was a member. The Rev. Robert Gaiser will officiate. Burial will be made in the Lutheran cemetery at Preble.

Winkler Resigns To Campaign For Office

Indianapolis, Sept. 6—(UPI)—George L. Winkler, deputy prohibition administrator for Indiana today announced his resignation, effective Saturday, in order to carry on his campaign as Republican nominee for Marion county sheriff.

At each stop the Decatur boosters passed out hand bills and personally invited hundreds of persons to visit Decatur during the Old Home Week celebration next week.

A feature attraction was furnished at each stop by L. C. Helm. Mr. Helm was dressed conspicuously and wore a high plumed hat. He carried what appeared to be a motion picture camera and at each stop set up his instrument and apparently started filming the crowd. As soon as the crowd gathered around him, he pressed a button and the "camera" came apart, displaying signs which told about the Old Home Week program.

GET CONFESSION IN MURDER PROBE

Valuable Evidence Obtained In Probe Of Muncie Woman's Death

Muncie, Ind., Sept. 6—(UPI)—Mrs. Irene Moyer, 24, Terre Haute, held here in connection with the murder of Mrs. Myrtle Miller, 36, was to visit the scene on a lonely road near Newcastle today where the body was found last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Moyer requested the trip Wednesday night after police said she accused Charles Beasley, 34, also of Terre Haute, of being alone with Mrs. Miller on the road where her body was found Friday night.

Makes Long Confession

In a 1,000-word confession, Mrs. Moyer said Mrs. Miller, Beasley and Homer Patterson, Terre Haute, went riding Friday night. After buying liquor near here, the party started toward Newcastle, she said.

Beasley ordered Patterson and me out of the car, saying that he wanted to be alone with Mrs. Miller," her statement said, according to police. "They drove down the road and out of sight.

"He was gone 15 minutes, maybe longer, then came back and picked us up. He was alone and got out of the front seat," the woman's confession reads, police said.

Mrs. Moyer said when she inquired about Mrs. Miller, Beasley replied that they had had a fuss and that she went "on to a friend's."

"There is no use in going back for her. She said to tell you kids goodbye and she would meet you in Terre Haute on her brother's birthday," Beasley was quoted as saying.

In returning to the murder scene today, detectives said they would resume the search for the hammer with which Mrs. Miller was struck on the head 19 times.

Beasley has not offered to talk. He will not be questioned until after Mrs. Moyer's confession is checked, police said.

Must Serve 30 Days



TO MAKE FIRST SPEECH SEPT. 18, IN OMAHA, NEBR.

Democratic Nominee To Start Speaking Tour In Wheat Belt

TO VISIT OTHER WESTERN CITIES

By Thomas L. Stokes,
UP Staff Correspondent

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 6—(UPI)—Governor Alfred E. Smith will open his speaking campaign in the heart of the wheat belt at Omaha, Nebraska, with a speech there the night of Tuesday, September 18, he announced today.

The preliminary itinerary calls for a second speech in Oklahoma City, Thursday, September 20, to be followed by an address at Denver, Colorado, Saturday, September 22. These were the only speeches announced today.

Plans To See Country

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 6—(UPI)—Gov. Alfred E. Smith, whose life was bounded for more than a quarter of a century by New York City and largely by the East Side, will see the country really for the first time on the extended campaign trip being mapped out for him as democratic presidential candidate.

If elected, he will visit Washington for the second time in his life. The governor attended a prohibition conference at the White House a few years ago, but got only a passing glimpse of the capital city. The Democratic candidate has never been abroad. In this respect, his career is a contrast to that of his republican opponent, Herbert Hoover, who has traveled all over the face of the globe, and has lived for long periods of time in foreign countries.

The first time he was anywhere near the south was in the spring when he took a trip to Asheville, N. C. He is not expected to go to the south during the campaign, but he will see much of the rest of the country.

The governor is giving his attention to the numerous campaign speeches he will make, between attending to state business and getting as much rest and recreation as possible. Today, he will hold a meeting of the building and sites commission to consider the Buffalo office building situation.

B. W. Sholty, Civil War Veteran, Seriously Ill

B. W. Sholty, Civil war veteran and a pioneer druggist of Decatur, is seriously ill at his home on West Monroe street. His condition was worse today, it was stated, than at any time. Mr. Sholty is one of the few veterans of the Civil war living in Adams county.

New Water Main Being Laid On First Street</h