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Fort Wayne District Foreign Missionary Society In Annual Meet

YOUNG PEOPLE MEET TONIGHT

The Sixtieth annual session of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Fort Wayne District opened its two day program at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the local Methodist Episcopal church with sixty-seven people already registered. Several more are expected to register this evening and tomorrow morning.

Delegates from the various towns in the Fort Wayne District, which includes Geneva, Berne, Monroe, Bluffton, Auburn, Garrett, Montpelier, Union, Monroeville, Leo, Pleasant Hill, Hometown, Bobo, and Houghton, were present this afternoon. Those from out of town will be entertained by the local society over night.

The feature of tonight's program will be the Young People's Banquet to be held in the local church basement at 6 o'clock. Several young people from other towns are expected to arrive sometime this afternoon to attend this banquet. Anyone from this city desiring to attend the banquet may do so by registering with the

Marion Man Fatally Injured When Slapped

Marion, Ind., Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—Bruce Brannon, 38, was in jail here today, charged with voluntary manslaughter, the result of the death of Barney Cox, 45.

Brannon is said to have struck Cox with his open hand and knocked him down, after accusing him of forcing a 15-year-old girl to attend a "party" with a man many years older than she. Cox was fatally injured when his head struck the floor.

The girl is a daughter of Brannon's former wife, who now is the widow of Cox.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD AT HOME

Mrs. Clista Clawson, 73, Thought To Have Died About October 1

Geneva, Oct. 7.—(Special)—Mrs. Clista Clawson, 73, who resided by herself on a farm two and a half miles west of Geneva, was found dead Sunday. The aged lady probably had died about October 1 of organic heart trouble, according to the attending physician.

Mrs. Clawson had resided in the house by herself since the death of her husband, Elroy Clawson, several years ago. Neighbors became alarmed Sunday when it was reported that no signs of life had been seen about the Clawson home for several days.

Mrs. Hannah Stahley, a neighbor, went to the Clawson home and found all the doors locked. A little later Mrs. Clawson's son-in-law, Elroy Stauffer, broke through a door at the home and found Mrs. Clawson's body.

The lady apparently had passed peacefully away and heart trouble was given as the cause of the death.

Clista Clawson was born in Indiana March 22, 1856. She was a daughter of Addison and Lucinda Pangri May. In early life she was united in marriage to Elroy Clawson, who preceded her in death a few years ago. Mrs. Clawson had resided near Geneva in Adams county for many years. Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Elroy Stauffer, of west of Geneva.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home and burial was made at the West Lawn cemetery at Geneva.

Seeks Amendment To Volstead Law

Washington, Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—Amendment of the Volstead Act to make it unlawful to purchase liquor was demanded in the Senate today by Senator Sheppard, Dem., Tex., author of the 18th amendment.

Highway Commission Faces Court Restraint

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—The state highway commission faced its second legal fire today over construction of highway No. 66 between Evansville and Rockport.

A petition for a restraining order was filed at Booneville by Charles C. Pirtle, Warrick county taxpayer, alleging that if the commission persists in crossing traction tracks east of Newburg without consent, a large portion of the road will be worthless and public funds will have been squandered.

The commission was restrained last week from attempting to cross the tracks.

LOCAL TEACHERS ON COMMITTEES

Several Instructors Hold Posts In N. E. I. Teachers' Association

Several Decatur teachers have been named to committees in connection with the Northeastern Indiana Teachers' Association meeting which will be held in Fort Wayne, October 17 and 18. Several teachers are also on the program for the two day's meeting.

M. F. Worthman, city superintendent of schools is secretary-treasurer of the association. Mr. Worthman has served several years in this official capacity.

Decatur teachers who have been appointed on committees are: Miss Florine Michaud, Latin; Miss Dessolee Chester, music; Miss Elizabeth Peterson, primary-kindergarten; H. M. Cronover, Bobo, rural schools; Vernon Whalen, Decatur, social science.

The general sessions on Thursday will be held at the Shrine Temple, while the group meetings have been assigned throughout the city.

At the Thursday afternoon session of the Latin section to be held at the Keenan hotel, Rolland Reppert and Harold Teeters are on the program for a cornet duet. Miss Michaud is chairman of the committee in charge of the program.

Miss Chester will be in charge of the music program on Friday morning at the Latin-Literary joint session and will direct a mixed chorus of Decatur high school pupils.

The Decatur schools will be closed for the two day meeting and all of the Decatur teachers will attend the annual meeting.

Auto Collides With Boy Riding Bicycle

A Ford car driven by Trosby Cramer of Portland collided with a lad named Drake who was riding a bicycle near the Standard Oil station at Five Points Sunday morning, the boy on the wheel turning in front of the machine according to witnesses. It was a first thought the boy's leg was broken but examination by a physician showed that he was uninjured except bruises.

Commissioners Hold Monthly Session Today

The county commissioners were in session today, it being the regular monthly meeting of the board. The forenoon was devoted to the checking up and allowing of bills and a visit was made to the county jail. The commissioners will be in session again tomorrow, at which time bids will be received for road material.

GENEVA YOUNG LADY EXPIRES

Beatrice McCroskey Dies Sunday Night Following Long Illness

Geneva, October 7.—(Special)—Beatrice McCroskey, 24, died at the home of her aunt Mrs. Mattie Bryce late Sunday night after a long illness. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Beatrice McCroskey was born in Jay county in 1905. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCroskey. She had resided with her aunt in Geneva for several years since the death of her mother.

A brother, Merle McCroskey, of Geneva and a sister, Mrs. Nettie Kincaide of Celina, Ohio, survive.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, probably at the Bryce home and burial will be made at the Baptist cemetery east of Bryant.

The Prison Shambles



Interior of one of the cellhouses in which the rioting convicts held siege against the law forces. It was in this cellhouse where seven guards were murdered. That the convicts had prepared for a long siege was indicated by discovery of a large amount of provisions hidden within the cellhouse.

Six Bad Men Stage Gay Hold-Up Party Sunday

Chicago, Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—Everything was on the house and Bill Fiddles paid the fiddlers when the six "robber barons" dropped in at the Palm Gardens roadhouse near the Illinois-Indiana state line for a \$10,000 hilarious hold-up.

It was before dawn Sunday, when some 60 revelers were beginning to flag. The sextet of holdup barons put the pep back and then some.

No trace of the whimsical robber crew had been found today by police and it began to look as if Bill Fiddles, owner of the place, was out \$800 and his patrons had "spent" \$1,700 in money and \$7,500 in jewels for their evening out.

The barons had made frequent forays into the area where Chicago night hawks commute for pleasure. It was their fifth visit to the Palm Gardens in six months. They had themselves a time, and they had a riotous time for everybody there—punctuated with shots from their automatics.

For two hours the barons ran the program. They set up the quaking guests to drinks and smokes. They called for sprightly tunes and danced

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DEATH SUMMONS FRED W. PLOTHE

Well-Known Decatur Resident Succumbs To Heart Attack This Morning

Frederick Plathe, 63, well-known Decatur resident died at 1:45 o'clock this morning at East Haven hospital at Richmond where he was taking treatment. Death was said to have been due to heart trouble. Mr. Plathe had been in ill health for some time.

Frederick W. Plathe was born in Germany, November 20, 1866, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plathe. His wife preceded him in death one and one half years. Surviving is one son, Arthur, who resides at home. A brother, Adolph Plathe of Fort Wayne also survives the deceased.

Mr. Plathe came from Germany to this country when he was eight years old and settled in Nebraska. He lived in Nebraska and Missouri until thirteen years ago. Since that time he has resided in this vicinity.

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Friends Draft Letter

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—A resolution favoring the right of conscientious objectors to citizenship in the United States was passed here yesterday by delegates to the Indiana yearly meeting of Friends.

The view of the society in regard to this question will be drawn up in a communication drafted by President William Cullen Dennis of Earlham college; Professor Charles, and Dr. Allen D. Hole of Earlham.

The communication will be sent to senators and representatives in Washington, asking them to take the same view.

WAR VETERANS CHOOSE DECATUR FOR 1930 MEET

139th Field Artillery to Meet Here Next Fall; Com- pany A Is Part

C. O. PORTER IS NEW PRESIDENT

The tenth annual reunion of the 139th Field Artillery Association will be held in Decatur next October, the association accepting the invitation extended to it by Chalmers O. Porter, who attended the meeting in Indianapolis Saturday and Sunday.

The 139th Field Artillery was formerly the Fourth Indiana Infantry, of which old Company "A," organized in Decatur at the outbreak of the world's war was a member. About 1400 world war soldiers, most of them Indiana men, are members of the association and it is expected that at least 300 men will attend the tenth annual meeting in this city.

Col. Robert Moorehead of Indianapolis was the commanding officer of the regiment.

The meeting in Indianapolis was held at the Elk's club. Two invitations, that of Rushville and Decatur, were extended to the association for the 1930 meeting and the assembly selected Decatur.

Officers of the association were elected and Mr. Porter was elected president of the organization. The other officers are E. E. Chenoweth, Portland, first vice-president; Charles Bears, Marion, second vice-president; Floyd Anderson, Elizabethtown, secretary-treasurer.

The association passed a resolution favoring the appointment of Major Walter Undersaw of Kokomo, to the place of Adjutant general, succeeding Adjutant general Everson, who was appointed by President Hoover to be national adjutant. Major Undersaw served with the 139th Field Artillery during the World war and is a man of high reputation and has a splendid military record.

Mr. Porter stated that several local members of old Company "A" would be appointed to important places on committees to arrange for the annual meeting next fall. The dates for the reunion are October 4th and 5th.

Bernard Keller, also a member of company "A" attended the meeting in Indianapolis, over the weekend.

MAKE PLANS TO GATHER FRUIT

Annual Drive For Hospital Being Planned By Local Civic Section

Plans are being made this week for the annual fruit drive for the Adams County Memorial hospital. The drive will be conducted again this year by the Civic Section of the Woman's club and complete plans will be announced in a few days, members of the Civic Section stated today.

Each year a drive is made for all sorts of canned fruits. The fruits are turned over to hospital authorities and are served to the patients throughout the year. It is the only means of hospital patients receiving the various fruits.

The drive has been made annually for several years, and each year the amount of canned fruit obtained by the Civic Section increases. This year an effort will be made to obtain the largest amount ever secured by the organization, because of the increased number of patients at the hospital.

Complete plans will be announced later this week, but all local women are urged to plan to give at least one can of some fruit to the people who will collect the annual gift.

Harveys Are Safe At Miami Florida

Mr. and Mrs. George Squier of this city today received a letter from the C. W. Harvey family at Miami, Florida, formerly of Adams County stating that they were unharmed by the recent gale which swept the southern state. The home where the Harveys reside was damaged some, but none of the family was injured, the letter stated. Several photographs also were enclosed which showed how bad the storm was.

John Coolidge Returns To His Desk Today

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—John Coolidge was at his desk at the New Haven railroad headquarters "bright and early" today, after returning with his wife, the former Florence Trumbull, from their Maine honeymoon. The Coolidges were at the home of her parents, Governor and Mrs. John H. Trumbull, at Plainville but plan to settle down in their cozy Westville apartment tomorrow.

While the couple have been honeymooning in Vermont and Maine, decorators have been arranging their furniture in the four and one-half room apartment. It is now ready for occupancy.

KUEBLERS LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Well-known Decatur People Leave Today For New Home In Los Angeles

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kuebler left today for Chicago where they will visit a few days and then proceed to Los Angeles, California where they expect to reside permanently. Mr. Kuebler was connected with the Boston Store and later the Kuebler Company here for forty-five years and was active in other business lines during his long residence here.

Mrs. Kuebler who has visited in Los Angeles most of the past year, came back a few weeks ago for a visit here before they left permanently and has been the honor guest at many social events given for her.

Both she and Mr. Kuebler are very popular here and their many friends extend wishes for many happy years in the west with the hope they will return frequently.

Mr. Kuebler resigned Saturday as president of the American Security Company, the directors in accepting it, expressing sincere regret. W. A. Kuebler representing the board, presented Mr. Kuebler with a very handsome fourth degree Knights of Columbus watch chain. Mr. Kuebler also resigned as vice-president and director of the First National bank which position he held for many years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler expressed the hope of returning here next spring for an extended visit.

"Mrs. O'Leary's Cow" Causes Big Argument

Chicago, Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—Mrs. O'Leary's cow, declared by historians to have been peacefully chewing her cud at the start of the great Chicago fire in 1871 still has her champion as the cause of the conflagration.

"Sure, 'twas the cow kicked the lantern over," proclaimed Capt. Thomas J. Canty, 83, when he and four other surviving members of the fire department of the time foregathered at their annual smoker here. "I've always said so and I always will, didn't I see the burned barn and the broken lantern?"

"Tain't so," protested Isaac M. Adler, 89, "A bunch of bums started that fire when they got into a fight at the barn."

"I tell you the cow—" began Canty belligerently.

"You're both wrong," spoke up George Leady, 84. "Someone knocked the ashes of his pipe into a pile of shavings. The O'Leary didn't have a fire when they got into a fight at the barn."

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LOCAL PEOPLE IN ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kunowich Injured When Car Turns Over Twice

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kunowich of this city were injured Sunday when the Ford coach in which they were riding left the road and turned over twice northwest of Monroe. Mr. Kunowich was driving the car and apparently lost control of it.

The car left the road, turning over. Mr. Kunowich received a badly bruised shoulder and minor cuts and bruises. Mrs. Kunowich received a laceration above her right eye. Both were taken to the Adams County Memorial hospital, but Mrs. Kunowich was able to leave after her injuries were dressed.

The condition of Mr. Kunowich was reported as favorable today. The Ford coach was badly damaged and was brought to this city for repairs. The accident occurred a mile north and a mile and a half west of Monroe.

SWEEPING DROPS ANNOUNCED BY STATE BUREAU

Reductions Range From 5 Cents To 50 Cents In Business Section

FEW INCREASES ARE ANNOUNCED

Sweeping fire insurance rate reductions for both buildings and contents, were announced today by Decatur fire insurance offices after word was received from the Indiana Inspection Bureau, which regulates all fire insurance rates in the state. The reductions vary from 5 cents to 50 cents on buildings and contents.

In only a few instances, because of some unremovable fire hazard, a few rates were held the same and in one or two instances the rate was advanced slightly, but as a whole the rates were greatly reduced. The new rates became effective October 5, the announcement stated.

The reductions for buildings and contents follows the sweeping reductions made on dwelling house insurance rates in Decatur August 26. The reductions were made possible, according to local insurance men, because of the added fire protection placed here recently by the city council.

Fire protection in Decatur is said to be as fine as in any city in the state of corresponding size and in many instances in larger cities.

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Berne Youth Confesses

Berne, Oct. 7.—(Special)—Joe McSpadden, Jr., 12-year-old Berne lad confessed to two thefts here Saturday following his arrest by the Berne town marshal. Young McSpadden was caught, shortly after a shortage in the cash drawer at a local garage was discovered. The boy immediately confessed, following questioning. After spending several hours in jail, the lad was released on his own recognizance. It is understood that he will be questioned some time today by Sheriff Earl Hollingsworth and a juvenile state representative.

RURAL TEACHERS TO ATTEND MEET

Schools Will Be Dismissed October 17 And 18 For Association Meeting

The township trustees in monthly meeting this morning voted to have all the rural teachers attend the Northeastern Indiana Teachers' Association meeting at Fort Wayne on October 17 and 18.

The rural schools will be closed on these two days so that the teachers can attend the meeting. Clifton E. Striker, county superintendent of schools will also attend the meeting. About 110 teachers will attend from Adams county. The teachers in the Decatur city schools will also attend.

The trustees discussed the school survey which is now being made in the county for the state reports which are soon due. Other business matters pertaining to the operation of the schools were discussed by the trustees. All the members of the board, except one attended the meeting which was held in the office of the county school superintendent in the court house.

Supreme Court Ready For 1929 Term Today

Washington, Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—The highest federal tribunal went to work today, when nine black-robed justices of the supreme court of the United States were called to meet at noon to notify President Hoover they are ready for the crowded business of their 1929 term.

More than 400 cases were ready on the docket as the court held its perfunctory but very formal session.

The first two weeks will be taken up with conferences on pending petitions, after which the court will begin hearing of arguments. The first decisions probably will be announced next Monday, on some of the 12 cases carried over under advisement from last year, and the several petitions filed during the fourth month summer recess.