

# AME DUCK CONGRESS GETS UNDER WAY

## Program For First Adams County Corn Show Is Announced

**SESSIONS TO  
BE HELD HERE  
NEXT WEEK**

**Exhibits to Be Held at  
City Hall; Show Be-  
gins December 8**

**AGEANT AND CLUB  
WARDS SCHEDULED**

The official program for Adams county's first corn show, December 8 to 13th, announced today by L. Archbold, Adams county agent.

The show, augmented with 4-H Boys and Girls club awards, will be held at the city hall building on the corner of Main and Second streets. Avon Burk is general chairman of the corn show and his committee at the city hall, Monday, December 8.

Persons of interest to farmers will be held at the Library, Decatur high school auditorium and a church by the women will be given Thursday afternoon at the Catholic high school auditorium.

The complete program for the show is as follows:  
Tuesday, December 9  
Corn show entries must be in by 10 a. m.  
School, Library auditorium 1:30 p. m. Dr. C. T. Pence in charge.

Wednesday, December 10  
Corn show open to the public.  
School, Library auditorium, 1:30 p. m.  
Girls Club Achievement program at Decatur high school auditorium, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, December 11  
Corn show open to the public.  
Evolution of the corn by the Home Economics department at the Decatur high school auditorium, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, December 12  
Corn show open to the public.  
Intermediate Credit Bank, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.  
Corn show.

The entries in the corn show will be taken all day Monday and Tuesday until 9 a. m. in both men's and women's classes. The show will be held in the city building on Main street. Mr. Avon Burk is chairman of the show and will be assisted by John E. Heimann, Editor.

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**Quorum Appeals Are  
Reduced to 18**

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—There only 18 liquor law violation cases to the supreme and appellate courts during the fiscal year ending October 1, as compared with 24 during the previous year, according to figures compiled by deputies to Attorney General James M. Ogden.

**STATE POLICE  
ARE APPOINTED**

**Police Chief Names  
13 Deputies Today;  
Others to Be Named**

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Appointment of 13 men as state police deputies was made today by Chief of Police William Wittmer. He said three more appointments might be announced today and the rest would be forthcoming within a few days.

Those appointed lieutenants were John Hamilton, Sullivan, R. R. Risher, South Bend aviator, John Weir, Salem, and Al.

Police named were: Guy Carbon; William Wittmer; Ralph C. Lisgett; Warren Matthews App. Fort Wayne; William Demont, Knox; Roy L. Line, Kokomo aviator; Carl H. Greiner, Greensburg; George Shelbyville.

All were ordered to report for duty at noon today.

**Boyd May Remembers  
Colder Thanksgiving**

We might have convinced some folks that this year's Thanksgiving was the coldest ever known, but not Boyd May, who recalls the one of 1876, when the thermometer went down to two below. Boyd is seventy-seven years old but has a remarkable faculty for remembering dates and can go back to the days when the boys marched away to the Civil war. He says Thanksgiving day 1876 came on November 28th and was his wedding day. He came to town the day before to get his license from Bryon Dent. There was six inches of snow and that night the cold wave came but the wedding day was a happy one nevertheless and no one minded the cool breezes very much.

**NEW COLD WAVE  
GRIPS STATE**

**Temperature Drops to 20  
Above at Noon; More  
Snow Is Predicted**

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Another cold wave was on its way toward Indiana today, scheduled to strike tonight with temperatures of about 10 degrees, according to the U. S. weather bureau.

Forecast for fair skies indicated that no snow would accompany the wave. Higher temperatures Tuesday night or Wednesday temporarily will end the cold weather, it was predicted.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Riding in the wake of one of the most severe November blizzards in weather bureau history, a new cold wave spread over the north central states today, drove temperatures almost to the zero mark and added greatly to the intense suffering already caused.

Almost upon the stroke of midnight, as a new day and a new month came to Illinois, the new cold wave howled its way out of the north, whipped the Great Lakes into a fury, crippled rail, road and highway traffic and put at least one steamship in distress.

The weather bureau said the new wave originated in the area surrounding Eagle, Alaska, where it was 52 degrees below zero, swept down through the Mackenzie river valley, through Saskatchewan and Manitoba and, still retaining much of its severity, whistled into the United States by (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

**New Albany Bank  
Resumes Business**

zNew Albany, Ind., Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—The American Bank and Trust company of New Albany was to open for business today, after being closed for several days due to a misunderstanding which led to a run on the institution. It was the third Indiana bank to reopen recently after Temporary cessation of payments to depositors.

Reopening of the American bank and Trust company bore approval of the state banking department, after a thorough investigation of its condition.

**Will Not Contest  
Davis's Seat Today**

Washington, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Challenge against the seating of Senator-elect James J. Davis, Republican, Pennsylvania, probably will not be made today, Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, chairman of the senate campaign expenditures committee, said today just before the session convened. Nye said he understood Davis would not present himself, until after the committee had made its report. This report was not likely to be given to the senate today, Nye said.

**Doak Sworn In As  
Labor Secretary**

Washington, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—William N. Doak of Virginia, was sworn in today as the nation's third secretary of labor, succeeding James J. Davis of Pennsylvania. The oath of office was administered at 1:05 p. m. by Samuel J. Gompers, chief clerk of the labor department.

**PROMISES TO  
RETURN HERE  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Santa Claus And Reindeer  
Leave In Sleigh to  
Return Later**

**FOUND MANY GOOD  
CHILDREN HERE**

Santa Claus leaving here Saturday night with his sleigh and reindeer stated that he would return Christmas Eve with toys and gifts for the children and grown-ups.

While in Decatur Saturday, Santa Claus met more than 1,500 children. He stated Saturday night that Decatur had as many good children as any town he ever visited and that he would not fail to return here on December 24.

A large crowd was here Saturday to see Santa and his live reindeer. Those who viewed with skepticism the announcement that the real Santa and his tiny reindeer would be here, had the surprise of their lives when they saw him riding in his bright red sleigh, accompanied by the two Eskimo guides, Tautank and Ertank.

Merchants were busy Saturday morning and evening with Christmas shoppers. Nearly every store was prepared for the city-wide pre-Christmas opening and many shoppers were here to take advantage of the first selections.

Santa stated that he had many requests from children for toys and useful articles. He asked each child what they desired for Christmas and made notation of it in his great gift record.

The reindeer attracted much attention and the little fellows behaved in fine style, the contrast of brick streets being enough to scare any animal which lived entirely on the snow covered ground of the north. Santa carried a supply of deer moss with him and when the reindeer became unruly or wanted to run away a hunk of the green moss quieted their nerves.

Santa urged the grown-ups to do (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

**BANK BANDIT  
IS CAPTURED**

**Yegg Who Robbed Cumber-  
land Bank Captured  
10 Minutes Later**

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—A bandit who robbed the Cumberland State Bank at Cumberland, east of Indianapolis, of \$325 shortly before noon today, was captured ten minutes later by Deputy Sheriff John Newhouse, Cumberland, and County Commissioner John Shearer.

The bandit fled south from Cumberland in a small auto. Newhouse and Shearer, armed with a shotgun, overtook him and he surrendered as they covered him with the gun.

He said he was John Fair, 31, Indianapolis, but police here said personal belongings and an identification tag in the auto revealed he was Ordia Bruce, Indianapolis. The bandit had walked into the bank and scooped up the money while he leveled a gun at Miss Carrie Mae Huntington, bookkeeper.

He fired one shot at William Hilkens, Cumberland, during the dash to his auto, but the shot went wide.

All of the money was recovered. It was the second holdup of the bank in ten months.

**Street Car Money  
Taken By Bandits**

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Three bandits seized a Cincinnati Street Railway Company collection truck here today and escaped with \$19,000. They forced the driver and three guards to accompany them to the river front where they were believed to have fled into Kentucky. The money represented collections from company stations.

**First Lady Opens Charity Drive**



Mrs. Hoover cuts the birthday cake at the second anniversary celebration of the Thrift Shop, in Washington, where a group of well-known women in society in diplomatic circles are conducting a philanthropic sale during the pre-holiday season. Proceeds go to the Children's Hospital, the Children's Country Home, the Child Welfare Society, and the Prenatal Clinic of the Columbia Hospital.

**DRUNKEN PARTY  
ENDS IN DEATH**

**Five Young Men Held for  
Death of Pretty 18-  
Year-Old Girl**

Gary, Ind., Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—A coroner's jury returned a verdict today holding that Arlene Draves, 18-year-old high school graduate, died of a cerebral hemorrhage and shock after a criminal attack, and recommended that five men who attended a drinking party with her Saturday night be held to the grand jury without bond on charges of first degree murder.

The verdict was returned under an Indiana statute which defines a death after a criminal attack as first degree murder.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Five young men, all members of prominent Gary families, were held today in connection with the death of a pretty 18-year-old girl at a party where liquor was served.

The body of the girl, Miss Arlene Gwendolyn Draves, was taken early Sunday to the home of Dr. R. O. Wharton, three miles from the residence of David Thompson, city fireman, at whose home she had attended the party with Virgil Kirkland, 20, former football star at Horace Mann high school.

The five youths who appeared at Dr. Wharton's home with the body thought the girl merely had drunk too much, they said, and asked the body be taken to the morgue. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

**CLUB CHECKS  
TO BE MAILED**

**First Distribution of  
Christmas Savings Checks  
Made Today**

Approximately \$35,000, representing savings in Christmas Savings clubs will be mailed to members by the three Decatur banks this week.

The Old Adams County Bank today issued checks amounting to about \$15,000 to holders of Christmas Savings accounts for the past year.

The First State Bank, formerly the First National Bank, will mail checks amounting to between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and the Peoples Loan and Trust Company will mail checks amounting to \$10,000 to their 300 members, on Thursday, December 4.

New Savings club will be opened at the three banks immediately after the issuing of the Christmas Savings checks, and clubs will be arranged in denominations varying (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

**MAYR BECOMES  
NEW SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

**Control of State Office  
Passes to Democrats  
At Ceremony Today**

**WILLIAMSON IS NEW  
AUDITOR OF STATE**

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Democrats flocked to the state-house today to greet and pay homage to a secretary of state, and a state auditor that came from their own ranks.

The day was a memorable one for the party, as it marked the first time in several years that an important state office had been assumed by a democrat.

A simple ceremony, including administering the oath of office and a short reception, marked the induction to office of Frank Mayr as secretary of state; and Floyd Williamson as state auditor.

Democrats replaced republicans (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

**ILLS OF COUNTRY  
SUMMED IN TALK**

**Esther Sellemeyer Gives  
Instructive Talk On  
China at Church**

Miss Esther Sellemeyer who for more than ten years has been a missionary in the interior of China, spoke at the annual Thank-offering service at the Zion Reformed church last night on the subject, "The Real Opponents of China."

She pointed out in her address that the hindrances and opponents to the progress of this great country are, appalling poverty; woeful ignorance; universal disease; official greed and corruption, and civil war. The speaker enlarged on each one of these points in a most interesting way and related her own experience and personal contacts with the people of China.

Miss Sellemeyer also stated that the population of China in round numbers is four hundred million of which three hundred million are illiterate; seventy million children in China are of school age of which five million are in the mission schools and only one million in the government schools. "The hope of China is the education of the younger generation," the speaker stated.

The program last night was in charge of Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, thank-offering secretary. Mrs. Chris. Lehmann led in the devotionals. Mrs. Ben Schroyer and Mrs. Dallas Goldner sang "Oh, My Soul, Bless Thou Jehovah." Miss (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

**WRECKED AUTO  
CATCHES FIRE**

**Geneva Men Skid off  
Road; Car Upsets and  
Catches Fire**

Berne, Dec. 1.—(Special).—The Berne fire department was called north of Berne, last evening at 10 o'clock, where an accident occurred on Federal road 27. The car owned and driven by Fred Pyle of Geneva, skidded off the road, and turned over in the ditch, catching fire. Mrs. Pyle was accompanied by Milton Augsburger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Augsburger of Hartford township. The two were enroute to Fort Wayne where they are employed.

The car skidded on the icy pavement and turned over twice. The fire was put out with chemicals, but the car was considerably damaged.

Mr. Augsburger received a cut right ear and a bruise on his right arm, and Mr. Pyle escaped with a bad gash in the face.

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**Increase In Marriage  
Licenses For November**

Seventeen marriage licenses were issued during the month of November by County Clerk Bernice Nelson, according to a report filed today. This is an increase of two over a year ago when 15 licenses were issued during November, 1929.

The hunting and fishing licenses issued during November shows an increase over last year of 28, there being 312 residence hunting and fishing licenses, and one non-resident hunting license issued during the past month. A year ago 284 resident hunting and fishing licenses were sold.

**TWO INJURED  
IN AUTO WRECK**

**Autos Sideswipe on State  
Road 27 And Two Men  
Are Injured**

Two Fort Wayne men received minor injuries when the automobile in which they were riding sideswiped a truck and ran into a bridge, near the Henry Berning farm on state road 27, at 3 o'clock this morning.

The men were Eugene Kessler, 2318 Breter Road, and Francis Brown, 1241 Elm street, Fort Wayne. They were brought to the Adams County Memorial Hospital after the accident.

Mr. Kessler was driving his car north on the Fort Wayne-Decatur road near the Henry Berning farm when the accident occurred. As he attempted to pass a Kroger truck his car sideswiped the truck, striking a bridge at nearly the same time. Both occupants of the Kessler car were injured, receiving a number of minor cuts and bruises.

Their car was completely wrecked and was brought to this city by the Butler garage. The Kroger truck was not damaged, and the driver was uninjured.

The attending physician stated today that both Mr. Kessler and Mr. Brown are not in a serious condition. (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

**COMMISSIONERS  
IN SESSION**

**Claims Are Allowed at  
Morning Session; Ditch  
Remonstrances Filed**

The county commissioners met in regular session this morning, it being the December meeting of the board.

Bills were checked and allowed this morning by the commissioners and this afternoon the members of the board made a trip to Hartford township where they inspected the Luther Martin road.

The commissioners will receive bids tomorrow for the furnishing of two snow plows to the county highway department. The plows will be furnished at once and used by the highway department in clearing the roads of snow this winter.

The commissioners will meet in special meeting on December 15 for the purpose of receiving bids for the furnishing of printing supplies, blank books and office supplies to the county offices next year.

Another special session will be held during the last week of December for the purpose of allowing (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

**Missionary to Speak  
At Woman's Club**

A very interesting program has been planned for the public meeting of the Woman's Club at the Library this evening. Miss Esther Sellemeyer, a missionary, will speak on the subject, "Christianity and China's Religious Renaissance."

Preceding the principal address of the evening, the Junior Arts Club will present a fifteen minute musical program. Tickets for the program are fifty cents, and may be procured from any member of the club or admission may be paid at the door.

**SESSION OPENS  
AT NOON TODAY  
IN WASHINGTON**

**Communists Greet Solons  
With Demonstration;  
First Bill Filed**

**FARM RELIEF AND  
TAXATION ON LIST**

Washington, Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Congress convened today in a short-lived mood of gaiety. The immediate business was to pronounce the senate and house of the 71st congress in session and then to appoint committees to inform President Hoover of that fact.

After that adjournment was in order until tomorrow when President Hoover's message will be received.

Five hundred or more average Americans—young-to-old, thin-to-fat, homely-to-handsome—milled in the two chambers preliminary to Speaker Longworth's and Vice President Curtis' summons to order.

They exchanged anecdotes or regrets over the November 4 polling; snapped fingers at page boys; slapped each other on the back; poked each other in the ribs or they bowed decorous bows—depending on the political amenities to which they are accustomed and the degree of their friendship.

Bald, Bontineered Speaker Longworth brandished his gavel sharply and rapped a sharp tattoo. At the far end of the corridor linking the two capital wings, Vice President Curtis, handsome, well-kalored, too, stood and rapped.

Talk, here, there and in the galleries faded. The press gallery scribbled the first paragraph of a story which will not end until those gavel sounds again at noon March 4.

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**Guards Frustrate  
Proposed Jail Break**

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 1.—(U.P.)—Guards of Joliet penitentiary, where Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold are imprisoned, frustrated an attempted jail break today when they discovered six hack saws in a box of lumber being taken to a convict by a visitor.

Warden Henry C. Hill refused to reveal for whom the saws were intended but he said that Clarence Duval, 21, and Helen Chapman, 35, both of Chicago, had been arrested. Duval, it was said, was captured while attempting to deliver the saws during visitors' hour and he implicated Miss Chapman.

**Parent-Teachers  
Club Meets Tuesday**

The regular meeting of the South Ward Parent-Teacher's Association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 at the South Ward School. Miss Esther Sellemeyer will be the speaker for the meeting, and will talk concerning the educational conditions in China. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

**SEAL CAMPAIGN  
OPENED HERE**

**Red Cross Seals Placed  
on Sale; First Health  
Bond Is Sold**

The Tri Kappa Sorority formally opened the annual Red Cross Christmas Seal sale today by purchasing a \$5 health bond. W. Guy Brown, county chairman of the Tuberculosis League announced, Mr. Brown stated that the arrangements have been made to mail seals to citizens of this city and to the rural schools of the county today.

No definite quota is assigned to each county, but Mr. Brown has set a goal of 100,000 seals to be sold in Adams County during the month of December. The total amount sold during the sale a year ago was 76,256 and in order to reach the goal set for this year 23,654 more seals must be sold.

Mr. Brown, who has had charge of seal sale in Adams county for the past several years, is again in charge this year. He was assisted by (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

