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Fort Wayne had a busy and exciting weekend, with the holdup of the Wolf & Dessaure store, a \$100,000 lumber yard fire, hit-and-run driver and a dozen accidents.

Join the Chamber of Commerce. It takes but five dollars and means much more than that to you. It's what we do working together that counts and this year is when the best results should be obtained.

Julius Barnes says the business horizon is clearing, but Julius is the chairman of President Hoover's business survey conference and so we take it with a grain of salt for it may be "father to the wish."

Senator Caraway of Arkansas won his point by putting over a resolution providing that five million dollars may be loaned to farmers in the drought district without security. Seems right for surely they are ones really in greatest need.

Europe is suffering from a severe snow storm and out in the Fiji Islands they are dodging hurricanes and terrific rain. We ought to be thankful in this country for the weather of the past several months, but most of us can't be for worrying about when and how we are going to pay for it.

Sheriff Zimmerman and his deputy of Toledo, Ohio, are under arrest for bribery in connection with the purchase of supplies for the jail. There are a couple of dozen charges against them and it looks like they were in a tight squeeze. They ought to be for about the worst thing we know of is a dishonest public official.

Some one is trying to make sure one believes that Al Capone is not the boss of his gang but is the "fall guy" who takes the responsibility and gets paid accordingly. Well, some one has to be the "big shot" and we still believe it is Al rather than some of the super gangsters as now intimated. What's the difference? Whoever it is will probably continue to get away with it until something happens.

The assessors are at work again. There is a rather difficult job and sometimes quite unpleasant. It should be the desire of every one to assist them in making a fair appraisal of personal property for upon the total of this will depend

considerably what your tax rate will be next year. If we are all fair and honest, the job of the assessor will be easier and the results more satisfactory.

When the New York World quit business the other day the validation closed with a quotation from Pilgrim's Progress as follows: "Though with great difficulty I got thither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I had been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it."

The senate has passed an anti-primary bill which as we understand, provides for county convention instead. That would seem queer here where we have always held primaries to nominate county officials, that is the democratic party has and since they have always been in the majority here these events have become as interesting as elections. While the primary system in counties may not be perfect they are over a period of years more satisfactory than conventions where a few leaders soon gain and hold control.

We have often wondered what the real feelings of a legislator was about this time of a session and the query has been answered by Senator Harry Williams, editor of the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, who describes it this way: "The Indiana legislature will have a busy time of it this week. The biennial session of the general assembly closes one week from today. Many important bills have come before the session and few of them have been disposed of to date. It is an easy matter to cuss the legislature. Yet the men who compose that body have a real job on their hands. They are expected in a period of sixty days to settle all of the problems of the state and settle them right. It is humanly impossible. There is no question but that most of the legislators take their work seriously. They have the welfare of the state and the people at heart, but in the midst of so many conflicting interests and so much difference of opinion on the part of the voters as to what the laws ought to be, the solons must often feel as Pontius Pilate did when he asked: 'What is truth?'

In The Legislature
50 Years Ago
(U.P.)

The House of Representatives in the 1881 legislature was inclined to be charitable towards the Speaker of the House but the Senate was more conservative. A bill was introduced and passed in the House providing for an increase in the Speaker's salary from \$5 a day to \$10. Senators frowned upon the extravagance however, and reduced the proposed salary increase to \$8 a day. This amendment was grudgingly concurred in by the Representatives after the bill was sent to conference committee.

A salary increase for the speaker resulted also in an increase for the present of the senate, a position held by the Lieutenant Governor, as the statutes provide that the two positions shall be paid an equal amount.

In later years the increase to \$10 was affected and in the 1931 session, the speaker and the president of the senate received \$12 a day and members of both houses received \$10 a day.

Household Scrapbook
By ROBERTA LEE
(U.P.)

The Clothesline
The clothesline is stretched in the laundry and the clothes pinned to it, then transferred to the yard there will be less exposure to the cold and a saving of time in hanging.

Rusty Oven
To clean a rusty gas oven, dip a woollen cloth in linseed oil and rub over the entire oven until all the rust is removed. Then rub the surface thoroughly with a clean dry cloth.

Stale Bread
For toasting the odds and ends of stale bread, which would otherwise be wasted, try using a corpopopper.

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— and the Worst is Yet to Come



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WJZ (NBC network) 6:15 p.m.—
The Vikings.
WEAF (NBC network) 7 p.m.—
Musical Program.
WABC (CBS network) 7 p.m.—
International Singers.
WAEC (CBS network) 8:30 p.m.—
Symphony Concert.
WEAF (NBC network) 9 p.m.—
Rolle's Orchestra.

WEDNESDAY'S 5 Best Radio Features
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WABC (CBS network) 6 p.m.—
Morton Downey.
WEAF (NBC network) 7 p.m.—
Bobby Jones.
WJZ (NBC network) 7:30 p.m.—
Musical Crusaders.
WEAF (NBC network) 9:30 p.m.—
Grantland Rice and Orchestra.
WABC (CBS network) 9:30 p.m.—
Columbia Concert.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
From the Daily Democrat File

March 3—E. Woods badly bruised when he falls from wagon on which he was standing when the horses jumped forward.
I. Bernstein of South Bend and Miss Bess Floss will be married next Sunday and will arrive here Tuesday to take charge of the new store.
Of the original 100 members of Company 8, 89th infantry, 33 are still living.

Dr. H. E. Keller, secretary of the city board of health reports 30 cases of measles in Decatur.

Mrs. Anna Yahne and Mrs. W. H. Fleiderjohann are at Indianapolis to attend the state camp of the Royal Neighbors.

Fred Fullenkamp is ill with tonsilitis.

Strike Leader Seized



Edith Berkman, girl strike leader of the Lawrence, Mass., mill workers is again in trouble with the law. She is shown accompanied by police officers, on her

way to jail. Edith has been rejected by some of the mill strikers as their leader, and has been branded a "flame in skirts" by a Lawrence pastor.

The People's Voice

This column for the use of our readers who wish to make suggestions for the general good or discuss questions of interest. Please sign your name to show authenticity. It will not be used if you prefer that it not be.

IKEY'S HOT SPARKS

Protecting the public by tuning out a vicious animal to roam at will would be as sensible as giving liquor dealers more liberty in order to keep them under control.

In a good many minds the idea exists, that the wide spread disrespect for the 18th amendment is causing a nation wide disrespect for all laws, if this is true, common sense should teach us that by teaching the public to respect the 18th amendment, will bring about greater respect for all other laws.

Lowering the fences and removing half of the line posts will not keep breechy stock from destroying our neighbor's crops.

The composition of the liquor business is not to obey, but to destroy. Promoters of this business never have nor never will obey any law therefore we might just as well fight it out now and save future generations from the curse of gaunt liquor stores.

Human suffering can not be measured by the foot rule of dollars and cents. It will cost more to enforce the 18th amendment because it is worth more.

Our officers have become so corrupt that they have no respect for their oath of office it would be much better to discharge such officers and fill their vacancies with men who have a conscience, instead of breaking down our moral laws.

Instead of the 18th amendment taking away our personal liberty it gives us more liberty by protecting children and motorists on the highways from the onslaught of drunken drivers. Men who are crying out loud and long that the 18th amendment is a failure, are doing all they can to break down in a dirty underhanded way one of the most constructive laws ever placed on our statute books.

Could we trust a group of men that would ruin us financially to help us make another fortune? If not, how can we trust the liquor element that is trying to break down the 18th amendment for a law that would be half as good?

CYCLONE IKEY.

Lessons In English

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