

## 1931 In Indiana

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January

George L. Saunders, state representative of Bluffton dies suddenly of heart disease on the eve of his selection as majority leader of the 77th Indiana general assembly.

Seventy-seventh Indiana general assembly convenes.

H. O. "Pat" Page resigns as head football coach at Indiana University at request of athletic board.

Earl C. Hayes is chosen head football coach at Indiana university to succeed H. O. "Pat" Page. Hayes was assistant coach.

Twenty-nine miners killed in explosion in "Little Betty" coal mine near Linton.

February

Grant county circuit court jury acquits Charles Lennon, second defendant tried on a charge of complicity in lynching of two negroes on the courthouse lawn, August 7, 1930.

March

Governor Leslie vetoes Old Age Pension bill, appearing personally before the senate to explain action.

State budget of \$75,900,000 adopted by both houses of legislature. Only \$92,000 below original figure.

Governor Leslie signs bill creating state boxing commission.

Re-apportionment bill reducing districts from 13 to 12, adopted.

Legislature adjourns 1:15 p.m. after turning back official clocks for 13 hours.

Virgil Kirkland, Gary, convicted in Valparaiso on a charge of murdering Arlene Draves, his sweetheart, at a Gary gin party. Sentenced to life imprisonment.

Harold Herbert Schroeder, Mobile, Ala., convicted on manslaughter charge at Indianapolis, for "torch slaying" of unidentified man whose charred body was found in Schroeder's auto May 31, 1930. Sentenced two to 21 years.

Affidavits against six Marion men charged with implication in lynching of two negroes on Grant county court house lawn in August, 1930, dismissed because of acquittal of two defendants in separate trials.

Muncie Escorts win 1931 Indiana high school basketball championship, defeating Green castle, 31 to 23.

April

Body of Knute Rockne, famous Notre Dame football coach who was killed in air crash near Bazaar, Kansas, received at South Bend.

Knute Rockne buried.

Virgil Kirkland, who was convicted on a first degree murder charge for the gin party slaying of his sweetheart, Arlene Draves, an absented to life imprisonment, is granted a new trial by Judge Grant Crumpacker in Porter circuit court, Valparaiso.

Cities of Muncie and Indianapolis file suits in Marion circuit court charging fraud and corruption in passage of House Bill 6, motor transportation regulatory measure. Seek injunction to prevent its publication.

Harry E. Rowbottom, Evansville, republican congressman from Indiana's old first district, is found guilty by federal court jury in Evansville on a charge of selling post office appointments, and sentenced to a year and a day in Leavenworth, Kansas, federal prison.

May

Joe Caccia, 31, and his mechanic, Clarence Grove, 28, killed when their racing auto goes through wall at Indianapolis speedway during practice for Memorial day race.

Virgil Kirkland, 20, accused of slaying Arlene Draves, 18-year-old sweetheart in a Gary gin party, convicted on assault and battery charge at second trial in Porter circuit court, Valparaiso, and sentenced to one to 10 years imprisonment.

Louis Schneider, Indianapolis, wins annual Indianapolis speedway 500-mile auto race after Billy Arnold, 1930 winner, crashes and is injured seriously, while in lead at 400-mile mark.

June

President Herbert Hoover speaks to the Indiana Republican Editorial Association in Indianapolis at annual dinner.

Alice Jean, 10, and Virginia, 14, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Simmons, of near Greenfield, die of strychnine poison placed in pressed chicken sandwiches eaten at Simmons-Pollard family reunion in Lebanon. Three others ill of poisoning.

July

Mrs. Carrie Simmons indicted by Boone county grand jury charged with first degree murder of her daughters, Alice Jean, 10, and Virginia, 10, who died of strychnine in sandwiches eaten at a family reunion picnic in Lebanon, June 21.

Skeleton of Parlie Hogg, 16,

## «« Pictorial Review of March of Events of 1931 »»



One day when Old Father Time is in a reminiscent mood he will, no doubt, look back over his brood of 'ear children and rumble in his beard, "I remember when—". As he skims over the life of child 1931 some of the principal events of that period that will occur to him are pictured above. (1) Depicts a tragedy that shook the nation when Knute Rockne, famous football coach of Notre Dame, was dashed to death in a plane on March 31, near Bazaar, Kansas. (2) The most impenetrable mystery of the year was the death of Starr Faithfull, beautiful New York society girl, whose body was found on a deserted beach of Long Island. Whether she was the victim of murder, suicide or accident has never been established. (7) The year was remarkable for the number of foreign diplomats who came here to confer with the President. Mr. Hoover is shown in

and an assistant flew to 50,000 feet into the stratosphere in a sealed ball, on May 27, landing in the Austrian Tyrol eighteen hours after their take-off from Augsburg, Germany. (5) On August 27 the huge German flying boat DO-X came to rest on New York Harbor after completing a flight of 12,000 miles which started in Germany on November 5, 1930. (6) The most impenetrable mystery of the year was the death of Starr Faithfull, beautiful New York society girl, whose body was found on a deserted beach of Long Island. Whether she was the victim of murder, suicide or accident has never been established. (7) The year was remarkable for the number of foreign diplomats who came here to confer with the President. Mr. Hoover is shown in

composite with Premier Laval of France and Foreign Minister Dino Grandi of Italy, who discussed international affairs with the Chief Executive at Washington, D. C. (8) The world lost its most brilliant inventive genius in the death of Thomas A. Edison at his home in Orange, N. J., on October 18, at the age of 84. (9) Depicts an event of great importance to the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XI is shown as he delivered the first radio address from the new station built in Vatican City, February 12. (10) Spain became a Republic with the abdication of King Alfonse on April 14. His queen, Victoria, who fled with him, is shown bidding farewell to her courtiers on the French border where she found refuge. (11) A new field of exploration was

opened up by Sir Hubert Wilkins, who left Provincetown, Mass., on June 4, on the first leg of the voyage over the Arctic ice in the submarine Nautilus. (12) The world was stirred when Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, arrived in London on September 12 to attend the Round Table Conference, seeking freedom for India. Gandhi visited the King in Buckingham Palace wearing a loin cloth. (13) The dove of peace was again put to flight when Japanese forces invaded Manchuria. (14) On March 31, a catastrophe overwhelmed Managua, Nicaragua, when an earthquake shook the city to its foundations, killing approximately 2,000 persons and causing property damage estimated at \$30,000,000, as well as injuring 10,000 of the population.

found at bottom of air shaft in Central high school, Muncie, where he apparently fell to mysterious death in 1922.

21—Two federal prohibition agents, John Wilson, 46, Indianapolis, and Walter Gilbert, 33, Cincinnati, shot to death by George Adams, 35, bootlegger, near Fort Wayne. Adams captured.

24—Elizabeth Dunn, Indianapolis, wins state women's golf title, one up, over Alice Belle English, Lafayette.

August

10—Neil McIntyre, Indianapolis, wins state open golf title in third play-off with Ralph Stonehouse, Indianapolis.

15—Bill Heinlein, Indianapolis, wins state amateur golf title.

27—Point on Charles Ekins farm, 2.7 miles from Linton, Ind., is designated by U. S. census bureau as nation's new population center.

September

28—Trial of Mrs. Carrie Simmons, Hancock county farm mother, on first degree murder charge, for the strychnine poisoning of her daughter, Alice Jean, 10, at a Lebanon family reunion picnic, opens in Boone circuit court, Lebanon.

November

5—Charles A. Greathouse, 62, democratic national committee man from Indiana, died in Indianapolis hospital.

—Boone circuit court jury in Lebanon fails to agree in first degree murder trial of Mrs. Carron Simmons, and is discharged by Judge John W. Hornaday.

6—Mrs. Carrie Garrett Simmons released on \$10,000 bond.

14—Grant county grand jury in Marion virtually discredits Attorney General James Ogdens charges that the city is "seething in corruption" by adjourning without returning indictments against county officers.

18—George Adams is sentenced in Allen circuit court to two to 21 years in state prison on manslaughter conviction for slaying of John Wilson, federal

protection agent, near Fort Wayne, July 22.

21—Southern California breaks Notre Dame's three-year winning streak in football with "game of the century", 16-14 victory at South Bend after trailing 14-0 at start of fourth period.

24—Thomas Taggart, French Lick, elected democratic national committeeman from Indiana to succeed Charles Greathouse.

28—Purdue beats Northwestern in suspenseful upset to gain triple tie with Northwestern and Michigan for Big Ten football championship. Notre Dame loses to Army, 12-0, in equally unexpected reverse.

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wages.

Mar. 9—Yellow Jacket basketball team wins sectional meet.

Reapportionment bill places Adams county in Fourth district.

Apr. 7—Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president Franklin College, to be high school commencement speaker, May 20.

Apr. 10—Adams county conference on Child Health and Protection opens for two-day session.

Apr. 11—50 students to be graduated from Decatur high school.

Apr. 13—April term of Adams Circuit court opens.

Apr. 15—Civic Section of Women's Club to sponsor flower contest.

Apr. 16—Decatur Catholic High school becomes accredited school by state board of education.

Apr. 17—Decatur independent baseball team joins Wabash Valley league.

Apr. 22—Engineers to be employed to prepare plans for Decatur's new electrical distribution lines.

Apr. 28—Twenty-one students to be graduated from Decatur Catholic high school.

May 6—Arthur Clark appointed

city night policeman.

May 8—Henry Kister of Princeton, appointed special judge in Wabash River Dredge case.

May 9—People's State Bank of Berne to open May 16. D. J. Harkless, Decatur, cashier.

May 13—Daily Vacation Bible school to open June 1, with Mrs. Cora Downs, principal.

May 14—Herman F. Ehinger elected president of Decatur Country Club.

May 16—Juniors entertain seniors of Decatur High school with reception.

Jury awards Lawrence Hendri \$1,230 damages in suit against Blanche Bilderback and Fred Young.

May 18—Rev. M. W. Sunderman addresses Senior class members at baccalaureate service.

May 19—Dates for Decatur's third Free Street Fair set for September 15 to 19.

May 20—A will contest case of Aaron Lautzenheiser and Bell Young vs. G. Clinton Lautzenheiser and others, opens.

May 21—Dr. Rainey addresses seniors at annual commencement.

May 29—Married women teachers in Decatur public schools to lose jobs, in accordance with new ruling.

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June 1—Charles O. Miller, wife and three children killed Memorial Day at Pennsylvania railroad crossing at Berne.

Program held in observance of 25th anniversary of Decatur Knights of Columbus.

June 4—Adams County Eighth grade schools to graduate 259.

June 6—\$25,000 bond sale ordered for building of Scheimann bridge.

June 8—P. B. Putman, Fort Wayne, low bidder on new Scheimann bridge.

June 16—Adams County farmers petition health board against milk house ruling.

June 22—Elmer Magley, jail breaker, sought 15 months, captured in Michigan.

Rural letter carriers hold annual eighth district meeting in Berne.

May 6—Arthur Clark appointed

June 23—Yost Brothers to open pool, "Green Waters," north of Decatur.

June 29—Everett & Hite Wholesale company sold to A. C. Duguid, Coldwater, Mich.

Doras Weirling fatally shot by Joseph Everett in dispute over swimming and fishing rights in St. Marys river.

July 1—New telephone directory with 2,700 listing issued.

July 2—41 teachers employed for Decatur schools. 269 were enrolled in Daily Vacation Bible schools.

July 3—Earl Hollingsworth named state motorcycle officer.

A. D. Suttles installed as president of Rota-y club.

July 6—Married nurses not to be employed on regular rice at hospital.

More than 50 horses died in county last week.

Miss Pearl Ray awarded T. I. Kapapa scholarship.

July 7—O. W. P. Macklin awarded contract for Second street improvement. Bid \$27,872.00.

Papers charging Joseph Everett with murder filed by Squire A. C. Butcher in Circuit court.

July 8—New purifier in operation at city swimming pool.

City to place new tables in Legion Memorial park.

Suit to recover \$60,000 from stockholders of old Peoples Loan and Trust company filed by the Schafer Co.

July 9—Chinch bugs invade Adams County.

D. Fred Patterson named member of State board of education and hygiene.

July 10—Council postpones remodeling of city hall building.

34 men employed on post office building.

Bernard Clark resigns as manager of Decatur Country club.

July 11—No Saturday afternoon mail delivery in city.

Teachers institute to be one day affair.

Aug. 10—Spanish American war veterans meet at Ossian.

Window peeper stabs Virgil "Pete" Krick three times.

Aug. 12—Thieves loot local drug stores.

Sept. 22—Elmer Magley, who

sons owning automobiles.

July 14—Taxpayers of Union township to meet July 20.

Odd Fellows to hold picnic July 19.