



GOVERNORS MEET WITH ROOSEVELT

EMPLOYEES OF BANK HELD UNDER ARREST

Bank City Trust
Company Employees Are
Under Indictment

LARGE MEN TOOK VARYING AMOUNTS

Decatur, Ind., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Employees and one teller of the Fowler City Trust Company were arrested today on charges of banking irregularities contained in 193 indictments returned by the Tippecanoe county grand jury.

The six men each took varying amounts from \$10,500 between the years 1929 and 1932.

They were released under bonds of \$10,000 each.

Those arrested were: Harry McCall, named in one indictment; Frank W. Rantz, teller, two indictments; L. M. Jackson, former teller employed at a filling station; one indictment; John P. McCall, manager of the investment fund, two indictments; John G. Irion, auditor, one indictment; and John Kensing, secretary, one indictment.

Other persons, not yet arrested, are named in five of the indictments.

Bonds Recovered

Decatur, Ind., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Report of \$7,850 worth of bonds from the Western State Bank at Decatur, Ind., was announced today.

The bonds were found in a home near Champaign, Ill.

The South Bend bank was closed October 24, and authorities have been working on the case since arrest of several persons here.

Kirstein Is Elected Chairman

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Kirstein today was elected chairman of the NRA industrial advisory board to succeed Walter C. Clegg.

Kirstein, connected with the Filene's in Boston, has served upon the industrial board during the past year and also is a member of the National Labor Board.

He withdrew with four others from the industrial board's new advisory committee.

Over Two Million In Income Payments

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Income tax collections for installment due Oct. 15 reached \$2,000,000 today on the basis of 1932 returns.

The average amount paid was more than twice the average of payments which totalled \$1,000,000.

Approximately 15,000 more October returns remain to be counted, according to Clarence Jackson, administrator of the law.

Process Tax May Be Too High

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Secretary of agriculture Wallace related today that he believes the existing tax of 28 cents a bushel may be too high.

Opening a public hearing on the tax, Frew Savoy of the A. A. A., representing Wallace, said:

"Representatives of the Milling industry went further. They said a 28 cent tax was so high that it inevitably would backfire with lower prices and poorer quality products."

Cooler Weather Is Promised For State

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Cooler weather in Indiana was promised tonight after two days of record breaking November heat.

Official temperatures of 80 degrees were recorded at Terre Haute and Evansville yesterday. It was the warmest November day Terre Haute has experienced in 15 years.

A new all time record for the month was established in Indianapolis when the thermometer registered 78 degrees.

Port Wayne had 76 degrees. The all time November record at Richmond was tied when the thermometer soared to 76.

Defied Extortion



Dr. Willard Beach, wealthy Bronx, N. Y., physician, reading one of the extortion notes demanding \$500 on pain of having his 10-year-old grandson kidnaped. Ignoring the warning, Dr. Beach notified Federal authorities, who trapped three suspects who will be tried under the new "Lindbergh Law."

CONFERENCE AT LOCAL CHURCH

Missionary Conference
Will Be Held At Local
Methodist Church

A conference of the Bluffton group of the Fort Wayne Home Missionary Societies will be held in the Decatur Methodist church, Friday, November 3. Morning and afternoon sessions will be conducted, and at the noon hour a cooperative dinner will be served. Each woman attending is asked to bring one dish of food and her table service.

The theme, "Our Missionary Highway," will be followed in the entire program for the day which will be as follows:

Deviations—Mrs. James Royer.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of

This Construction Gang.

Observation of Chief Engineer

Mrs. Seth Painter

Highway Supervisors:

1. Guide Posts

Missionary Education

Mrs. E. R. Harris

2. Side Roads

Lenten Offering

Mrs. Tannehill

Mite Boxes

Mrs. Wicks

Music

Bluffton

3. Emergency Stations

Supplies

Mrs. Shookman

4. Rumble Seat

The Young People

Mrs. Homer Gettle

5. Tales from the Trailer

The Children

Miss Zaler

Mrs. Smitley

Incidents on the National

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DENY LENIENCY TO PRISONERS

State Clemency Commission Shows Unprecedented Severity

Indianapolis, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Displaying unprecedented severity, the state clemency commission today denied 21 leniency petitions of state prison inmates, granted one parole and continued one case.

The parole was granted Argr Evanoff, Fort Wayne, only on condition that he be deported to his native Bulgaria.

Evanoff was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in Al-Join circuit court in 1920 on a murder charge in connection with the hatchet slaying of his wife after she purportedly had a love affair with his friend.

In petitioning for the parole Evanoff's attorneys said the Federal department of immigration was ready to deport the prisoner to his native land where he would be welcomed.

A 90-day continuation was recommended for John Kinezi, Valparaiso.

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ADAMS POST TO HOLD PROGRAM ARMISTICE DAY

Harry McClain of Indianapolis Will Deliver Principal Address

WILL HOLD MEETING DURING NOON HOUR

Adams Post No. 43 of the American Legion will again sponsor an Armistice Day-Service Club program in this city, Saturday, November 11, the fifteenth anniversary of the ending of the World war.

The annual Armistice Day observance will also be participated in by members of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions and Rotary clubs, the membership of these organizations attending in a body.

N. R. Holthouse has been named general chairman of the meeting and officers and members of Adams Post will be in charge.

The time of holding the program and banquet will be changed this year. The program, which will be held at the Decatur Country club, will begin at 10:45 o'clock in the morning and dinner will be served, according to tentative plans at about 11:30 o'clock, the speaking program following.

Hon. Harry McClain, Indianapolis, insurance commissioner of Indiana and prominent legislator will deliver the principal address.

The American Legion ritual for Armistice day will be exemplified and the meeting was changed from evening to morning, so that the assembly will be in session at 11:11 a. m. the official time marking the signing of the Armistice by Marshall Foch in 1918.

Mr. McClain will speak after the dinner has been served. The American Legion Auxiliary will prepare and serve the dinner and tickets will be placed on sale today.

Mr. Holthouse stated, Reservations must be made at once.

The committee on arrangements for the meeting is composed of Paul Graham, Walter Bockman.

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BUSINESS MEN MAY RULE CODES

Consider Plan To Turn
Code Administration
Over To Leaders

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—National Recovery Administration Hugh S. Johnson in a formal statement today declared that the Gerald Swope plan for industrial self-government "does not propose the slightest inference with NRA."

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—A crisis in the affairs of the NRA marked by charges that it is meddlesome and dictatorial was met today by consideration of a plan to turn code administration over to a national council of industrial leaders working in conjunction with government officials.

The plan was advanced by Gerald Swope, president of General Electric, and provided that industry and commerce would police and regulate itself, dealing with code violators among its members even to the point of turning them over for federal prosecution.

Swope's proposal was presented to the commerce department's business advisory and planning council soon after adoption of a critical resolution by the National Association of Manufacturers, and a statement by Henry L. Harriman, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, that there was no objection.

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Adams County Native Dies In Michigan

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ann Mowery, 83, a native of Adams County, who died Tuesday noon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. P. E. Miller at Battle Creek, Michigan, will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Six Mile Christian Church, southeast of Bluffton and burial will be made in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

Mrs. Mowery was a member of the Six Mile Christian Church while a resident of Wells County, where she had resided for many years.

Prominent Man Dies



Richard D. Myers, 57, prominent resident of Decatur, former furniture dealer and well known veteran of the Spanish-American war, died at his home at 337 Winchester street at nine o'clock Wednesday night. Death was due to heart disease from which he suffered for a long time.

DEATH CLAIMS RICHARD MYERS

Prominent Decatur Man
Died Last Night After
Extended Illness

Richard D. Myers, age 57, a member of a prominent pioneer family of this community, former furniture dealer of this city and a well known Spanish-American war veteran, died at nine o'clock Wednesday night at his home, 337 Winchester street, following an extended illness of heart trouble.

Mr. Myers, who retired from active mercantile business in 1929, had been a sufferer from heart disease for more than a year. During the past 10 months he was confined to his home on several different occasions. About 10 days ago his condition grew worse and death was expected momentarily.

Born in Decatur, July 24, 1876 a son of Henry R. and Elizabeth Myers, Mr. Myers was active in business and civic affairs for nearly half a century. With the exception of 10 years, Mr. Myers lived in Decatur and was engaged in the furniture business for more than 25 years.

Following his graduation from the Decatur public high school, Mr. Myers was employed as a clerk in the Auten and Gay furniture and undertaking establishment, which trade and profession he followed in later years.

In 1898 when the Spanish-American war broke out, Mr. Myers enlisted as a private. He was soon made a sergeant and later was commissioned a second lieutenant. Although he did not see active war service in Cuba, he spent nearly a year on the island and took part in the government's great sanitary and improvement program carried on there following the conflict.

For about 10 years following his return from Cuba, he worked at Hartford City as manager of an oil well company and as manager of a coal mine.

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GOLD PRICE IS BOOSTED AGAIN

Domestic Bid Price Raised
10 Cents To New
High At \$32.36

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—The government boosted its bid price on newly mined gold today to a new peak of \$32.36 an ounce as the Federal Reserve bank of New York prepared to begin gold purchases abroad.

The ten cent rise in the domestic bid price was expected to be followed up with a corresponding boost in the foreign price of the metal, under authorization given the Federal Reserve bank yesterday to start actual purchases of gold abroad.

The domestic and foreign price rise in gold was another step in President Roosevelt's deliberate depreciation of the American dollar in order to promote corresponding rises in American commodity prices.

It was understood that purchases of gold in the foreign markets would begin today, but government officials declined comment.

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REV. SEIMETZ GIVES SERMON

Father Seimetz Says Requiem Field Mass At Catholic Cemetery

The requiem field mass held at eight o'clock this morning in St. Joseph's Catholic cemetery in observance of All Soul's day was attended by nearly a thousand men, women and children.

Under a bright morning sun the mass was said by the Rev. Father Joseph Seimetz, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church. It was the first out door mass ever celebrated here.

The boys' choir of Decatur Catholic high school sang the requiem mass. The Rev. Father Joseph Hennes, assistant pastor, assisted Father Seimetz in saying the mass. Leo Miller and Theodore Appelmann acted as servers. The children of St. Joseph's school attended in a body.

The mass was offered for the repose of the souls of all departed and was the last of six masses said this morning at St. Mary's church, priests being privileged to say three masses on All Soul's day.

An altar was erected in front of the Crucifixion group, which is located west of the main entrance to the cemetery. Standing on a mound, the altar and celebrant of the mass were clearly visible to the congregation attending.

Father Seimetz delivered a short sermon on the views of life and death. His excellent discourse follows:

"I would have you this morning view life as one great panorama and time as a high hill which man must ascend. In that panorama we see some just beginning the ascent, some are half way up the hill side, and some have reached the crest. And as we continue to gaze we notice how speedily some make the ascent, while others must trudge wearily on, and not until years have whitened the hair of their head and furrowed their cheeks do they reach the top. Yet, whether they are young, middle or old, they are all on the same hill."

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BLOCKADE MAY BE PERMANENT

Road Blockade By State
Police-Guardsmen Meeting
With Success

Indianapolis, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—The state police-National Guard road blockade, now being used temporarily in the hunt for the Indiana convict gang may be made permanent, Al G. Feeney, director of public safety, said today.

The plan has been in effect only three nights, but has met with success in capturing law breakers.

Last night the blockade was established secretly on U. S. road 31, north of Franklin. The guardsmen captured a load of stolen chickens, a load of alcohol, a youth who had burglarized the Franklin high school and a gang of armed negroes.

The night before two liquor runners were caught on Road 52, South of Lebanon.

The high school burglar was returned to Franklin much to the delight of Sheriff Albert L. Mulkins. The burglar was returning from Indianapolis with money received from pawning hand instruments taken from the school.

Feeney today promised to assist in prosecution of the negroes and chicken thieves.

By keeping locations of the blockade secret, Feeney believes that the gang will be lured.

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Monroe Bank Makes Further Distribution

A seven percent distribution to depositors will be made by the Monroe State Bank, W. S. Smith cashier of the bank announced today.

This will be the eighth distribution made by the bank since it closed in 1930 and brings the total up to about 88 per cent paid depositors by the bank.

Depositors are asked to bring their certificates with them. Mr. Smith stated, Mr. Smith expressed hope that additional payments would bring the total distributions to near 100% of the deposits.

REPORT FILED ON CONDITION OF BERNE BANK

Report of Peoples State
Bank of Berne Filed
In Circuit Court

RUDOLPH SCHUG NOW IN CHARGE

Arthur Vogelewede of this city, attorney for Rudolph Schug, representative for the Department of Financial Institutions, in charge of the Peoples State Bank of Berne, today filed in the Adams Circuit court a report of assets and liabilities of the closed bank, together with a copy listing all notes held by the liquidating agent.

The total footings, as shown in the balance sheet are \$212,590.61, exclusive of about \$51,000 carried separately in notes not included in the assets.

The report is dated October 25, when Mr. Schug took over the affairs of the bank at the order of the state banking department. The bank closed in July, 1932.

A comparative statement showing the amount of money collected and the expense of operating the bank from last July to October 25, was also included in the report.

The balance sheet shows the following:

Resources	
Loans, bills discounted	\$98,013.59
Furniture and fixtures	6,500.00
Real estate	17,321.35
Other real estate	4,100.00
Expenses	2,926.33
Taxes paid	587.45
Interest paid	97.76
Mortgage loans	73,453.44
Deposit-Bank of Berne	4,083.19
Deposit Old National	
Fort Wayne	677.56
Cash	382.29
County Bonds	2,610.00
Treasury stock	1,422.50
Premiums	117.16
Amount notes short	7.99
Total	\$212,590.61

Liabilities	
Capitol stock	\$60,000.00
Surplus	1,000.00
Undivided profits	1,991.48
Demand deposits	143,715.63
Interest	4,368.00
Collection and exchange	2.50
Rent	849.08
Safety deposit box rent	139.02
Checks outstanding	483.12
Due less on deposits	41.17
Total	\$212,590.61

The comparative statement shows that from July to October 25, this year, \$124.47 was collected on deposits. The expense of liquidating during this period was \$711.11 and the mortgage loans were reduced \$103.63. The bank's deposit increased from \$2,019.75 to \$4,083.19.

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Two Diphtheria Cases Reported

Two cases of diphtheria were reported in Adams County, according to the morbidity report for the week ending Saturday, October 28. Diphtheria was the only disease reported in the county.

GUARD AGAINST NAZI ACTIVITY

Grave Trouble Is Feared
In Internationalized
Territory

Saarbrücken, Saar Basin, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Nazi activities threatening grave trouble between France and Germany brought a series of stern repressive decrees today from the league of nations commission governing this internationalized territory.

German demands for immediate return of the territory to the German flag have so inflamed the population that French authorities feared an outbreak—and the rest of Europe has feared that, if there were an outbreak, France would send troops into the territory.

Anxious lest inaction lead to a French-German crisis, the league governing commission decreed:

1.—Prison terms and fines for carrying arms are increased.

2.—The commission will control display of flags.

3.—Civil servants must observe neutrality.

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Bowed to NRA



Myron C. Taylor, chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., leaving the White House after conference with President Roosevelt. NRA officials and other steel heads on the "captive mines" situation. It was later announced the steel men had agreed to recognize labor unions.

NAME MEMBERS SAFETY PATROL

Local Boy Scouts to Form
School Safety Patrols
Are Chosen

Presentation of badges and insignia to the Boy Scout members who will take part in the safety control project at the local grade school buildings, will be made at the program to be held in the Catholic high school auditorium Friday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

The Boy Scouts will patrol the street intersections near the grade school buildings during the opening and closing of schools.

An appropriate program has been arranged for the meeting Friday, with C. C. Pumphrey, president of the Decatur Scout committee, acting as chairman. All schools including the Lutheran, Catholic, the three public school ward buildings and the Central school will take part in the program. Boy Scout members will be seated on the stage in the auditorium.

The Scouts from the Central school will furnish patrols for the three ward schools and the Central school. Edward Jaberg, Scoutmaster of American Legion Troop 63 will be in charge of these patrols.

Following are the safety patrol members: Lutheran School, Arnold Conrad, Raymond Franz and Fred Hoffman.

St. Joseph Catholic school: Dan Holthouse, Fred Vogelewede, Dick Gillig, Bill Vogelewede, William Kuhnle, Paul Schmitz, Dick Elting and Jim Ehlinger.

Central School: Jim Krick, Meredith Cline, John McConnell, Kenneth Gaunt, Fred Kirsch, Jay Alton, Keith Hunt, Donald Drake, Richard Schafer, Guy Koss, Jim Highland, Arthur Merriman and Billy Hunter.

C. C. Pumphrey will explain the purpose of the meeting and will present Scout Executive, L. L. Hotchkiss of the Fort Wayne area who will state how the Scouts can help in the safety patrol program.

Carl W. Rothert, director of accident prevention, will also be present.

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City Officials Issue Warning On Burning Of Leaves

Local residents were reminded today by city officials that a city ordinance prohibits the burning of leaves after four o'clock in the afternoon.

Warning was also issued not to burn leaves on any of the asphalt or black top streets in the city as the heat damages the street's surface.

During the fall season when visibility is more or less confusing at sundown, the smoke from the leaves adds to the mist and fog and the ordinance was passed with the idea of eliminating any undue hazards during this period of time.

Mayor George Krick requested Chief of Police Saph Melchior to enforce the ordinance and also asked that public notice be given through the press.