



DILLINGER RAIDS WARSAW ARSENAL

Local Contractors May Bid On Home Project

OUTLAW STAGES DARING RAID IN INDIANA TODAY

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For Houses Can Be Submitted For Any Number Of 48

ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE RECEIVED HERE

A ruling by the subsistence division of the U. S. department of interior and approved by the Decatur trustees, Inc., will make possible for local contractors to bid on the 48 houses to be built in the project south town.

A contractor may bid on ten, any number or all of houses. The previous supposition was that it would be necessary to bid for all 48 houses. The ruling, it is expected, will permit local contractors to be able to use the job.

Thom and McNally, the architects, have prepared the topographical map and plans for the houses. These were submitted to the corporation this week and approved. They will be sent to Washington for final approval. It is expected that any but minor changes will be changed by the chief of the subsistence home-

It is probable that the plans will be back and on inspection in this city about two weeks. Three or four weeks will be allowed contractors to view the plans before contracts are let.

This means that in five or six weeks the bids will be let and work begun early this summer. A number of men may be hired to begin work on the building.

MARVE D. RICE DIES THURSDAY

Retired City Mail Carrier Dies After Extended Illness

Marve D. Rice, 65, lifelong resident of Decatur, and retired city mail carrier, died Thursday night at 11:15 o'clock at his home, 216 North Seventh street, following an extended illness. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Rice had served as mail carrier in this city for more than 20 years. He retired three years ago on account of ill health. He had been ailing for several years but his condition had become worse since the first of this year.

Mr. Rice acted as substitute mail carrier in the Decatur post office for several months, beginning his duties in November 1910. On March 1911 he was appointed regular carrier and served in that capacity for about three years ago, when he retired.

He was a member of the I. O. O. F., Rebekah and Maccabee lodges and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Two New Trains To Operate On Erie

Two new air-conditioned passenger trains will be put on the Erie railroad, running between New York and Chicago. H. N. Blair, local agent, announced today.

Heads Army Air Quiz



Appointment of Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War under President Wilson, as head of special committee to investigate army aviation, particularly as regards airmail transportation, marks return of statesman to active participation in national affairs. The committee he heads is that upon which Colonel Lindbergh refused to serve.

RATE HEARING IS ADJOURNED

Public Service Commission Adjourns Gas Rate Hearing

Indianapolis, Apr. 13.—(U.P.)—After hearing testimony and evidence for the past five weeks, the Public Service Commission has adjourned the gas rate hearing of South Bend, Mishawaka and Elkhart until next month.

The case, one of the longest and most expensive in the history of the commission, was against the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, which serves gas patrons in the Calumet and South Bend districts.

A definite date for oral arguments and filing of briefs by attorneys for both the utility and the three cities was not set but at least a month will be needed to transcribe the voluminous minutes of the hearing. Members of the commission announced they did not expect to make a decision in the case before July.

Thus far the rate case has cost the utility and the Public Service Commission approximately \$80,000. This included appraisal of the utility's properties in the three cities and expenses of engineering and appraisal experts.

Attorneys for the three cities and (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

TEST SITES FOR RADIO STATIONS

Purdue Man Tests Locations For State Police Radio Stations

Indianapolis, Ind., April 13.—(U.P.)—Tests to determine the best locations for state police radio stations were being made today by Prof. G. E. West, Purdue electrical engineering instructor.

Traveling in a car equipped with special radio apparatus to determine "dead spots," Prof. West made a tour of the northwestern section of the state today.

The central broadcasting station will be located here, while others are to be established in each of the four corners of the state.

The plan, advanced by Al G. Feeney, director of public safety, is being supported by members of the Indiana bankers association, who have subscribed most of the money required to finance the project.

Details of station construction and equipment have been completed. (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

CONTEMPT CASE AGAINST JURY IS DISMISSED

Judge Murray Drops Action Against Lake County Grand Jury

NO DISRESPECT MEANT BY JURY

Crown Point, April 13.—(U.P.)—Judge William J. Murray today dismissed a contempt of court citation which he had placed against members of the grand jury that investigated John Dillinger's jail break.

The action concluded one of the strangest legal tangles in Indiana court annals.

The legal profession throughout the country have become interested in the strange spectacle of a judge citing for contempt of court his own grand jurors. Opinion was divided as to whether Murray was within his powers in making the citation.

Murray said he dismissed the contempt action after the jurors against whom it was directed explained that they intended no disrespect of the court. They said, according to Murray, that they thought that in criticizing the actions of the court they were following the instructions Murray gave them to "get to the bottom" of Dillinger's escape.

Attorneys for both Murray and the grand jurors agreed, they said, not to discuss the incident further.

Ed Mutschler Buys Business Building

Ed Mutschler has purchased the Mari Gilson property corner of Madison and Third streets. The property is occupied by Goodyear Service, Inc. Mr. Mutschler purchased the property as an investment. The transaction was made by Roy Johnson.

SUNDAY FINAL PAYMENT DATE

Gross Income Tax Payments Must Be Filed By Sunday

Sunday, April 15, is the last day to file state gross income tax returns for the April period. J. L. Ehler, manager of the Decatur auto license branch, warned today.

Persons or firms that owe more than \$10 tax on gross receipts for the months of January, February and March, will be subject to penalties if returns are not in the mail by midnight Sunday, unless they have received a special extension of time. Mr. Ehler said. Those who have applied for extensions which have been granted by the state gross income tax division, have until May 15 to file.

The auto license branch will remain open until 8:30 o'clock Saturday night for the convenience of persons who want personal assistance in making out their returns, before the regular time limit expires.

More than 400 April quarterly return forms have been issued from the license branch, the manager said, indicating that many persons owing less than \$10 tax are filing returns. Those owing less than \$10 in taxes for the quarter, although allowed under the law to defer making a return until the annual tax paying period in January, have been urged by the state to file a return now and pay the tax. Money paid now, it was explained, will be available for distribution to schools in July, while later payments cannot be distributed until next year.

Maurer Funeral Services Changed

The funeral services for Mrs. Maria Maurer, 78, Berne, which were to have been held Saturday afternoon have been postponed until Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Reformed church in Berne. The change in the services was made pending the arrival of relatives from a distance. Rev. J. L. Conrad will officiate and burial will be made in the M. R. E. cemetery.

Federal Judge



The first woman in U. S. history to hold such a post, Judge Florence Allen, of Cleveland, O., takes her place for the first time on the bench of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. This court is second only to the Supreme Court of the United States.

ROOSEVELT IS WELCOMED HOME

President Returns From Fishing Vacation This Morning

Washington, Apr. 13.—(U.P.)—Parading congressmen with the marine band welcomed President Roosevelt home from his fishing vacation today with a blare of brass music and whoopees of enthusiasm.

The presidential special arrived from Florida at 9:50 a. m.

"Good morning," said Mr. Roosevelt as he appeared on the rear platform, and discovered the band, approximately 200 representatives and a score of senators waiting.

"I wish you had the chance that I did to get away for two weeks. I learned a lot of lessons from barracudas and sharks—and now I'm a tough guy," the President said.

"I can't be truthful and say that I'm glad to get back. I'm very sorry to have to get back."

"While I've been having a wonderful time in the south I understand both houses of congress have been having a wonderful time also."

The President chose to accept the occasion somewhat less than seriously despite the wrangling argument aroused in both houses by the parade plan. Representatives were angry because senators wouldn't march with them and their band from the Capitol to the union station.

GOVERNOR WILL GIVE KEYNOTE

Gov. Paul V. McNutt Keynote Speaker At State Convention

Indianapolis April 13.—(U.P.)—Governor Paul V. McNutt will be the keynote speaker at the Democratic state convention here June 12.

The governor will act as temporary chairman of the convention and Senator Frederick Van Nuys will be permanent chairman.

The convention will nominate candidates for U. S. senator, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, superintendent of public instruction, clerk of the supreme and appellate courts, judge of the supreme court (fifth district) and four judges of the appellate court, two from each division.

Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch, state chairman; Mrs. A. P. Flynn, state vice-chairman; Omer Jackson, Greenfield, eleventh district chairman, and Virgil Simmons, Bluffton are members of the convention committee.

WOMAN'S CLUB PLANS PROGRAM

Annual Athletic Program Will Be Presented Tuesday Night

The annual athletic program sponsored by the Civic Section of the Woman's Club and the athletic department of the Decatur high school will be presented Tuesday night, April 17 in the high school gymnasium.

Admission will be 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults. Tickets may be procured from any member of the Civic section.

The program will be in the charge of Herb Curtis and Miss Jeanette Clark, athletic instructors in the high school. The complete program will be as follows:

Playlet, "Two Hicks from Hicksville" written by the Misses Marie Grether and Agnes Nelson. The characters will be as follows: Esmeralda, Winona Fleming; Hiram, James Harkless, and Henrietta, Arlene Porter.

Specialties: Old Fashioned Dance—Freshmen girls.

Pyramids—Freshmen girls.

Three Little Pigs Went to Market—sung by Evelyn Kohls. The three little pigs will be Evelyn Jane Graber, Marjorie Gay and Betty Brown.

The Farmer in the Dell—5A class. Dance—Sophomore girls.

Song, "Shine on, O Harvest Moon"—Miss Margaret Campbell. Scarecrow dance—Sophomore class.

Dance—"Did You Ever See A Dream Walking?"

Following the program a basketball game will be played between two city teams. Harry Knapp and Herman Myers will act as captains of the teams.

HUGE AWARD IS MADE BY JUDGE

Judgment of More Than \$250,000 Granted By Judge DeVoss

What is believed to be the largest judgment ever granted in Adams county was awarded in the Adams circuit court today by Judge Huber M. DeVoss to the Peoples Equities Corporation, trustee, of Fort Wayne, against the Washington-Calhoun Realty Corporation, Inc., Peoples Trust and Savings company, Lewis H. Schoppmann and S. A. Blum, of Fort Wayne.

The amount involved including the principal, accrued interest, attorneys' fees, abstract bills and advancements was \$229,745.12, plus \$22,219.93 awarded in the cross complaint to make a total of \$251,965.05.

The property on which the judgment was awarded is the one-story building on the southeast corner of Washington and Calhoun streets in Fort Wayne south of Wolf and Dessauer building.

The original complaint filed with the Allen county clerk asserted that the defendant on December 30, 1933 delivered in trust in consideration of the sum of \$200,000 paid by the plaintiff

3,500 WORKERS GO ON STRIKE

Detroit Strike Is Not As Serious As Was First Expected

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The strike action does not affect 17 members of the automotive tool and die manufacturers' association and scores of non-member jobbers.

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RELIEF ROLLS REACH PEAK IN UNITED STATES

All-time Peak of 4,700,000 Is Reached On First Of April

EXPECT PICKUP IN NEXT MONTH

Washington, Apr. 13.—(U.P.)—Relief rolls reached an all time peak of 4,700,000 families April 1, 1934, despite employment increases, Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins said today.

Hopkins attributed the increase to rapid exhaustion of monetary reserves of persons who had been unemployed during a major portion of the depression.

The 4,700,000 figure, Hopkins said, is equal to approximately 18,000,000 persons.

The figure in March, 1933, Hopkins said, was 4,600,000 and in October, 1933, before civil works became effective, approximately 3,000,000.

He estimated that about 1,950,000 heads of families now are employed under the new work relief program. The balance, Hopkins said, are receiving direct relief.

Hopkins said state relief organizations have reported varying employment increased but that despite this their organizations hit the new high.

The peak is expected to continue through April due to the transition from CWA to the emergency work program. Hopkins expects an additional pickup in employment in May.

Relief statisticians reported the number of relief cases in the United States increased 13 per cent (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

Leaders In House Recover Control

Washington, Apr. 13.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt's house leaders suddenly recovered their wavering control today and apparently succeeded in muzzling a series of anti-administration drives that had sprouted in the President's absence.

By means of various parliamentary devices, the leaders side-tracked the McLeod bank deposit "pay-off" bill, the Frazier-Lemke \$2,500,000,000 inflation-farm mortgage bill, and the Pelsinger silver remonetization bill.

Similar pressure awaited the 30-hour work week bill if the President desired it.

Decatur Young Man Is Under Arrest

Rex Sheets of this city was arrested late Thursday afternoon on a bastardy charge filed by a Bluffton girl. He was brought before justice of the peace John Kelly and released on a \$500 bond to appear in that court May 10.

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Moves Up in NRA



Lieutenant Colonel George A. Lynch, pictured at his desk in Washington, after he had been named special aide to General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA Administrator. Colonel Lynch has been given wide powers in dealing with codes and other NRA business formerly handled by General Johnson.

HERMAN MYERS IS GIVEN HONOR

Decatur Attorney Heads Class In Scottish Rite Consistory

Herman H. Myers, Decatur attorney, was elected president of the spring class of the Fort Wayne consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite masonry, Thursday afternoon. The reunion of the consistory was concluded Thursday evening after degree work had been given for three days. All meetings were held in the Masonic Temple in Fort Wayne.

Other officers of the class are Custer A. Dunfion, vice-president and Charles W. Wells, secretary-treasurer. Fifteen candidates took the entire work of the Scottish Rite at this convocation. The 21st, 22nd and 23rd degrees were given Thursday afternoon.

A banquet was given for the class Thursday night, with Dr. K. O. Crosby of Howe Military Academy making the principal address. The Scottish Rite choir from South Bend sang at the meeting and O. E. Richard's orchestra furnished the music.

Among those from Decatur who attended the meeting were Leigh Bowen, Dr. C. C. Rayl, Dr. J. C. Bradstreet, C. J. Lutz, Ed Ashbacher, C. C. Humphrey, Gerald Bradstreet, Cal E. Peterson, C. A. Dugan, M. E. Hower, Dr. Roy Archbold, Walter Deitsch, Dan Sprang, C. A. Burd, Bob Freitag, Floyd Acker, Martin Gilson, Dr. Fred Patterson, Wilson Lee, Amos Yoder, Norman Lenhart, Herman Myers, Dick Archbold and Alex Wilhelm.

Berne Church Choir Sings Here Sunday

The large chorus choir of the Berne Mennonite church will give a sacred concert Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the First United Brethren church. The concert is free to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

Erie Railroad To Show Free Talkie

H. N. Blair, local Erie railroad agent, announced today that the passenger department of the Erie would show a free talkie of the Century of Progress in this city, April 17.

A free show will be given in the Catholic high school auditorium next Tuesday, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. All the school children, parents and friends are invited. In the evening the film will be shown at the Lions club meeting at the Rice Hotel.

The film consists of pictures of the Century of Progress and many interesting scenes will be shown.

Fugitive And Companion Take Bullet Proof Vests And Guns

IS NEARLY CAUGHT BY TOWN OFFICER

Union Mills, Ind., April 13.—(U.P.)—Another Dillinger tip "blew up" when Hammond police arrested a man named Camini who is wanted for a store robbery in Hammond and a murder in East Chicago.

When the squad of armed officers left the Hammond police headquarters for Union Mills it was reported that they were seeking a gang hideout where John Dillinger was believed to have sought refuge following a raid on the Warsaw police arsenal.

Warsaw, Ind., Apr. 13.—(U.P.)—Judd Pittinger, a small town policeman, told the United Press today how he took the muzzle of John Dillinger's machine gun and calmly pointed it into the air.

The gun was pointing at Pittinger's vitals when he made the bold but futile effort to capture the ace outlaw single-handed.

The 54-year-old night watchman patrolling the deserted main street of this little resort town when he encountered the marauding desperado and a companion early today, said that Dillinger called him "the biggest damn fool I ever saw."

When he took the menacing muzzle of the machine gun and pushed it aside he knew that his assailant was the widely-hunted Dillinger, he said.

"I recognized him immediately," he declared.

He also described how he attempted to lock Dillinger and the latter's companion, Homer Van Meter, Indiana parole violator, in a room at the Warsaw town hall and police headquarters.

"If there had been a lock on the door I would have had Dillinger and his companion just like that," he explained, snapping his fingers.

As the officer ran for help, however, Dillinger and Van Meter picked up three bullet-proof vests and two revolvers, jumped into a large blue sedan parked in front of the town hall and fled.

As Pittinger, who said he defied the notorious Dillinger "because he got me mad," told his story in his home here armed posses of state police, vigilantes and sheriff's officers spread over Indiana in an excited hunt for the guerrilla outlaws.

Blockades were thrown up at highway intersections and every available peace officer in the northern part of the state was mustered into service.

Pittinger, who was under a doctor's care today because of a torn ligament in his left leg received when he fled after attempting to trap the bandits, said that when he daringly pushed aside the muzzle of Dillinger's machine gun the cartridge clip fell to the ground.

"He couldn't have shot me then if he had wanted to," the policeman related, "but Van Meter had another machine gun trained on me."

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ADAMS COUNTY FARMER DIES

Henry A. Durr Dies At Home In Blue Creek Township Today

Henry A. Durr, 72, a resident of Adams County practically all his life, died at his home in Blue Creek township at 8:30 o'clock this morning of complications.

Mr. Durr was born in Crawford County, Ohio, on July 9, 1861. He was a son of George and Elizabeth Durr. When a small boy he moved to Adams County where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was united in marriage to Mathilda Hurlless on September 6, 1889, and she preceded him in death.

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