

Centennial Bond Sale Goes Over The \$4,000 Mark

PAYMENTS OF \$10 PER ACRE ARE PROPOSED

Secretary Wallace Announces Details Of New Farm Program

Washington, Mar. 21. — (UPI) — Benefit payments averaging \$10 an acre were offered farmers today for removal of 30,000,000 acres from intensive cultivation under the new soil conservation program replacing the AAA.

Details of the program, announced by Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, provide expenditure of \$440,000,000 in conserving the quota for each district and the total sales to date,

A soil conserving crop is one that holds the present fertility of the soil; a soil building crop is one that adds to the fertility of the soil."

A soil conserving crop, it was explained, for which the farmer is paid \$10 an acre may be turned under to qualify as soil-building crop, adding the extra \$1 an acre.

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SENIOR CLASS TO GIVE PLAY

Kirkland High School Seniors To Present Comedy Next Week

The senior class of the Kirkland high school will present a three act farce comedy, "Father goes domestic," at the Kirkland gymnasium Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27. The play will be given each night at 8 o'clock.

The story concerns the life of a ketchup manufacturer, his wife, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, three unruly grown children and their love affairs.

The complete cast of characters is as follows:

Roger Talcott: A henpecked husband — Herman Wulliman.

Jennie Talcott: His wife — Lois Mann.

Betty and Anne Talcott: Their grown-up daughters — Irene Girod, Verrea Roth.

Neil Talcott: Their only son — Noah Yake.

Mrs. Phelps: The traditional mother-in-law — Helen Hirsch.

Bill Phelps: The apple of her eye — Oscar Brown.

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SEEK LOAN FOR ELECTRIC LINE

Rural Electrification Membership Drive To Start In April

Ralph Myers, president of the Adams county rural electric membership corporation announces the beginning of a membership campaign to start on or about April 17, in the six south townships.

The purpose of this corporation is to secure a loan of the Rural Electrification Administration at Washington sufficient to build electric lines in all of the rural districts of the community where enough customers can be secured to warrant such construction.

Every farmer will be eligible to participate in the new program, whereas the AAA was restricted to certain crops. AAA officials estimated 80 per cent of farmers would cooperate.

A base acreage will be established for each farm. The AAA will establish ratios of soil-depleting crop lands to total farm lands for each county. Then the county committees will set up the individual bases.

The expectation that 80 per cent of farmers participate payments will be prorated for 30,000,000 acres removed from intensive cultivation.

If the participation is less than estimated, rates will be increased pro rata. If participation is greater, rates will be reduced. But in no event will rates be increased or decreased more than 10 per cent.

The division of benefit payments between landlords and share-takers or share-croppers would be 37 1/2 per cent to the person furnishing the land; 12 1/2 per cent to the person furnishing the work stock and equipment, and 50 per cent to be divided as the principal soil-depleting crop or its proceeds is divided.

For the commodities excluded specifically from the general \$10 an acre payment, the following rates were fixed:

Cotton: 5 cents for each pound of the normal yield per acre for the farm; maximum acreage for which payment will be made, 35 per cent of cotton base acreage is divided.

Tobacco: ranges from 3 cents a pound for Pennsylvania to 5 cents for flue cured burley or Maryland for each pound of the normal yield per acre of the farm; maximum acreage 30 per cent of the base.

Nuts: 1 1/4 cents for each pound of the normal yield per acre;

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Loan Society Head Robbed By Bandits

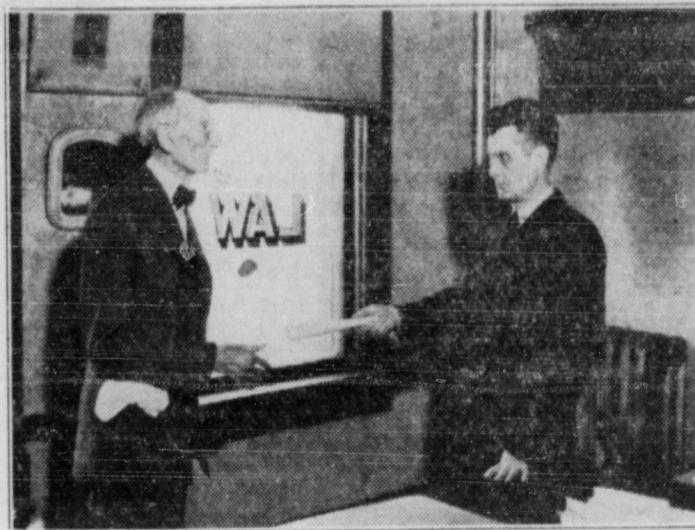
Richmond, Ind., March 21. — (UPI) — Two unmasked bandits held up Darrell Swisher, president of the welfare loan society, and escaped with \$200 late yesterday.

One of the bandits threatened Swisher with a gun while the other scooped money from the cash drawer.

Damage was estimated at \$5.

Decatur, Indiana, Saturday, March 21, 1936.

First Bond To First Mayor



Pictured above are former judge J. T. Merryman and Mayor A. R. Holthouse. Mayor Holthouse is shown handing the first Centennial "Good Will" bond to Mr. Merryman, who was Decatur's first mayor. Mr. Merryman was elected mayor in 1882, the first year that Decatur was incorporated as a city.

SCHOOLS PLAN FOR CANTATA

Rural School Pupils Will Present Annual Easter Cantata

A check for \$2,796.32 as Adams county's share of the gross income tax for the last five months of 1935 and January of this year will be received in the county auditor's office about April 15, according to the word received by the auditor, John W. Tyndall today from the state board of tax commissioners.

The amount will be distributed to the township schools. The tax is figured on the assessment value of property in the county. The value of real estate in the county was \$15,094,049 and was equal to six per cent of the property in the state. Distribution is to be made upon receipt of the check.

About 200 students of the seven rural high schools will unite in presenting the annual Easter Cantata at the Berne Mennonite church in Berne on Friday, April 3.

The program this year will consist of two short cantatas, entitled, "The First Easter," with Mrs. Ruth Mahoney, music teacher in the Hartford school as director, and "Easter Angels," with Mrs. Velma Fortney, of the Pleasant Mills school as director. The cantatas were arranged by J. S. Farris and Wilson, respectively.

Miss Virginia Hodges, music teacher in the Geneva school and Miss Helen Burns of the Jefferson schools will be the accompanists. Miss Esther Hutton, of the Geneva school singing a specially arranged solo.

Practices are being held and the complete program is expected to be announced in a few days.

Roosevelt Leads In Flood Relief Moves

Washington, March 21. — (UP) — Pres. Roosevelt for the third time postponed his projected southern trip today to continue direction of flood area rehabilitation.

While congress and all government agencies cooperated in immediate relief in flood sections, the president turned chiefly to the problems of rehabilitation work in a dozen states swept by raging waters.

He expects, however, to get away from Washington in time to reach Winter Park, Fla., Monday morning where he will receive an honorary degree from Rollins college before boarding his yacht for a fishing cruise.

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Mrs. Allen Courtney, trustee of the state federation addressed the members on the subject of "Living to the Fullest," touching on the cooperation needed in the federation to receive the spiritual and cultural betterment desired.

Dr. A. N. Ferguson, of Fort Wayne addressed the members on the subject of clinical medicines. Other plans and business were conducted during the meeting.

QUINN SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

French Quinn Addresses International Students At Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Mar. 21. — "With the world in confusion and liberty, both civil and religion being thrown by nine-tenths of the world into the ash can, it is high time that Americans give earnest thought to their two greatest possessions — civil rights under the Constitution and their right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience," said French Quinn of Decatur, in addressing students of the International college here Friday.

"After careful study and investigation it is clear that we of the middle west today have a clearer and nobler conception of these two great rights of liberty than anywhere else in America," he said.

"The common folk of this great middle west, this Abraham Lincoln country, still have in their hearts and souls the spirit of the Constitution and the hope of the Gettysburg address. If this is so, then upon the shoulders of the common folk of our middle west, a few million people out of the world's population of more than a billion and a half, rests the responsibility of preserving for themselves and those that shall come after them our glorious conception of religious liberty and the right of man."

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Generally fair, not quite so cool extreme northeast tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness followed by rain, somewhat warmer except along Lake Michigan.

Heavy Rains Peril New England As Death Toll Mounts Hourly Throughout 14 Eastern States

STATE SOCIAL WELFARE PLAN IS ADVANCED

LOCAL PERSONS IN FLOOD AREA

Former Local Persons, Other Relatives In Flood Regions

Wayne Coy, Clarence Jackson Administrators Of Program

Indianapolis, Mar. 24. — (UPI) — Indiana's vast social security program was in motion today after organization of the state welfare and employment stabilization boards and appointment of their directors.

Wayne Coy, state director of works progress administration, was named administrator of the welfare board, and Clarence Jackson, director of the gross income tax division, director of the unemployment board.

The welfare board, holding its first meeting yesterday, moved immediately to start organization of county boards throughout the state. It was announced the board would meet with circuit court judges here March 24 to outline details of the act and explain the need for appointment of qualified persons to local boards.

Circuit judges are given authority to name local bi-partisan boards of five members. No more than three may be of one political party and two must be women.

"The success of the welfare program will be determined by the personnel of county boards," Coy said. "We want the highest type of persons on these first boards and will ask judges to carry out the suggestion."

Coy will continue as state WPA administrator, but will ask leave of absence from his regional post. He is director over WPA activities in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. He will serve as welfare administrator without pay, his salary being paid by WPA.

The welfare board announced that county boards of children's guardians and authority of county commissioners to administer old age pensions will not be disturbed immediately.

Counties will be notified when the state board is ready to assume jurisdiction of those activities, Coy said. He added that such work probably would not be assumed before April 1.

VIVIAN BURK HEADS CLUBS

Elected President Of County Federation Of Clubs Friday

The afternoon session of the Adams county federation of clubs held at the Zion Reformed church Friday afternoon opened with assembly singing of "Come Thou Almighty King," and was followed with the address of Mrs. J. R. Marsh of Muncie. The theme of her address was based on the Fine Arts festival to be held in Muncie.

Mrs. John Peterson led the discussion on the federation magazine "The Club Woman," and Mrs. Guy Brown, Mrs. John Tyndall and Mrs. George Rentsz gave the report of the nominating committee.

Miss Vivian Burk was elected president, Mrs. R. A. Stuckey, vice-president and Mrs. A. D. Stutes, secretary of the club in the election held before the report of the various committees.

These reports were made by Mrs. Faye Smith Knapp, Mrs. Stuckey, Mrs. H. R. Carson and Mrs. H. L. Kern.

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DISTRIBUTION IS ANNOUNCED

Distribution Of County Dog Tax Fund Announced By Auditor

Distribution of the Adams county dog tax fund was announced today in the office of county auditor John W. Tyndall. A total of \$1,021.88 was received from the tax, with four townships showing a total deficit of \$627.13. These townships were Root, \$34.77; St. Marys, \$218.99; Blue Creek, \$305.77; Jefferson, \$67.60.

With this amount subtracted from the total receipts, and the \$39.47 as 10 per cent of the balance being sent to the state for hydrophobia prevention, the net amount for distribution was \$355.23. This amount is to go to the schools, based on the average daily attendance of the township.

The townships and the amount to be received are: Blue Creek, \$13.45; French, \$15.72; Hartford, \$17.83; Jefferson, \$12.51; Kirkland, \$17.06; Monroe, \$36.68; Preble, \$16.43; Root, \$16.03; St. Marys, \$18.69; Union, \$12.91; Wabash, \$38.82; Washington, \$25.73; Berne, \$30.58 and Decatur, \$83.80.

Hauptmann Tells Of Knowing Condon

Trenton, N. J. March 21. — (UP) —

Bruno Richard Hauptmann, whose execution was set for 8 p. m. March 31, admits that he had seen Dr. John F. Condon, intermediary for the Lindbergh kidnapping case before and after the abduction, C. Lloyd Fisher, chief of the defense consul, revealed today.

The revelation came as a formal announcement set the hour for Hauptmann's death. Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, who has pushed an investigation into alleged disrepancy in testimony since last fall, was said to believe the statement, if true, would break Condon's story that he had never seen Hauptmann before the kidnapping.

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