

IN SOCIETY

CLUB CALENDAR

Society Deadline, 11 A.M.
Fanny Macy
Phones 1000 — 1001

Wednesday

Girls Red Cross nurses for parade, Central school, bring headbands or pillow slips, 7 p.m.
Girl Scouts, Central School, Decatur Bikes, 1 p.m.

ed here for the rest of the week.

Rev. H. W. Franklin was high hats the folks last evening and we couldn't find out just where he had found the old time headgear.

About the most attractive decoration is the American flag flying from the flag pole on the very top of the court house steeple. It waves a welcome to guests that can be seen several miles away.

Charles Lose, well known barber was held at home yesterday by the first illness he has had in a score of years.

Duke Stoops is kept busy telling the people about his exhibit of badges and paper money, where he got them and what the history is.

The old gowns in various show windows are attracting much attention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Helm arrived from Miami last evening and are trying to see everybody they ever knew and it looks like they may make it if they can keep up the speed with which they started after a 1,500 mile automobile trip.

Mrs. Ross Tyndall of Van Wert is visiting relatives in Decatur this week.

Bert J. Clark of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Myers of Farmland are Centennial guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Squier.

Albert Scheumann, Fort Wayne business man, was a visitor at the W. A. Klepper home last evening.

Hon. J. Frank Mann, Judge of the Munice city court, and a former resident here, came back today to see some of the Centennial and to greet old friends.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Vega of Chicago are spending the week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas.

Miss A. B. Ambler and daughter Effie King of Washington, D. C., arrived in Decatur yesterday for a visit with the former's mother Mrs. John Schug.

Mrs. Jacob Atz of Goshen returned to her home this morning after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sprang.

Rev. and Mrs. Jason Hoffman and son of Wabasha, Minnesota arrived last evening to spend their vacation with friends and relatives and to enjoy the Centennial. Rev. Hoffman has been a subscriber to the Decatur Democrat during the past 22 years during which time he has received the paper at Sheboygan.

Mrs. John Smith is entertaining a sister from Lima, Ohio during the Centennial.

Mrs. Smith of Indianapolis is visiting her brother, W. P. Schrock and family.

Mrs. Hunter Myers of Redkey, Indiana is a guest at the W. P. Schrock home.

John Good spent the evening and the morning at Bluffton but returned

Wisconsin, Alberta, Canada, Portland, Oregon and Bevadere, Tenn. Rev. Hoffman at present is the pastor of the Trinity Reformed church at Wabasha.

DROUGHT HARD BLOW TO CORN

Private Crop Experts Say Corn Crop Billion Under Normal

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(U.P.)—Drought and record-breaking temperatures in the middle west reduced the nation's corn crop by nearly 700,000,000 bushels in July, grain experts reported today.

Widened by three months of scorching sun the United States corn harvest probably will not total more than 1,572,000,000 bushels this year, private crop experts said. Their estimate was 673,000,000 bushels less than the government's July 1 estimate and nearly a billion bushels under a normal crop.

The five statisticians representing Chicago grain firms also estimated a spring wheat crop of 111,000,000 bushels, 25,000,000 bushels less than the July government estimate, and less than half of a normal crop.

Brightest spot in the report was the estimate on winter wheat. A crop of 522,000,000 bushels was predicted, an increase of 10,000,000 bushels over the government's July 1 estimate.

Private estimates on corn ranged from the 1,500,000,000 bushels predicted by H. C. Donovan to the 1,705,000,000 bushels estimated by B. W. Snow.

Snow, of Bartlett-Frazier company, said the private reports outline one of the great crop disasters of American agriculture.

"A shrinkage of nearly 700,000,000 bushels in the potential corn crop with corresponding losses in spring wheat and other grains tells a story of crop losses that stands as a record in this country or any other," Snow said.

"The condition of corn at 50.6 per cent is with one exception the lowest ever reported."

Corn crop losses in July were the greatest in the history of the country and with the exception of 1934 the yield promises to be the smallest since 1894.

Meanwhile, corn futures slumped as much as four cents a bushel, the limit, on North American grain exchanges as scattered showers were reported over sections of the arid corn belt. A. W. Cook of the Chicago weather bureau said showers were scattered and very light, but futures traders who had been riding the crest of the most bullish market in history chose to liquidate a portion of their holdings. Until checked today corn prices had advanced 45¢ cents a bushel since July 1 on the Chicago market.

Among the corn belt points that received light rain were Des Moines and Dubuque, Ia., Omaha, Neb., Rapid City, C. D., and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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FOREIGN TRADE

1936 — \$2,320,000,000
1935 — \$2,016,540,000
1934 — \$1,899,896,000
1933 — \$1,261,460,000

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION

1936 — 2,485,921 Cars
1935 — 2,218,255 Cars
1934 — 1,714,263 Cars
1933 — 990,114 Cars

STEEL PRODUCTION

1936 — 21,327,000 Tons
1935 — 16,014,987 Tons
1934 — 16,181,000 Tons
1933 — 8,874,388 Tons

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

1936 — \$1,210,000,000
1935 — \$ 696,506,800
1934 — \$ 854,101,900
1933 — \$ 432,113,400

CAR LOADINGS

1936 — 16,590,870 Cars
1935 — 15,160,729 Cars
1934 — 15,436,623 Cars
1933 — 13,344,300 Cars

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

1936 — 77.8
1935 — 70.3
1934 — 68.2
1933 — 57.8

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Work Is Started Today On Judging Art Exhibits

Miss Kathryn Kauffman and Mrs. Lawrence Linn began judging the art exhibition located with the historical and art displays at the Central building today.

The results this morning were: Water colors: Madge Hite, first; George Clark, second and third.

Oil paintings: John DeBolt, first and third.

Pastels: E. B. Haughton, first, second and third.

Pen and ink: George Clark, first, second and third.

Among the many interesting exhibits at the Central building are hobbies, antiques, quilts, shawls and many other interesting articles.

Man 114, Misses Candies

North Bay, Ont.—John Birch, who claims he is the oldest white man in Canada, had to go without a birthday cake on his 114th birthday. He couldn't find one large enough to hold 114 candies.

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MESSAGES

Arthur Holthouse, Mayor.

Pleasant memories which are always present with us prompt congratulations. Regret we can not be with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lynch,

Jonesboro, Ark.

Arthur R. Holthouse, Mayor

Thanks so much for your kind invitation to be your guest during Centennial week.

I shall make every effort to be present one day of the celebration and bring with me some of my fellow townsmen from Crown Point.

W. Vincent Youkey, Mayor

Crown Point, Ind.

Arthur R. Holthouse, Mayor

You may rest assured that I will make every effort to bring the entire City Administration to spend at least one day and evening in your city during this celebration which I trust will be a great success.

Fred L. Feick, Mayor

Garrett, Ind.

Mayor Holthouse

I will make every effort to visit your city at every opportunity during the week. Am sure the citizens of Bluffton will also be there to join with your good citizens in this celebration, which marks a long period of progress and growth for your fine city.

Permit me to extend my very best wishes for the general success of the Centennial, and if at any time I might be of any service whatever in helping bring about that result, I will be happy indeed to be called upon.

I hope that this Centennial will mark the beginning of another hundred years of happiness and prosperity for the