

# Three-Car Accident Reported By Police

## No One Injured In Wreck Last Night

A three-car accident in the 600 block of West Monroe street about 8:15 o'clock last night was reported today by city police as the only activity overnight.

A car driven by Kenneth Lough, 43, route five, Decatur, and another driven by Leo Hackman, 25, 1103 North Second street, sideswiped when the former turned out to avoid hitting a bicycle carrying D. Burdette Custer, Jr., and Dan Hott.

The Lough car then struck a parked car, owned by Harold Thompson, Decatur. Damage was

estimated at \$40 by officer Adrian Coffee. Both drivers, Robert Hess and Charles E. Holthouse, riding with Hackman, were unhurt.

Richard Schroeder, arrested the previous night for reckless driving, was fined \$1 and costs by justice of peace Floyd B. Hunter last night when he pleaded guilty.

Similar fines were imposed at Berne by justice of peace Ernest Stengel upon Alvin Strahn, Berne, and Alfred Moser, Berne, route one, when they pleaded guilty to running a stop sign west of Berne on state road 118. They were arrested the previous night by sheriff Herman Bowman.

## Berne Schools In Final Full Week

Berne, May 11 — The Berne schools are now in their last full week. Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday evening, May 18, at the Berne auditorium. The baccalaureate service will be Sunday evening at the First Mennonite church.

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# To Enforce State Truck Weight Laws

## State Troopers To Use Portable Scales

Detroit, Mich., May 11—(UP)—The superintendent of the Indiana state police said today that his department was organizing 20 "flying squadrons" of troopers equipped with portable scales to improve enforcement of the state truck weight laws.

Col. Robert Rossow of Indianapolis made the statement in an address before the American Trucking Association, Inc., regional meeting here.

Rossow also disclosed for the first time that state police furnish the Indiana motor truck association with carbon copies of all arrest tickets involving truck drivers, and the tickets are in turn sent to the truck owners.

"The joint action has exceeded expectations," Rossow said. "Violations are diminishing."

He said there were now three permanent weighing stations in Indiana, three others to be constructed, and that he planned to ask for six more permanent stations.

Rossow said the "flying squadrons" would operate in addition to permanent weighing stations. They will be set up without advance notice, day or night, to nab truckers who have "excessively heavy loads" on their trucks.

Rossow said it was "contemplated" that troopers would order violators into higher courts where they might be fined up to \$500, instead of in peace courts where most present violators may be fined no more than \$25.

"The public service commission of Indiana is investigating the possibility of revoking the permits of flagrant violators," he added.

He said the state did not want to "inflict hardship" on truckers.

"Enforcement against overweight vehicles is one of our more troublesome problems," Rossow said. "I can tell you that most companies operate within the law and that it is the minority which makes it difficult for the majority."

Rossow said that operators of overloaded trucks paid \$14,000 in 521 fines in the first two months of 1948 in Indiana.

## Southern Democrats Plan Own Conclave

### Fight President's Civil Rights Plan

Jackson, Miss., May 11—(UP)—Southern Democrats today were ready to hold their own Dixie convention in Birmingham, Ala., on July 17 if the national party convention adopts a civil rights platform plank.

In a states' rights conference here yesterday, some 1,500 southern party leaders resolved to urge every state below the Mason-Dixon line to choose convention delegates and electors pledged to "publicly repudiate" President Truman's civil rights program.

The resolution, passed with apparent unanimity amid shouting and stamping of feet, included provision for the Birmingham convention in case the national party nominates Mr. Truman or any other candidate with similar civil rights views.

The date for the provisional Dixie meeting was set for just one week after the national convention begins at Philadelphia July 12.

Eleven states were represented at the one-day meeting here. But most delegations were unofficial and it was questionable exactly how many of the states actually would walk out on the party if it chooses a civil rights nominee.

South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama appeared definitely committed to the split



## MAJOR ESCAPE HATCHES

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- Ministers
- Reserves (if members before bill becomes law)

IF YOU'RE A MALE between ages 19 and 25 you'll probably be subject to military draft for two years' service by the time the lawmakers go home for summer. House armed services committee okay of a draft law—without UMT— and indicated Republican support makes passage almost a cinch. The bill calls for registration of males 18 to 30, with those 19 to 25 liable for service. But there will be exceptions. In addition to those listed at right, high school pupils would be deferred until graduation or age 20, college students till the end of the academic year they are called. The bill is designed to raise armed service manpower from 1,384,000 to 2,008,000 by 1950. (International)

as their state Democratic executive chairmen endorsed the resolution. Alabama, in fact, already has chosen a slate of delegates and electors pledged to oppose Mr. Truman.

Texas and Tennessee also appeared committed. Texas was represented by three men said to be authorized spokesmen of Gov. Beauford Jester, and Col. Roane Waring pledged Tennessee's full cooperation on behalf of powerful political leader Ed Crump.

Georgia, on the other hand, served notice that it would have no part of a party split. State Democratic chairman James S. Peters withdrew from active participation in the meeting when the resolution was adopted and remained merely as an "observer."

Delegations from Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana sat in their allotted sections beneath their respective banners but took little part in proceedings. The resolution did not set forth the precise responsibilities of the Birmingham convention. It did not instruct the Dixie meeting to nominate and back its own southern presidential candidate.

It provided only that the Birmingham party would meet, if necessary, to determine "all necessary and appropriate action."

## Rail Crisis Brings Legislative Moves

### Demands Heard In Congress For Action

Washington, May 11—(UP)—The railway labor crisis touched off demands in congress today for laws to give the government more power to deal with national railroad strikes.

House and senate members ment of tentative and concrete anti-strike proposals.

Sens. Robert A. Taft, R., O., and Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., the chief Republican senate spokesmen on labor legislation, began drafting emergency legislation to make sure the railroads keep running at least until final settlement of the current dispute.

Sen. William F. Knowland, R., Cal., introduced a bill yesterday to make railway unions subject to the national emergency section of the Taft-Hartley law. That section permits the government to get 80-day injunctions against strikes endangering the national health and safety.

Knowland told the senate that congress should remain in session day and night if necessary. He later told a reporter that he

thought his plan should be considered because it would permit use of injunctions without government seizure and operation.

Taft and Ball also were considering a bill providing specific authority for an anti-strike injunction, although the government obtained a temporary restraining order last night without action by congress.

The two senators began working on a bill last night. They conferred with Donald R. Richberg, attorney who helped draft the railway labor act.

They told reporters the big problem is to provide machinery for settling the dispute once a strike is enjoined. Taft said the choice apparently lies between continued mediation and compulsory arbitration. He prefers mediation, he said, but wonders whether it would work now.

## Attends Meeting Of Life Insurance Heads

Mac Locke, local representative for the Prudential Life Insurance company, has returned from Turkey Run State Park, where he attended a two-day meeting of life insurance leaders.

Mr. Locke was awarded a certificate of merit in life insurance underwriting at the meeting. Qualification for this award is the writing of a minimum of \$250,000 in life insurance in a year. This is the second year Mr. Locke has won membership in the club. The meeting was addressed by leading life insurance salesmen from over the state and men prominent in the business.

Ah! who was happier than I when I could still utter the name of mother, and it was heard. — Bee-thoven.

## HOUSE PASSES

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R. Ia., protested the two-day limit placed by the senate finance committee on hearings on the bill to repeal federal taxes on oleomargarine. Wilson, representing a butter state, said the subject could not be covered in that time.

Preference—The American Legion said congress should put veterans first in tackling the housing problem. Otherwise, a Legion spokesman told the house banking committee, the veteran will be "lost in the shuffle of rising prices."

In urging his "right to work" proposal, DeMille told the house labor committee that 12 union leaders now have the power "to stop this country." He said these men, whom he did not name, control "key unions such as railroads, steel, miners, et cetera." He asked the committee to sponsor

an amendment to the constitution guaranteeing "the most basic rights," the right to work.

The un-American activities committee, meanwhile, asked congress to move at once against communists.

## RALPH CONRAD HURT

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the accident.

Members of the family were contacted by state police about 3 o'clock this morning and left immediately for the capital city.

## ARABS ASK JAFFA

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Arabs have lost the major northern road center of Safad to Jewish attack. Jewish forces also routed the Arabs at Bab El Wad, 12 miles west of Jerusalem, after a three-day battle in which 200 Arabs were reported killed.

Jewish traffic between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was reopened for the first time in three weeks when engineers removed a mas-

sive road block at Bab El Wad after the battle.

## TO USE VACANT LOTS

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west on Madison street to Third street, according to present plans. Window cards will be distributed to all towns and cities in a 50-mile radius about July 1, it was decided.

Final arrangements will be made Wednesday to solicit advertising for the 4-H club program and fair book. C. I. Finlayson, chairman, said. About half of the advertising already has been sold and the plan is to have a one-day solicitation next week to complete the sales.

Robert Helm, chairman of the midway concession committee, and Clyde Butler, chairman of the carnival committee, stated at the meeting that almost all available space on the midway already had been sold, and Albert Riehle, chairman of the farm equipment show, said that he was sure farm machinery concerns would take all of their space soon.

Other activities of the fair are being put into shape and the committee will meet again soon to receive reports from all participating groups.

## LIST PROGRAMS

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retary of Indiana state conference of social work will speak briefly. Question and answer period: Clem Grabner, of Fort Wayne, will speak briefly concerning a Fort Wayne project for a recreation center for aged persons.

## Conference Officers

The conference officers are: Mrs. Helen F. Lauer, executive secretary associated. Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne, general chairman.

Mrs. Mary Adams, of Wabash, vice chairman.

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