

Mrs. Mary Jenkins arrived last evening from Fort Wayne and will be the guest of her niece, Mrs. P. B. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haulbold and daughter, Helen Estelle, are expected to come Sunday from Evansville, Ind., by automobile, and Mrs. Haulbold and daughter will enjoy an extended visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas.

The G. T. Kocher home on South Main street was the scene of a quiet wedding last evening, at which time Miss Florence Kocher, their daughter, was united in marriage to Mr. Herbert Copeland, now of Muncie. No guests were present, except the members of the immediate family, George Kocher, Jr., and family, of Willshire, Ohio; James Kocher and family of Decatur, and J. C. Rea of Connersville, a brother of the mother of the bride. D. C. Kocher was unable to attend, being now located in Lawson, Oklahoma. Miss Kocher has been working in Muncie for the past year as stenographer and bookkeeper for the Star theater. The groom is a promising young newspaper man, formerly employed on the Indianapolis papers, and now the advertising editor of the Muncie Press. The couple arrived in this city last evening at 6 o'clock and the wedding occurred two hours later, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Asher H. Brand. The couple left for their future home in Muncie on a later car last evening. For the time they expect to do only light house-keeping. The wedding came as a surprise to the many friends of Miss Kocher in this city, as the couple arrived, were married and gone before the news of the affair was known, the license having been procured in Muncie.—Bluffton News.

Miss Hazel Burd of Berne is a guest of Howard Burd and family. She will be joined Sunday in a visit here by Henry Schaefer of Payne, Ohio, who will accompany her home.

A very good social time was had yesterday afternoon by the Baptist ladies at the home of Mrs. David Stoler on West Monroe street, delicious refreshments being served after the social and business periods. The collection reported amounted to \$13.17. There will probably be no meeting in July on account of the tent services which begin next Wednesday.

The Helmg Hand society of the German Reformed church was entertained by Mrs. Otto Reppert Thursday afternoon. A very delightful musical program was rendered by members of the party, while others employed themselves with needlework. There was a vocal solo by Miss Della Sellemeyer, a piano duet by Mrs. Fred Fruchte and Miss Lucy Fruchte, piano solos by Ruth Mayer, Agnes Sellemeyer and Huldah Mutchler, and a vocal duet by the Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Hestert.

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an excellent meeting, at the home of Mrs. Clifford Lee Thursday afternoon where they pieced quilt blocks for the work department of the Ladies' Aid, chatting socially and enjoying the dainty refreshments served by the hostess. The collection for the afternoon amounted to \$5.02, making a sum total raised by the Ladies' Aid during this month, \$20.10. Mrs. Henry Fuhrman will be hostess in two weeks.

The marriage of Miss Della M. Bohnke and Mr. Clarence R. Fields took place on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride, 1725 Lafayette street, at 4 o'clock. Rev. J. K. Cecil performed the ceremony and there were present the immediate relatives. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Luetta Bohnke, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Elva Fields, and Mr. Fred Bohnke stood up with the bridegroom. The bride was becomingly dressed in a blue silk gown and she held a bouquet of white carnations. Miss Fields wore a lavender satin and held pink roses and Miss Luetta Bohnke wore a blue satin and carried pink roses. A supper was served the wedding party after congratulations had been extended. Today the bride and groom went to Geneva, where the groom's parents live on a farm. The bride and groom will spend the summer there.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Misses Kathryn and Blanche Ford of East Walnut street entertained at their home Wednesday evening, complimentary to Miss Mary Laughlin, who is their guest from Decatur. In the watermelon contest, Fred Kelley received the prize, points being counted by the number of seeds in each guest's piece. At the close of the daisy contest Earl Nester received the reward. Other games were followed with luncheon. The guests included: Misses Mary Laughlin, Helen and Marie Briede, Aneta Weis, Grace Arnold and Amilda Weis; Messrs. Earl Nester, Will Kirk, Willard and Paul Briede and Ray Minch, Fred Kelley and Edmond Minch.—Portland Sun.

Frank Zeser, who returned last Monday from Pueblo, Colo., was the guest of honor at a merry party given last evening at the home of his father, Peter Zeser, south of this city, where games and a delicious two-course luncheon, with many other things that go to providing a welcome and jolly good time, were in order. Those present were Miss Angela Kintz of Westfield, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, Frank Braun, Charles Zeser and family, Andy Zeser and family, Minnie Bogner, Miss Ray, Caroline Dowling, Agnes Gillig, Frank Gillig, Leo Gillig, Louis Kintz, Mary Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick, Frank Andrews, Roma Parent, Joe Lose.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Glancey in Monroe will occur the wedding of Mrs. Glancey's sister, Miss Mary Stults, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Stults, of North Third street, this city, to Mr. Charles Kraft, also of this city. The wedding will be a very quiet one, and will be solemnized by the Rev. Kraft, pastor of the Monroe M. E. church. A dainty white gown of all-over embroidery, made in princess style, will be the bridal robe. Though no definite announcement was made at this time, the couple may take a wedding trip, to be accompanied by the ETAOISHRDLDHWYPPPW have not been definitely formulated in this respect. Mr. and Mrs. Kraft will make their home in the residence at the corner of Fifth and Maple streets, which they have already gotten partially ready. Miss Stults is a very popular young lady, who has been employed as a telephone operator for the Citizen's Telephone company, resigning last week in view of her approaching marriage. The groom resides with his mother, Mrs. Caroline Kraft, on Marshall street, and is a well known cigar maker in the employ of Charles Sether.

JULY FOURTH EXCURSION.

To Fort Wayne by Interurban—Fifty Cents For Round Trip.

The Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company is distributing hand bills from the press of this office, advertising a Fourth of July excursion to Fort Wayne, the round trip to be fifty cents. The special fare is good going and coming on all cars, and if there are not enough regular cars to accommodate the crowds, special ones will be put on. Motor races, ball games and special doings at Robinson park, will attract many there.

One trial was slated in the police courts for this morning, it being a charge of petit larceny sworn to by Oliver Heller, and charging Grover Odel with the theft of ten dollars. Odel appeared at 9 o'clock with Attorney DeVoss to represent him and Prosecutor Parrish represented the state. Several witnesses were exam-

ined and nothing but purely circumstantial evidence could be brought out. It was stated that Heller had gone to the wood-working shop to change clothes and had laid his pocket book on a chair and had forgotten to pick it up. Later they saw Odel enter the room and on the supposition that he had possession of the money talked to him about it. The affidavit was filed about 6 o'clock Thursday evening and a preliminary trial held, but the hearing of the case was postponed until this morning. The mayor ordered over to the circuit court and his bond was fixed at \$125, which was promptly signed by a former employer of the young man.

SPECIAL PICTURES.

Manager Stoneburner has secured for two nights several reels of exceptional pictures which will be shown at the Star theater tonight and Saturday night. Three reels of western pictures, giving every act shown in Buffalo Bill's wild west and Pawnee Bill's far east combined shows will be shown. They were taken early this spring on the farewell tour of the great show and are an exceptionally clear lot of pictures. Owing to the heavy rates charged for new pictures of this special class the admission will be ten cents. No doubt many of the citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing a show of this nature for that amount of money.

SIX KILLED AT BUFFALO.

(United Press Service.)

Buffalo, N. Y., June 30.—Six men were killed and thirty injured when the new pumping station of the city water works plant here collapsed today. The loss is in excess of a million dollars.

DR. HARRY ERWIN WEDS.

Miss Hallie Humes of Monroeville and Dr. Harry G. Erwin of Edgerton were quietly married yesterday by the Rev. J. K. Cecil of the First M. E. church. The groom is a son of Judge R. K. Erwin and is rapidly rising in the practice of his medical profession. Immediately after the ceremony yesterday the bride and groom went to Edgerton. Miss Murchland of Monroeville and Mr. Richard Erwin of this city were the only witnesses of the ceremony.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

HOME FROM ANNAPOLIS.

Clarence Bremerkamp, who for six months past has been in the marine corps, and stationed at Annapolis, Md., has returned home, owing to an accident which he received while there, and he was told that it would be best for him to leave. He was injured in the chest while playing at leisure, and believing that serious results would follow he was authorized to leave. At present he is employed by his father at the Fornax mills.

AUTOMOBILE TURNED TURTLE.

(United Press Service.)

Indianapolis, June 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Three persons were hurt, two of them seriously, when an automobile driven by A. F. Connors, manager of a small advertising plant, turned turtle on the outskirts of the city.

DR. JOHN I. METTS FUNERAL.

The funeral of Dr. John I. Metts, one of the pioneer physicians in the northern part of the state, and one of the oldest residents of Wells county, whose death occurred Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock at his home in Ossian, after a prolonged illness, due to several strokes of paralysis, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M. E. church in Ossian, in charge of Rev. Charles Daugherty. Dr. Metts was known and related to several here. Three children survive. They are: Josephine, wife of D. A. Walmer, Bluffton; Dr. Fred Metts, who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Ossian, being associated with his uncle, A. H. Metts, in the office which his father established, and J. W. Metts, who resides on his father's farm. Two sons, William and Robert E., are deceased.

Robert Hall left Wednesday for Nappanee, where he was united in marriage on Thursday to Miss Ella Edgington of that city. The wedding was a quiet affair on account of the poor health of the bride's mother, and the young people repaired to the home of her pastor, where they were joined in wedlock. The bride is well known in this vicinity, having run a millinery store here a few years ago and won many friends during her stay here. The groom has lived here all his life.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

and is an industrious and upright young man. The bridal couple will spend their honeymoon in Fort Wayne and Decatur, when they will come to Ossian to begin housekeeping immediately in Mrs. Crouse's property on Metts street. The News joins their many friends in this vicinity in wishing them unbounded happiness.—Ossian News.

Miss Edgington is a daughter of Mrs. S. E. Edgington and nearly all of her life, except the past few years, has been spent in this city. She was engaged here as a milliner and two or three years ago went to Ossian, where she engaged in business for herself, still keeping this place her home until her mother and brothers went to Nappanee a year or so ago, where the brothers are engaged in the racket store business.

The Fourth of July is but three days' distant, and since our American boys and girls must have their fire-crackers and other explosives on this day of independence, in spite of the many accidents and mishaps which are always sure to come, we give here a few hints which we believe would come in very useful, not only to the smaller boy, who must enjoy himself, but to the parents and public in general, who could, with but a little endeavor on their part, prevent many burns, scars and perhaps even worse, the loss of fingers and the destroying of eyesight and other injuries which may prove fatal:

Don't use toy pistols of any kind. Don't use matches in setting off fire-works. The good-sized flame that matches give is apt to ignite, instead of the fuse, the paper, or even the explosive powder itself of a cannon cracker or a sky rocket, and hence a premature explosion. Besides, matches break, and their lighted or smoldering ends, dropping here and there, perhaps among a litter of fire-works, may do untold harm. Use punk instead of matches always.

Don't bend directly over a cannon cracker in lighting it, for if its fuse should be short and it should go off too soon the explosion might blind you. In lighting a cannon cracker keep the body at least two feet away and the face averted.

Don't hold a sky rocket in the hand. Sky rockets' sticks should be planted in the ground firmly.

Don't set off one piece of fire-works in other fire-works' vicinity. Many accidents have been due to this sort of carelessness. The danger of an explosion from flying sparks can only be avoided by keeping under cover the stock of fire-works not in use.

Don't bring a Roman candle closer than three feet of the face. In setting it off it is safe to hold it in the hand, but the hand should be extended at arm's length, for the sparks from a Roman candle are apt to burn holes in the clothing, if not do more serious damage.

Don't hurry back to a fire cracker or a sky rocket to see if it has not gone out. Let at least three minutes pass before returning and then keep the face averted and shield it with the hand.

Don't hold a cannon cracker or even the smallest fire cracker in the hand to light it. The custom of lighting crackers in the hand and then tossing them in the air to explode is a dangerous custom, for all fuses are uncertain, and the premature explosion of even a small cracker is a serious matter.

Don't stand near a pin-wheel. To light it hold the punk at arm's length and then jump away before the sparks begin to fly.

Don't set off Roman candles without taking note of the wind's direction. Stand so that the wind will blow the sparks away from you.

Don't cease to whirl a Roman candle till you are sure that all the balls have gone off. Even then don't look into the extinguished candle. Such an act would be as foolish as to look into the muzzle of a gun.

Don't lean the stick of a sky rocket toward any house or building, for the falling sparks might cause fire. See that the stick is so pointed that the sparks will come in contact with nothing inflammable when the rocket descends.

Charles Colter was in receipt of a letter Saturday from A. J. Smith, who, with his family, left four weeks ago for California. They have been located in Los Angeles during this time, and have had many interesting side trips. The letter was dated June 26th. They expected to remain in Los Angeles until July 4th or 5th, when they will continue their trip north. They spent two days at Catalina Island. Fishing was good, but not a "howling success," Mr. Smith says, and then goes on to say that he caught two fine albacore, weighing seventeen and eighteen pounds. Another party who went out in a launch not quite so far caught a 20 pound sea bass. They expected to spend June 27th in San Diego. Mr. Smith writes of a very interesting automobile trip. They went through Pasadena, a city of forty-two millionaires,

and stopping long enough to see the Ostrich farm, and other interesting places. The orange groves of Riverside were magnificent. From Mt. Victoria, it is said, one can see \$5,000,000 worth of orange groves. At Arlington, the Indian school, with its five hundred students, was visited by them. At San Bernardino they called on a Methodist minister, who was an acquaintance of Mr. Smith in his boyhood days, and also on William Christen, a brother of Godfrey, Robert and John. A trolley ride of 100 miles, with a visit at the old mission, established in 1772 was another pleasant feature. At Long Beach, he met an old Whitley county friend, A. M. Long, whom he had not seen for thirty years, but recognized at once. Mr. Long is now eighty years old, and lived in Iowa for some time after going from Chubbuck. On the Friday preceding they visited with Charles Pillars, a son of Ben Pillars, Mr. Pillars also being a member of the fishing party at Catalina Island. The Smiths also visited the mountains, Mrs. Smith proving to be the best mountain climber.

FROM EASTHAVEN.

Mrs. Caroline Kling of Tocsin, who for six months past, has been a patient at the Easthaven asylum at Richmond, owing to her weakened condition in health, where she has been taking treatment to restore her to her former good mental faculties, has improved wonderfully since her stay there and is now permitted to return home on furlough. Andrew and David Derling and William Tenyson of Tocsin left this morning for that place and will accompany her home.

Tomorrow is Children's Day at the German Reformed church and the following excellent program, which the public is invited to hear, will be given in the evening at 7:30 o'clock:

Song—Sunday School.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Recitation—"We Welcome You"—Lawrence Beel.
Recitation—"Because It's Children's Day"—Mary Weidler.
Song—"Little Birdies"—Primary Class.
Dialogue—"Beneath His Flag"—Rufus and Walter Sherry.
Recitation—"If I Was a Robin"—O. Robinson.
Drill—"Children's Day"—Twelve Boys.
Duet—"Hosanna"—Huldah Mutchler and Emma Weidler.
Recitation—John Breimer.
Recitation—Ignorant Doll—Gladys Hoffman.
Recitation—"Life Plans"—Frank Moore.
Dill—"Playing Daisies"—Five Little Girls.
Recitation—"The Captain Maid."
Song—"Victory"—Class of Boys and Girls.
The Thank-you Song—Thelma Breiner.
Dialogue—"Attention All"—Four Boys.
Song—Sunday School.
Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerke and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gerke and family and Mrs. William Gerke have returned from Fort Wayne, where they attended the wedding of their nephew and grandson, Carl Speckman to Miss Clara Hormann. The wedding was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the St. Paul's Lutheran church by the Rev. Miller. After the wedding a supper, in seven courses, was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hormann, on East Lewis street, one hundred guests enjoying the hospitality of the home, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers of all kinds. Mr. and Mrs. Speckman will reside at 2729 Indiana street, their home being furnished in advance. Mr. Speckman is a grandson of Mrs. William Gerke, and was reared by his grandparents at their home in Root township, where he is well known. He is a nephew of Henry and Herman Gerke, and is highly esteemed, as is his bride, who is one of Fort Wayne's most charming young ladies. Mr. Speckman is employed in the tool-making department of the Fort Wayne Electric works.

U. B. BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

A baptismal service will be held at the United Brethren church tomorrow morning at the regular preaching hour, several infants being candidates for the rites of baptism. Among them are the Deam, McClure and Wright babies, besides several others, whose names have not yet been announced.

Erie, Pa., July 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Blood spots leading from the scene of last night's daring hold-up of an Erie train, and a partial description of one of the robbers, were the clues which developed today by the police on the job. The gang of masked men, twelve in number, shot three of the crew and robbed the pas-

sengers. The trail of blood leads to the belief that one of the robbers was also hurt. Officials commend Conductor Rooney for crawling from beneath the train at the risk of being shot to telephone for aid. Nothing is missing from the express and mail cars. In the hospital today Brakenmeyer, Frank Bemis said a masked man shot him and then kicked him from the platform. "There was one woman heroine on the train. She tore up her skirt and bound up my arm," said Bemis.

Liverpool, England, July 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The departure today of two big Atlantic steamers, the Suvic and the Arabic, were postponed by the sailors' strike. The up of the boats is now almost complete and cargoes are rotting in the hold of vessels. The strikers refuse to unload provision boats and the pilots continue to soar.

New York, N. Y., July 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Having flown from New London, Conn., Aviator Atwood, in a Wright biplane, today arrived at the lower end of Manhattan island at 10:20 a. m., and created intense excitement by flying over the skyscraper district. He circled the Singer building and landed at Governor's Island at 10:25. Atwood left New London at 7:30 and carried a mechanism. The distance is 100 miles.

EVANGELICAL S. S. PICNIC.

To be Held July Fourth in the Henry Barkley Grove.

The Evangelical church and Sunday school of Decatur have decided to hold their picnic at the Henry Barkley grove about two miles southwest of the city, July the 4th. This date has been selected so that the men can enjoy the picnic, too. Any other day they would be compelled to work and hence could not be in attendance. Arrangements are being made to make everybody who will attend happy. Games of various kinds, running and tumbling for the little folks, refreshments, etc., and anything that will make the picnic a real joyful day, is being planned. We hope that every member of the Sunday school and church, and friends to either, will join us on this happy day. A short program of singing and speaking may be arranged. Come one and all. Arrangements will be made to convey the school to and from the grove.

THE BAND BOYS.

Will Render Special Program at the Crystal on the Fourth.

A splendid program has been arranged for the afternoon and evening of July 4th at the Crystal theater under the auspices of the city band, consisting of moving pictures and songs especially adapted to the occasion. Clifford LaDelle, of the "Fantastic LaDelles," in a Jewish specialty entitled "Abe Rosenstein's Honeymoon," will insure you a laugh with every line. There will be plenty of good band music, both afternoon and evening. Owing to the numerous socials and picnics billed for that day the band has decided to give the entertainment instead of the social advertised a few days ago. It is to be hoped our citizens will lend the band boys all the encouragement possible as this entertainment is for the purpose of paying for the uniforms for the band.

CAN NOW SHOOT SQUIRRELS.

The man who loves to ramble through the woods and glades in search of the festive squirrel is a busy man these days. He has taken the trusty shot gun from its case and cleaned and polished it in most approved manner. On the first of July the squirrel law expires and he will be at liberty to shoot them wherever the land owner gives his consent in the usual legal manner. Squirrels are said to be uncommonly numerous this season, hence the sport promises to be above the average.

Mrs. James Artman returned yesterday to Winchester, where her husband is working in the interest of his photo business, after a visit here with A. D. Artman and family. Miss Ruth Artman went to Winchester today to visit over Sunday with her brother, James Artman, and wife.

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