

Miss Lola Belle Erwin of Valparaiso who is the guest of her uncle, D. B. Erwin, and family, will sing at the Presbyterian Sunday school service tomorrow morning. Miss Erwin is a vocalist of much talent and has sung here on various occasions.

Daily Democrat) — The glorious Fourth is now a thing of the past in Monroe and goes down in history as being one of the most successful and enjoyable days this little town has had since Monroe was inhabited by the human race. Early in the morning people began to gather and on arrival of the train from the south part of the county, which brought a large crowd, including the Bryant band, from that time on until evening a continuous crowd was on the move. At 10 o'clock sharp the industrial parade was set in motion and was well represented by our business men, which deserve great credit for their untiring efforts they put forth to make this feature a success, after which a recess was taken until 1 o'clock. At 1:30 the Hon. J. A. M. Adair arrived and was busy shaking hands and greeting his many old friends until 3 o'clock, when he was introduced in a few well chosen words by Dr. M. F. Parrish. The speaker delivered one of his famous addresses on such occasions, which was well received by hundreds of admirers. At the conclusion of his address a line of march was formed on Main street and at 4 p. m. marched to the new school building, where the cornerstone laying services were held, at which Mr. Adair made a short address. Those in charge of the ceremonies were Trustee Beer, Architect Abe Boegly and Marion Grim, master mason. Mr. William Everly, the contractor, was absent from town. The automobile parade, which took place at 2:30 p. m., was very attractive and about fifteen cars were in line. The fireworks at night were the most elaborate ever seen in this place and were manipulated by Fred Davis and Archie Bailey, who proved to be experts at their work. Not a case of injury has been reported and taken altogether, Monroe can be proud of the manner in which she handled the vast crowd of people, without a jar or anything to mar the pleasure of those present. Monroe always delivers the goods, tied up in a neat package, with a silk ribbon. The committee desires to thank those who interested themselves to make the occasion a success, especially the "Tuba" drum corps, which rendered most valuable assistance on that day.

Again the grim reaper has laid claim to one of Monroe's and Adams county's old pioneers in the person of Nicholas Wagner, who passed from earth to the great beyond at 10:20 on Wednesday evening. Nicholas Wagner was born in Alsas, France, on July 28, 1828, and emigrated to this country with his parents, where he settled in Ohio for a short time. He came to Adams county and settled in Washington township, one and one-half miles north of Monroe at the age of fourteen years. He was

married to Mary Everhart January 20, 1848. To this union were born ten children—six boys and four girls—four children having preceded their father to the great beyond. He was again married fifteen years ago to Catherine Bisel, who, together with the following children: John, Mrs. Sam Baker, Ira, Eli, Mrs. V. C. Laisure and Mrs. C. L. Silvers, survive him. Those who have preceded their father in death are: James, Alfred, Samuel and Sarah Wagner. Mr. Wagner was well known all over the county as "Uncle Nick," and was highly respected by all who knew him, always having a kind word for everybody, which was accompanied with his usual pleasant smile. He will be sadly missed by the home circle, and his many friends in Monroe. Funeral services were conducted at the Winchester U. B. church on Friday afternoon by the Rev. Thomas Wyer. Interment was made at the Ray cemetery beside his wife and children.

The jolly five, after a ten days' vacation, returned to their homes Wednesday morning at Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laughery of Colfax, Ind., were guests of friends here over the Fourth. Mr. Laughery was formerly principal of the Monroe high school several years, and was given a most cordial welcome by the Monroe people.

Jacob Welfley, a farmer living one and one-half miles south and one-half mile west of the Winchester church, while in Monroe Friday about 2:30 o'clock, after unloading a load of oats at the Monroe grain elevator, and loading on several sacks of mill feed, started up town, when his team took fright at a passing automobile and ran down Washington street where they collided with a telephone guy wire, throwing Mr. Welfley to the ground with terrific force. A young son, who was also on the wagon at the time, jumped to save himself, but the father was struck on the right side of the face by the hay rigging, which was completely raised from the running gears, and the sacks of feed were piled on his head and face. Several in the neighborhood, who saw the accident ran to the unfortunate man's assistance, and when extricated from his perilous position, he was thought to be dead. He was carried to the residence of James Stump and placed on a cot, and medical aid summoned. Mr. Welfley was unconscious for some time, but recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home in Jeff Leichty's automobile. When leaving he complained of severe pains in the back of his neck.

Paul Yonia, an Italian laborer of Fort Wayne, who was shot and killed by a fellow Italian on Monday evening as the result of quarreling and some trouble which they had been having for some time, is believed to have once been a resident of this city, and while here was in the employ of the Ward Fence company, having been in their employ for some years, coming here with them from Marion, when the establishment of their plant was made in this city. He followed the trade of blacksmith and was considered an excellent workman in his line. His family included a wife and five children, a son Sylvester, working for John Colchin in the candy kitchen, while another was also employed at the Ward Fence factory. He was known to be of a quiet disposition, enjoying a wide circle of friends and his company was much enjoyed. Seven or eight months ago he and his daughter, Mrs. C. B. Foreman, and he was employed in the Pennsylvania shops, and later at the Kerr-Murray Manufacturing company's plant, where he was employed at the time of his death. The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette contains the following concerning the affair:

Paul Yonia, an Italian, aged 30, employed in the boiler shops of the Kerr Murray works, was shot to death by a fellow Italian at the rooming house, 351 Melita street, shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the authorities are scouring the country for Raffaele Mastrino, who is said to have fired the shots. Yonia is said to have incurred the enmity of his slayer because he objected to the latter's attentions to his fifteen-year-old niece, and remonstrated with him during the afternoon. Mastrino, according to the statements of Italians in the neighborhood, had been forcing his attentions on the girl for weeks in spite of her protests. The shooting took place at Mastrino's boarding house, 351 Melita street, on the second floor and the assassin fired five shots in all, two of which took effect, one entering the left cheek and lodging in the mouth, while the second and fatal shot entered the sternum, ranged downward, almost severing the liver and lodging about three inches to the right of the spine.

Yonia fled from the house and started toward his own home at 349 Melita street, where he fell in the roadway, expiring before aid could reach him.

Mastrino, after the shooting, ran to the rear of the lot, dropping the smoking pistol in the alley, and then fled west along the Pennsylvania and Wash-bash tracks.

Patrolman Mike Brennan, who lives in the vicinity, was attracted by the shooting and arrived in time to give chase to the fugitive, who managed to outstrip him in the race. A son of the dead man also joined in the chase, but was outdistanced and trace of the murderer was lost for a time.

Mastrino was again heard from at the John J. Schnurr home, on the Miller road, west of Port Wayne, where he appeared without hat or coat and asked for some extra clothing. Mrs. Schnurr gave him a soft black hat, a pling bosomed shirt and a coat. From there Mastrino continued west.

As soon as the shooting was reported at police headquarters, a squad of officers was sent out with instructions to pay particular attention to the resorts in the rolling mill district, and the whole territory immediately west of the city was searched several times.

From a later story which developed it is believed that he walked to Dixon, Ohio, and from there going to Pittsburg, where he was captured by Detective Sergeant Pappert and returned to Fort Wayne, and his trial was set for this morning. He entered no plea of guilty, but is charged by the state with first degree murder.

#### Life Lines.

A pretty, a graceful figure and a witty tongue don't make a woman; these are all perishable, but a soul lives forever.—John Emery White.

"Work in the South" was the interesting study of the M. E. Woman's Missionary society at the home of Mrs. J. M. Miller Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Charles Dunn had a very interesting paper on the subject and there were talks and readings by other members of the society. Mrs. Emma Daniels, who has served faithfully as treasurer, tendered her resignation, on account of the other heavy demands on her time and strength, and to succeed her Mrs. J. M. Miller was elected treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Dunn, assistant. In spite of the excessive heat of the day, the attendance was very good, there being sixteen members and two guests present. Mrs. Miller was assisted by Mrs. David Flanders in serving delicious refreshments.

Miss Etta Mallonee was hostess to the Needlecraft club Thursday evening, the usual good time being in order. Music by Miss Esther Evans, Vernia Smith, Miss Mallonee and others was delightful, and the hostess was assisted by her nieces, the Misses Esther Evans and Mabel Mallonee in serving a delicious two-course luncheon. The club will hold a picnic in a grove near Monmouth in two weeks.

Mrs. Rebecca Eady and daughters, Irene and Vera, were entertained yesterday by Mrs. A. D. Artman and daughter, Ruby.

An automobile party came from Ft. Wayne Thursday afternoon and spent last evening as guests at the John Niblick home. The party included Mr. and Mrs. George Beers of Fort Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Numbers of Austin, Texas.

The Grandmothers' club will be entertained at dinner this noon by Mrs. Robert L. Harding, of South Harrison street. Mrs. Harding is not of an age to warrant her admission into a society that bears the name, but the club, decided that she possessed all the qualifications for membership and therefore elected her to join their number at a recent meeting. The older women, who formed the club several years ago, have taken in some of their younger friends, and the result is a happy one. The entertainment always includes an elaborate dinner for the members.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The Lady Macabees and their friends in the number of twenty-four or more were entertained at a social given Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Mel Butler on Winchester street. A very good musical program, including piano music by Misses Florine Edwards, Nellie Nichols, Glennis Mangold, Grace Butler, Dolores Ballenger, with a vocal solo also by Dolores Ballenger, contributed much to the pleasure. Miss Briles, district deputy, gave a very good talk pertaining to the work, and a flower contest, with other games, were in order. In the contest, Mrs. Asa Engle won first prize. Ice cream and cake were served.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Concord Lutheran church held its business and social meeting Thursday evening at the home of Miss Emma

Magley in Root township. They arranged to hold a social in the near future, and following the business there were games and music by Miss Helen Fonner. Those present were Helen Fonner, Catherine Christen, Hattie Wilder, Bessie Wilder, Frank and Fred Nye, Carrie Schindeldecker, Lawrence Lewton, Ellis Christen, Heber Fonner, Albert Johnson.

To Mr. Harry Funk, traveling salesman, and son-in-law of F. F. Frech, well known here, is due the credit for closing a deal which means the rejuvenation of the Decatur Packing plant—and this means much for the city and community, the employing of a large number of men, and a home market for cattle and hogs. The deal was closed Thursday afternoon in the directors' room of the Old Adams Co. bank, when the plant was purchased from Henry C. Fuhrman by Charles Chatlin and Charles Bolls, both of Mansfield, Ohio. The new owners left that afternoon for their home and will return in ten days or two weeks to supervise the remodeling and repairing of the plant. They will change the rendering plant, making it strictly modern and so it will pass the inspection of the health officials. Both Messrs. Chatlin and Bolls are experienced men in the business, having been connected with a similar concern at Mansfield for a number of years. They are young men, full of business and knowing the details as they do will make the business one of the best in Decatur. They will organize a company at Mansfield and will open the plant as soon as possible. A few days ago Mr. Funk listened to a conversation and learned the facts about the plant which has been idle for some months and immediately got busy, with the result that he arrived here Friday morning with the two men. That they are thorough business men is proven from the fact that they went through the plant, and closed up the deal shortly after noon that day. They look good to us and we believe they will make the packing house not only a good thing for the community but for themselves as well. The thanks of the community are due Mr. Funk. A few lifts like this help and the town should and will appreciate them. Both gentlemen will move here within a few weeks, bringing several experts with them.

A marriage license was issued last Thursday to Adelbert P. Chilson, born February 15, 1885, traveling salesman, of Bryan, Ohio, son of William R. Chilson, to wed Caroline Schaub, born February 9, 1888, daughter of Michael Fares. This is the second marriage of both.

A new suit filed by F. S. Armantrout of Geneva is entitled Peter, William, Grover and Elmer Baumgartner vs. William E. Lloyd, complaint on note, demand \$249.97.

#### BUY ROOMING ESTABLISHMENT.

The Misses Ada Fuhrman and Ruby Sheets, who have been in the west several months, have purchased a rooming establishment at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The establishment includes fourteen nicely furnished rooms and they expect to have a very nice business in that city of the west visited by so many tourists.

The first bunch of answers to the Missing Word Contest was examined at noon today and out of the bunch of one hundred and six answers placed in the ballot box there were eight correct answers given. The sixteenth letter opened proved to be the winner and was the answer of Miss Blanche Biggs, who resides at 509 North Fifth street, this city. The other correct answers were sent in by Miss Lucile Coppock, Miss Naomi Peterson, Miss Ireta Miller, Cecil Andrews of Decatur, Miss Ada Lammiman of Monroe and Mrs. B. C. Christen of this city. The words missing were "watch," from Lehne, the jeweler's advertisement and the word "sale" from the advertisement of Peoples & Gerke.

Several of the contestants seem to be misinformed concerning the contest. Please remember that there may be from two to six missing words and that you should seal your answer in a plain envelope and bring or send it to the Democrat office. The second insertion of the contest ad will be found on the back page of this issue and you can bring in your answers any time from 7 o'clock of the morning following the publication of the ad until Monday noon, at which time the ballot will again be examined. The winners as they are announced will call at this office and receive their order for the prize. With eight contestants sending in the correct solution the words cannot be very hard to find and you should send in an answer to the contest and try for one of the dollars for yourself.

And then, just one hundred and six answers to the first insertion of the contest is going some, and proves to the most critical that the advertisements are read, and read by many.

The Decatur and Geneva Hales will be represented at the Hale reunion to be held at the Muncie Fair grounds August 3rd, and are already looking forward with much pleasure to the event. Rev. B. E. Parker, son-in-law of J. D. Hale of this city, will give an address. The following program will be rendered:

Called to order by President James P. Hale.  
Song and Music.  
Prayer by Uncle Elisha Dewitt.  
Song and Music.  
Report of Secretary.  
Welcome Address by M. S. Tuttle.  
Death Record by O. K. Dawson.  
Response to the Welcome Address—President James P. Hale.  
Dinner at 12:00, noon.

#### Afternoon Session.

Called to order at 1:30.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Song—"All Hail the Power."  
Address—Uncle Elisha Dewitt.  
The Object of Our Reunion—E. E. Tuttle.  
Solo—Miss Vivian Hale, Geneva, Indiana.  
Address—Rev. B. Earl Parker, pastor First Methodist church, Hartford City, Ind.

#### Short Talks—Limited to five minutes.

Song.  
Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business.  
Dismissed by Song—"Blest be the Tie That Binds."

#### TO FEEBLE-MINDED HOME.

County Infirmary Superintendent and Mrs. Martin Laughlin and County Clerk James P. Haeffling left Friday morning for Fort Wayne accompanying Elmore Garwood and Nora Amstutz to the home for feeble-minded at that place. The two have been inmates of the county infirmary for some time and application for admission to the feeble-minded home was made several months ago by J. R. Graber, when he was superintendent of the county infirmary.

Frank Lichte, living two or three miles south of the city, and his father-in-law, Tise Uiman, had one of the narrowest escapes from death that has come to notice in this vicinity. They were standing in the barn on the Lichte farm during the electrical storm Thursday afternoon, when the structure was struck by lightning. A mare and colt which were standing in a stall not more than ten feet away from the two men were struck by the lightning and instantly killed. That the two men, standing so near, escaped, as did the barn, is considered miraculous. Seven other horses in the barn also escaped. An insurance of \$100 was carried on the mare.

#### BABY BOY.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flemming of this city are the happy parents of a baby boy, which made its arrival at their home Thursday night. All are doing well and much happiness abounds in the home.

#### Shosenberg Barn Burns.

The large barn (75 feet square) belonging to John Shosenberg in Blue Creek township, was struck by lightning Thursday afternoon during the electrical storm and burned, with all its contents, except five horses, which were gotten out. One of the horses was badly burned, however, about the mane and head. The contents included about five tons of new hay, all the harness, all buggies except one in an out-shed, all farm implements (except a corn plow which had been loaned), and many other things. The loss will run up into the thousands, with only five hundred dollars' insurance carried on the barn. The family were all at home at the time, but the blaze ed out over the entire barn at once, and nothing could be done to extinguish it.

#### HART PROPERTY SOLD.

At a public sale conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Commissioner D. B. Erwin, at the east door of the court house, J. S. McCrory purchased the old Jacob S. Hart homestead on Monroe street for \$2,335. Ben Rice purchased a lot and two houses on Seventh street, north of the Brock property for \$720. These are considered great bargains.

#### BAPTIST EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

Beginning this evening, the evangelistic services, begun Wednesday evening at the Baptist church, will open at 8 o'clock in the evening, instead of at 7:30 o'clock. Though only two meetings have yet been held, the interest is already high and the campaign promises to be unusually productive of good.

A marriage license was issued Thursday evening to Adelbert P. Chilson, a traveling salesman of Bryan, Ohio, and Mrs. Caroline Schaub, a prominent lady of this city. The cou-

ple then left, presumably for Bryan, Ohio, where the wedding probably took place, though their exact plans were unknown to any of their friends here. Mrs. Schaub had been at Bryan, Ohio, several days, where their home was presumably gotten into readiness, and they arrived here Thursday evening, getting the marriage license and then departing. The groom is a traveling salesman for a Cleveland hardware firm, and has made regular visits here at the Schaub, Gottmoller & Company's hardware store in the interest of his firm, and is well liked. It was while here two years ago, demonstrating his company's ranges at the fair that he became acquainted with Mrs. Schaub, through her son, Fred Schaub, a member of the local hardware firm and their acquaintance has gradually ripened into love. The marriage of Mrs. Schaub follows closely that of her son, Fred Schaub, which took place a week ago last Wednesday, June 28th, and who are expected home this evening from their wedding trip. Though her Decatur friends knew of Mrs. Schaub's intended wedding the date and details connected therewith were not divulged to any here.

#### INFIRMARY STACK STRUCK.

Lightning Causes \$300 Damage at the Infirmary.

The smoke stack on the wash house at the county infirmary was struck by lightning Thursday during the electrical storm and damaged to the extent of \$300.

Henry Oetting, aged sixty years, and one of the prominent men of this county, is lying in a very serious condition at his home in Root township as the result of an accident which he fell from late Wednesday evening while at work on the home place. He was helping to unload a load of hay by putting it into the mow, and his part of the work was the guarding of the fork on the wagon. He had been working away, hard, as usual, after a long day of work, when all at once everything appeared black before him and he fell backwards to the barn floor below. He was at once picked up by those with whom he had been working, being unconscious when carried to the house and in a serious condition. His head was badly crushed, as well as his sides, several ribs being fractured, his ear cut, while his shoulder, upon which he fell was badly bruised, the ligaments having all been torn loose and the clavicle jerked from its socket, rendering it very painful. Dr. Clark was sent for, he arriving upon the spot in thirty minutes after the accident happened, and bandaged the man's wounds as best he could, and after an hour he regained consciousness. Mr. Oetting is still suffering much pain and the chances for a complete recovery are somewhat doubtful.

L. A. Holthouse, proprietor of the Fashion Stables, has closed a deal for the purchase of the Railing property on First street just east and adjoining his big stables and will immediately begin the erection of a large and modern automobile garage. The new building will be of brick, absolutely fireproof and up to the minute in every particular, with a twenty-foot drive extending through from Second street. It will cover the entire lot, 60x32 feet, one story, with an entrance on Second street for the tourist machines that come this way and a First street entrance for the local autoists. It will be kept open day and night, this being possible because of the livery business. The barn on the west end of this lot will be sold down at once and the house will be sold for the high dollar. Work on the new building will begin as soon as these properties are out of the way and will be completed by early fall. The new garage will be the best in this section of the state and a credit to the city. It will be constructed strictly modern, good care being taken of all machines there, and Mr. Holthouse, recognizing the fact that the auto has come to stay, is evidently building for the future.

Mr. Holthouse has the agency for the Overland car and will push the sale of that high-class machine for all it's worth.

John Hocker and family of Fort Wayne spent the Fourth here with relatives.

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