

TREES TO HONOR WORLD WAR MEN

St. Joseph County Will Supply
Lincoln Highway With
Shade.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 8.—Plans are completed by the St. Joseph County Memorial Tree Association for planting several thousand trees along the Lincoln Highway in commemoration of this county's young manhood participating in the World War, and immediate steps are to be taken to carry out the work.

Charles C. Deam, State forester under the Indiana Conservation department, was driven over the route recently and advised as to the species to plant which will thrive best in the several soils encountered.

The entire county is organized with business, manufacturing, civic and agricultural interests supporting the project. The general plan of the executive committee is to sell the trees at cost plus cost of planting. The first step toward completion of the memorial project is to make a map of the highway through this county. This map will be forty feet long and forty-two inches wide and on a scale of 200 feet to the inch. It will designate the location of each road leading off the main highway, each building and each tree planted, leaving sufficient space to place the name of the person to which each tree is dedicated.

The idea of planting trees along the Lincoln Highway is strictly for a memorial purpose and it has no connection with any movement to reforest Indiana. Mr. Deam pointed out that aside from the sentimental connection of roadside tree planting, and the fact trees along roads are a benefit in that they beautify the drive and temper the weather in all seasons, they have no great economic use. While here he took occasion to urge the St. Joseph county farmers to plant their idle and unfruitful acres to forests, pointing out that the timber the public will need 100 years hence must be started in the form of trees growing today.

The Lincoln Highway is 31.4 miles outside the city in St. Joseph county, which cost \$600,000 into world war service. There is also a movement here to plant memorial trees along the Dixie Highway in this county.

SINGER RETURNS TO AMERICA



Miss Stella Lamont, young American operatic prima donna, who has been singing with great success in the principal opera houses of Italy and Cuba for the last three seasons, has returned to her native land and in all probability will be a member of one of the two leading grand opera companies in this country next season.

STREET WORK IS HIGH THIS YEAR

Material Cost More and Contractors Pay Heavy Interest on Capital.

Tight money conditions are causing Indianapolis property owners to pay from 15 to 20 per cent extra for street improvements this year, according to city officials. In addition to meeting material prices which are higher than before the war period the citizens must shoulder the increased burden of financing improvement projects which the contractors must pay from the banks.

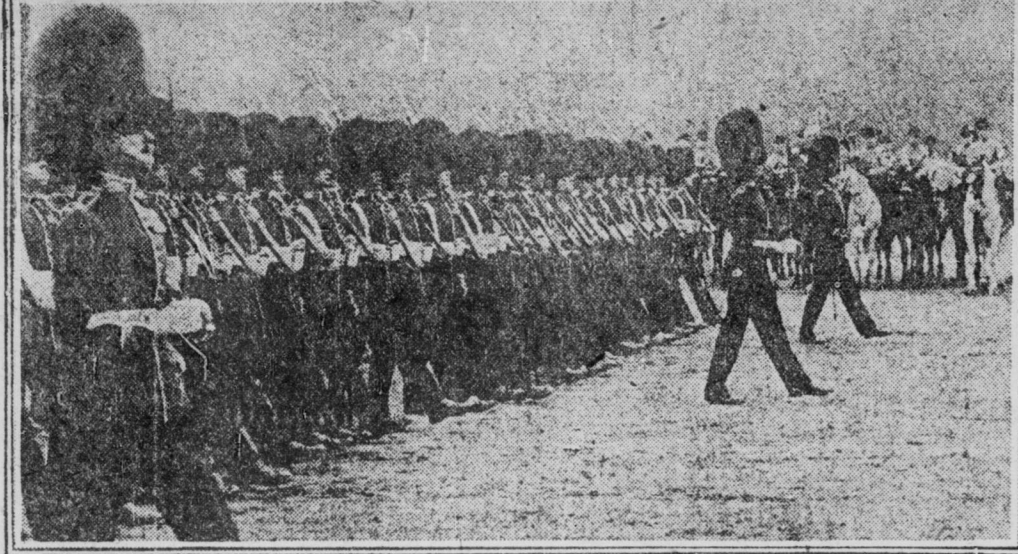
Few, if any, street contractors operate upon their own capital. When one of them is awarded a contract for, say, the permanent improvement of a street, he borrows money from the banks with which to pay for material and labor. Under present conditions he has to pay between 7 and 8 per cent interest, usually 8 per cent. Sometimes the rate goes even higher, one contractor having reported to the city civil engineer's office that he had to pay 12 per cent, the excess over the legal 8 per cent being in the form of 2 per cent in commission and 2 per cent in discount.

When the job is completed the builder does not get paid in cash. As a rule, about 80 per cent of what is coming to him is paid in Barrett law bonds because that part of the property owners assessed for the improvement elect to pay their share under the ten-year instead of cash plan. The contractor then pays off his note to the bank chiefly in Barrett law bonds. The banks, however, do not take the bonds at par at present. Under the law they bear only 6 per cent and the financiers usually put from 5 to 10 per cent discount upon them. Most of the securities now are sold at 90. Here is another 10 per cent loss for the contractor.

Property owners cannot be blamed for paying under the Barrett law, it is said, because they have to pay only 6 per cent interest, whereas they can loan the money at 7 per cent or even higher rate.

The contractor does not shoulder the 8 to 12 per cent cost of his borrowed money nor the 5 to 10 per cent loss on his Barrett law bonds, according to city engineers. He merely figures an extra

KING OF ENGLAND'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED



King George of England was present at the ceremony of Trooping the Colors and the Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards and Scots Guards took part in the demonstrations to honor the birthday of the King and Queen.

Rev. Gavisk Appeals for Near East Help

As a member of the Indiana State committee of Near East relief, the Rev. Francis H. Gavisk is taking a deep interest in Armenian bundle day, scheduled for next Tuesday. Speaking of the appeal today, Father Gavisk said:

"The Near East relief committee appeals to the people of Indianapolis for clothing for Armenians and has designated Tuesday, July 12, as bundle day for the collection of bundles of clothing to be sent to the Near East. In that distressed land, through no fault of

theirs, men, women and children are now reduced to rags and are using old sacks for clothing, and they are looking to generous America for warm clothing to protect them against the bitter blasts of an Armenian winter. Humanity calls and suffering and perhaps death may be easily averted by us in contributing some article of wearing apparel from our superfluous stock. Let each of us look into his closet and we are sure to find some garment no longer in use—but what a find for some poor unfortunate in the Near East.

"To clothe the naked" is one of the corporal works of mercy. The quota of Indianapolis is one carload. There ought to be enough bundles delivered next Tuesday to fill many cars."

'Mabel' Narration Continued With Her in Role of Heroine

Truant Hunts Husband, Home and Happiness by Climbing Down Fire Escape—All Three Escape Her.

By LAUREL C. THAYER.

City Court Probation Officer.

Climbing down a fire escape in the dead of night in a desperate dash for freedom may not be the approved way to show one's appreciation of medical service, but it, at least, has the virtue of originality.

Had the fire alarm struck at 10 o'clock one night last winter no one would have been more alarmed than Mabel, as she directed three pairs of bare feet down the narrow iron steps of the fire escape leading from the third floor of the city hospital. The owners of the feet had taken this method of thinking the city for the raw its hospital had given them.

Mabel, whose so-called home was described in a recent Times article, was the most dangerous of the three because of her dare-devil desperation.

She must either return to an overcrowded home, where poverty, noise, misunderstanding and dissension was the daily diet, or else be whisked off to an institution.

If successful, there was freedom and later, perhaps, marriage and a home of her own. Who knows?

The stake was worth playing for. The older of her friends was a State institution, formerly resident of a State institution for incorrigibles, and a familiar figure in both the juvenile and city courts.

Physically, she was large, loosely hung together, sleepy-eyed, unattractive; mentally, a child. She, too, had an abusive stepmother given to chasing her away from home when she resented cooking and washing dishes for the numerous children.

Successful in side-stepping work, she had once managed to find employment in a factory, rooming with a family near by. Neither work nor girl lasted long.

FACTORY WORK BECOMES DRUDGERY.

Recalling to her hospital pals, one day, this case of work in a factory of idleness, she had said: "Gee, I sure did hate to climb those stairs to my room. Nothin' to it. Worked all day at the factory; got supper at a joint on West Washington street; if I had any money left, went to a picture show; and then went to my room. Family down stairs never came up. I'd a dropped dead if they had asked me to visit 'em. Seemed like they never knew I was alive 'cept on rent day. You bet, they never forgot that. Even when I was sick once they never came up."

"Couldn't you get on the porch?" came from a childish voice in the corner. "No, street. Not there. That was for the family and I didn't belong. Used to go up and set in the park, and one night I met the dandiest feller. Gee, but he was swell. Next night he took me out to supper, and when I got canned at the factory, he gave me some money."

Two years ago, this girl was arrested at the home of some colored "friends." It was 6 o'clock when her trial was finished in city court. She had no money. Nobody knew where she was to spend the night.

Neither the State of Indiana nor the city of Indianapolis is equipped for the institutional care of delinquent young women over eighteen.

Because of the fact, and because this case illustrates the present very wasteful, ineffective method of dealing with her, we quote from her hospital record:

Aug. 16. Discharged from city hospital.

Sept. 15. Rearrested and entered hospital.

Sept. 23. Dismissed.

Sept. 27. Readmitted by city court.

Oct. 10. Blind intelligence test given. Girl, thought 18, has mentality of 9-year-old child. Completed sixth grade in school.

Oct. 25. Tried to escape through the attic. Caught her foot in the attic floor, fell and was discovered.

Nov. 10. Went down the fire-escape with two other girls and got away.

Nov. 11. Picked up by United States Public Health Service officer and brought into city court. Fined. Girl had no money, and was sent to the woman's prison for thirty days.

Dec. 19. Readmitted to hospital one week after she was released from woman's prison. Almost unconsciously drunk when arrested.

Not an encouraging record. Neither was there much to encourage the baby-girl that morning, eighteen years ago, when first she opened her eyes on this old world of ours.

GIRL'S FATHER WAS DRUNKARD.

The third young lady on the fire escape is the daughter of a hard-working mother. Her father had decamped to parts unknown while the child was in her basket cradle. Like her mother, she was used to toil. Tired body and jaded nerves sought lights and laughter when the day's work was done; sought youth and found only those who would mar her life.

This was the trio.

Children Make Most of Few City Pools



From left to right the scenes are: Above—Swimming pool at Ringgold avenue city playground; swimming pool at the Belmont street city playground. Below—Two small wading pools in the Fairview Park wading pool; the wading pool at Fairview Park.

Of course, it's generally conceded that a boy and the up-to-date small girl like to swim, but to obtain a definite idea of how many like to swim and how much they like to swim one should visit either the swimming pool at the Ringgold avenue city playground, between Orange street and Cottage avenue, or the swimming pool at the Belmont street city playground, north of Twenty-second street—or just out to Fairview Park and see the youngsters splashing around in the wading pool there as though they had truly found the "fountain of youth."

And in addition to these two city swimming pools—the Ringgold pool for white children and the Belmont avenue pool for little colored folk—arrangements have been made whereby use is made part of the time of the pool at the colored Y. M. C. A., and arrangements are also being made so that the children of Indianapolis will have the best city swimming pools in the country.

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little hope of the girl escaping serious consequences.

"Often when the home is not entirely degraded there are conditions of crowding and poverty which lead to misfortune. Working all day, the girls are often obliged to help at home in the evening; and if they live in a crowded house, they must go on the streets to receive their friends. They are thus practically forced on the street for social life."

"The poor of the working class usually rear large families, and the income is proportionately small. The responsibilities are often too heavy, and the parents cannot wait until the children are 14 years old before they are sent out to help support the family. Many girls are deflected because they are obliged to turn over their earnings to their father or mother. Naturally, where children are 14 contribute to the support of the family, they pass beyond the parents' control. A self-supporting individual becomes, in the nature of things, a self-directing individual, and the parents become less exerting about morals when they become dependent on the use of the child's wages."

"There are, too, of course, in our cities many girls who are, in fact, homeless, who live in unprotected ways in boarding and lodging houses. The practice of taking boarders in the congested district results in the breaking down of moral standards. Many young girls who are nominally under the protection of their own families are victims of neglect."

Those familiar with the "residential districts" to which we do not take our out-of-town guests on sight-seeing trips know that many of the conditions referred to in Chicago can be duplicated in Indianapolis.

West Side Church to Be Dedicated Sunday

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, located on West Walnut street, between Tremont avenue and Belle View place, will be dedicated tomorrow. The Rev. H. Schenke will perform the main dedicatory ceremony at the morning service and the Rev. F. W. Scherman, pastor of St. Peter's church, will deliver the sermon. The Rev. J. R. Mathias, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, will speak at the afternoon service at 2:30 o'clock and the address at the evening ceremony will be delivered by E. H. Meinen. There will be special music at all three services, including organ and voice solos. The church was purchased by the Haugeville Lutherans from a small Quaker congregation, now disbanded.

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'Good Citizenship House' to Be Founded by Women

Organization Planned to Establish Civic Center to Develop All That Pertains to Women's Work for Country.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Under the leadership of notable women of the national capital, the National Foundation has organized to provide a great national civic center in Washington which shall give American women concrete expression of the growing civic consciousness of womanhood and promote the study and advancement of civic and educational and welfare work.

A national "clubhouse of good citizenship" is the immediate aim, and to further this, the foundation plans, comprising a score of acres and a stately old mansion in the heart of northwest Washington, has been purchased by the founders and incorporated in the organization an already many clubs and organizations throughout the country have applied for space in the foundation.

Headed by Mrs. C. C. Calhoun of Washington as president, the incorporators include Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia, widow of former Senator of West Virginia; Mrs. George Barnett, wife of Major-General Barnett, U. S. M. C.; Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Mrs. Janet Richards, the noted lecturer and club woman; Mrs. Henry D. Flood, wife of Representative Flood of Virginia; Mrs. Deles Blodgett of Michigan, former corresponding secretary general of the D. A. R.; Mrs. Marie Moore Forrest, Mrs. James Carroll Fraser, Mrs. Frederick Chapin, Mrs. Thomas B. Chardart, Mrs. Rafael R. Govin, Mrs. E. Bayard Halstead, Miss Katherine Judge, Mrs. Charles B. Howry, Mrs. Francis B. Junkin, Mrs. Victor Kaufman, Mrs. James McDonald, Mrs. H. C. Reed, Mrs. Joseph Thropp, Mrs. Harold Walker, Mrs. William M. Ritter, Mrs. Walter Wilcox, Mrs. Charles Broughton Wood, Mrs. E. P. Grandin, Mrs. Charles G. Matthews and Mrs. Denn Caldwell.

MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK.

Steps are now being taken to awaken interest in the project in other cities. A meeting was held in New York City last week and among the well known women who agreed to become actively interested were Mrs. Burrell Hoffman, Mrs. Francis Yawger, prominent in New York federation circles; Mrs. Oliver H. Harriman and Mrs. Preston Satterwaite.

Membership in the foundation is both by individual and by organization. An invitation is extended by the founders to every woman in the United States to become part of this nation-wide movement by joining the foundation.

The formation of national and State committees and local chapters will begin at once and many prominent and influential women from all parts of the country have pledged support and interest to it already. Local chapters having fifty members will be entitled to a delegate in the national congress of the foundation, which will be held in Washington yearly.

TO PROMOTE CIVIC WORK.

Speaking of the purposes of the project, Mrs. Calhoun said:

"The Woman's National Foundation has been established to promote the nation-wide civic consciousness of womanhood, in which the founding purpose is to be considered girls in character, or that is in any way associated with the study or advancement of civics or the promotion of educational or welfare work; in fact, the foundation plans embrace all that pertains to women's work in relation to good citizenship."

"In this connection it is proposed to establish an institute of statecraft for women, in which will be taught parliamentary law, public speaking, diplomatic usage, languages, sociology, economics, methods of government and physical training."

"We are the mothers, wives and sisters of the race, the national housekeepers of the Nation, and it behooves us to see that our house is put in order and kept clean. That is something that we can do. Women must study the science of government and perhaps we can assist in reorganizing a disorganized world. We must study Americanism and try to bring back to the nation the standards and the high idealism which stand solid front against lascivious propaganda which is endeavoring to disintegrate us."

NOT TO SUBORDINATE ANY ONE CLUB.

"One of the objects of the foundation, which has secured the famous and historic Dean place, easily accessible to the center and the notable public buildings, is to invite the clubs and club members who want to do what they have a club of their own at the Nation's capital to come to these beautiful grounds and pick out a site and build their own clubhouse to take a place in the main building. We are not going to attempt to subordinate any club. We want them to live their lives and guard their own interests, but the foundation will supplement the work and add to it. In this central clubhouse will be a swimming pool and gymnasium, reading rooms, a good restaurant; in fact, it will be a club hotel, which will give the greatest possible comfort at the lowest prices to the different members."

"Then we plan a theater or opera house, which I have no doubt the zoning authorities will permit when they realize our purposes. Our auditorium must be in any way interfere with the plans for the Washington memorial which is to be a needed convention hall, with space for patriotic societies. We plan to have a place for drama and chamber music."

FOUR MEN GIVEN FINES AND DAYS

Judge Deals Severely With Petit Larceny Offenders.

Four men arrested on charges of petit larceny were severely dealt with in city court yesterday afternoon by Judge Walter Pritchard.

John A. Brown, 715 Lexington avenue, who was employed by the G. and J. Tire Company as a night man, was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to ninety days on the Indiana State farm. Detectives Rademacher and Peats, who made the arrest, said Brown stole several tools used in the manufacture of tires.

Thomas Morris, who gave his address as "city," was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to sixty days on the State farm. Detectives Rademacher, Peats, Roche and Fosatti said Morris stole \$10 from William B. Haywood, 348 North Addison street.

Melvin Cleveland, 2340 North Illinois street, and Everett Rider, 3700 North Meridian street, arrested by Metropolitan Schlangen and Lowe, were each fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to twenty days in jail. Cleveland and Rider were arrested in a garage owned by John A. Littleton, 3303 Kenwood avenue, where police said they were stripping Mr. Littleton's automobile of tires and other accessories.

HEADS NEW POLAR EXPEDITION



Sir Ernest Shackleton will sail from London late in August with a party of explorers to chart 10,000 miles of remote Atlantic regions. The enterprise will be known as the Shackleton-Rossett Oceanographical and Atlantic Expedition.