

HOUSE OF DAVID 'PILLAR' AND 'VIRGIN' NABBED IN FLIGHT

MEMORIAL DAY
PROGRAM WILL
BE COMPLETED

Tentative Arrangements In-
clude Monument, Ceme-
tary Observations.

Plans for the local observance of Memorial day by the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion and similar patriotic organizations will be made at a meeting May 18, immediately after the State encampment of the G. A. R. at Muncie. Tentative arrangements for the annual program at the Monument and at Crown Hill were discussed at a meeting on Wednesday night.

Several organizations including the National Guard, Regular Army detachment, Sons of Veterans and women's allied societies will take part in the parade. At Wednesday night's meeting the following committees were appointed: Transportation, Frank Shellhouse; flags, William L. Heiskel, H. L. Trueblood and Mrs. Nellie K. Stammel; speakers, E. S. Shumaker, Zack T. Landers and Mrs. Emma Finch; grounds and evergreens, O. M. Wright and William G. Wright; Soldiers' and Sailors' monument, Daniel H. McBee, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Manuel, C. C. Moon, George Shuttler, Mrs. Mandie Shull, Mrs. Melvin Moon, J. R. Richards, C. F. Williams, Fred Byers, Mrs. Marie C. Williams, Mrs. Naomi McCombs, Mrs. Gertrude Kremer, Mrs. Grace E. Hoffmeyer, Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Mrs. H. T. Reynolds; Mt. Jackson cemetery, Mrs. Madge Frady, Harry Lidley, A. B. Woods, W. P. Reagan, Mrs. Elizabeth Austin; Floral Park cemetery, William P. Reagan and Mahlon D. Butler; grand stand and decorations at Crown Hill cemetery, A. Lucien Pauley; Anderson cemetery, W. R. Shearer, B. W. Cole and James Stevenson; Holy Cross cemetery, A. B. Charpier and Mrs. Madge Frady; New Crown cemetery, Henry Lowe; Memorial Park cemetery, Irvington post No. 38, American Legion.

CHURCH OPPOSES
CITY FEDERATION

Christians Split With Local
Ecclesiastical Body.

Sessions of the Christian restoration conference were continued at the Hillside Christian Church, Ingram and Nevada Sts., today. Delegates representing Christian churches from the Seventh Congressional District and from various other parts of Indiana were in attendance.

An international conference in Indianapolis this fall was suggested by the resolutions committee. A special committee to prepare tentative plans was appointed.

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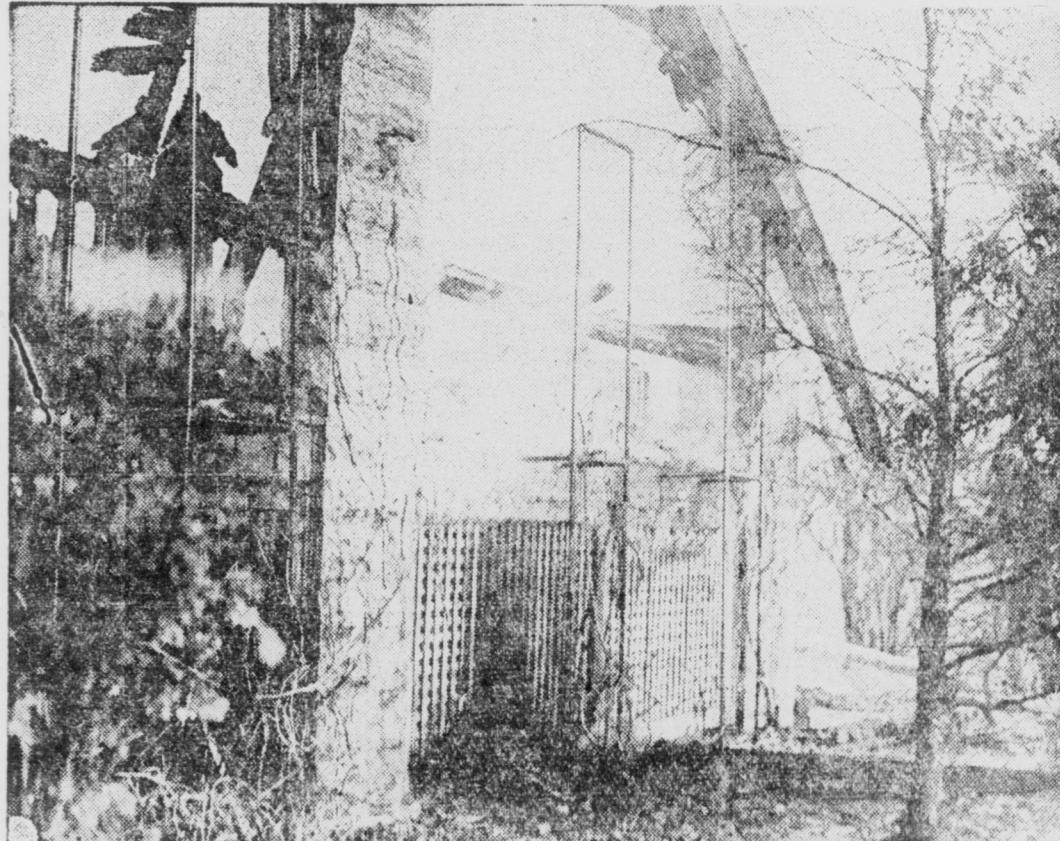
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Tires Are Stolen

Two automobile tires were missing today from the car of Joe Sanders, 1543 N. Rural St. The tires, valued at \$40, were stolen from the automobile while it was parked in the rear of the Rural St. house.

Fire Razes Old Fletcher Homestead



RUINS OF FLETCHER HOME

The old Stoughton A. Fletcher home, Bluff Rd. and Troy Ave., was in ruins today following a fire late Wednesday believed to have been caused by sparks on the roof. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. The property

was owned by the Catholic Cemetery Association of Indianapolis.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Elmer Snider, wife of the caretaker of the house and grounds, shortly before 3 p. m. and an alarm was immediately

sent to the city fire department. Neighbors rushed to the fire and carried out all of the household goods on the first floor.

Firemen were forced to pump water from a creek more than a quarter of a mile away.

**'HUSBAND' OFFERS
TO PROVE WIFE IS
NOT CLARA PHILLIPS**

Jesse Carsen, Held in Hon-
duras, Tallys With Los
Angeles Man.

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TEGUCIGLAPA, Honduras, April 26.—The complete story of the woman held in jail here as Clara Phillips, the "hammer slayer" of Los Angeles, was told today by Jesse C. Carsen, who claims to be her husband.

In his cell at the National penitentiary Carsen offered proof of the innocence of himself, his wife and the Mrs. R. M. Young, who are being held for United States authorities.

"I know nothing of Clara Phillips, except through the newspapers," he said earnestly. "It is ridiculous to think that my wife is a murderer."

Carsen admitted that he knew little of his wife's sister, Mrs. Young, "except that she lived in Poughkeepsie, N. Y." (Previous dispatches indicated Mrs. Young also was suspected of being Clara Phillips).

He said he had complete documents in his trunk to prove the identity of all of them.

Carsen said he married the woman as Clara Phillips in November, 1913, and that he is the representative of American capitalists who are seeking investments in Central American enterprises.

BLIND TIGERS ALLEGED

Cases of five men facing blind tiger charges today in city court following their arrest by Claude Worley, Investigator for Criminal Court, and Sheriff Snider, were continued until May 3.

The information leading to the arrest Wednesday was furnished by the Ku-Klux Klan investigators.

Those arrested: Jack Cristoff, 24, and John Bonan, 28, both of 752 Ketcham St.; John Boster, 35, of 2803 W. Tenth St.; Vonel Steffel, 43, of 516 W. Washington St., and Arthur

SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS NAMED BY GOVERNOR

Historical, Medical and Prison Com-
missions Included.

Seven appointments to State boards and commissions were announced today by Governor McCray. Dr. Thomas J. Moran of Lafayette, member of the Purdue faculty, was appointed to a four-year membership on the State historical commission to succeed the Rev. Matthew J. Walsh of South Bend.

Dr. Eldridge Shanklin of Hammond was reappointed to the State board for medical registration and examination and J. U. Maynard of Winchester to a four-year term on the State board of embalmers.

The entire board of trustees for the women's prison, Indianapolis, was re-appointed for four-year terms. Members are Mrs. Charlotte J. Dunn of Indianapolis, Mrs. Alice W. Poynter of Sullivan, Miss Margaret M. Neddy of Martinsville and Mrs. Lenora E. Kealing of Indianapolis.

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**MRS. MARY HEROD
FUNERAL FRIDAY**

Service Will Be Held in Cen-
tral Christian Church.

Funeral services of Mrs. Mary A. Herod, 57, wife of William P. Herod, 118 E. Thirteenth St., who died at her home Wednesday, will be held at 10 a. m. on Friday at the residence.

The Rev. Alan B. Philpott, pastor of the Central Christian Church, will have charge of the services. Funeral and the burial in Crown Hill will be private.

Mrs. Herod was the daughter of Bergen Applegate, for years a leading merchant. She was a granddaughter of Dr. John Saunders.

Mrs. Herod was an active worker for the Red Cross during the World War, and was a member of the Central Christian Church.

Besides her husband, two sons, William Rogers Herod of Schenectady, N. Y., and Bergen Applegate Herod of Philadelphia, Pa., and a daughter, Mrs. Nelson Graves of Buffalo, N. Y., survive.

WILLIAM F. SMITH TO HEAD SCHOOLS

Elwood High School Principal
Receives Appointment.

By Times Special

ELWOOD, Ind., April 26.—At a special meeting of the school board today, William F. Smith, principal of the high school, was appointed superintendent of the city schools, to succeed Arthur W. Konold, whose resignation becomes effective at the close of his present contract, July 31.

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**Paralysis of Boy's Limbs Cured
Without Drugs or Surgery**

Indianapolis Youth Stricken With Infantile
Paralysis Two Years Ago Now
Plays Ball With Other Boys.

In March, 1921, Melvin Berryman, a boy 14, living at 35 North De Quincy St., this city, had quite a serious illness. After he was somewhat improved it was noticed that he had lost control of his limbs and could not even move a toe. It was later determined that he had a well defined case of infantile paralysis. He could not move himself at all and had to be lifted from one chair to another.

After some consideration his parents decided to try Dr. Ellery, 364 Odd Fellows building, who had had success with several similar cases. The progress was slow, but sure and after a time he was able to go about with the aid of crutches. Since November,

1922, he has been able to walk naturally and last fall played basketball and this spring will be playing baseball like every red blooded American boy wants to do. Melvin and his parents are well pleased and wish to give Dr. Ellery credit for these favorable results.

Some of the local members of the medical profession are acquainted with the progress made in this case and have made some very favorable comments.

Other Diseases Cured

Most diseased conditions are a result of congestion, which is caused by an unequalized distribution of nerve impulses and as a consequence there is an imperfect circulation of the blood, upon which the health of all tissues of the body depend.

Dr. Ellery's methods are just as effective in cases of stomach trouble, liver trouble, headaches, constipation, various forms of rheumatism, adenitis, trouble, lumbago, sciatica, asthma, neuritis, colitis, etc. These conditions are caused by defective nerve impulse and when this is corrected a normal condition or health is established.

In August, 1922, some of the Indianapolis papers gave an account of a man in Vermont who had been stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of 14. It further stated that after being in a wheel chair for 39 years and having his limbs in a plaster cast for 30 weeks that he was operated upon and that at the time of writing the article he could take five faltering steps.

One of the papers headed the article "A Modern Miracle."

Melvin Berryman of Indianapolis is considerably ahead of the Vermont man who was operated upon in a New York hospital.

He did not have to wait 39 years for results.

He can not only take five steps but he can take as many as he likes and go where he pleases.

The results on this Indianapolis boy were attained without drugs or surgery.—Advertisement.

Judge and Cult Attorney in Near Fist Fight Over Jailing of
Girl From Colony—Other Leaders
Are Missing.

By United Press

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 26.—Flight of high officials of the House of David, following revelations of immorality among members of the colony, was interrupted by sheriff's deputies today.

Benjamin Hill, one of the "seven pillars" of the colony, accompanied by a "virgin" member, was taken into custody at Stevensville railroad station, seven miles south of here, by Sheriff George Bridgeman.

The couple had checked several trunks and other baggage to Chicago. The sheriff believes Hill planned to join "King" Benjamin Purnell, ruler of the colony, who has been missing since the first of the year.

Hill and the woman were taken back to St. Joseph and held under guard at a hotel. The "pillar" promised to go before the investigation being conducted by Judge Dingeman and reveal the inside workings of the cult.

The sheriff said he had information three other high officials of the cult had escaped during the night.

Other developments overnight in the one man grand jury investigation in which startling admissions of immorality have been obtained from supposedly virgin wives and celibate husbands, include:

The halting by Attorney General Andrew B. Dougherty, in charge of the investigation of a "group marriage."

Jailing of Phoebe Robertson, 17, one of the would-be brides.

A threatened fist fight between Judge Dewhurst, chief attorney for the colony, and Judge Dingeman, followed by Sheriff Bridgeman grappling bodily with the attorney and tossing him out of the county jail.

The sensational developments came at the first night session of the inquiry. Word reached Attorney Dougherty that a group marriage was planned at the colony. Witnesses have testified the marriages are merely a cloak to protect the cult's leaders, who do not follow the rules of a continental life, laid down by "King" Benjamin.

Dougherty ordered County Clerk Frank Hall to hold up licenses for the weddings and sent out deputies to bring in the proposed brides. He wished to find out if they were going to the ceremony of their own free will and if they had ever been subjected to any religious rites based on immorality.

One of the brides was taking a bath, another was ill and a third was at a farm and could not appear.

Finally deputies located Phoebe Robertson. She had a bad memory and could not answer any of Dougherty's important questions. The attorney general ordered her jailed and held as a material witness until she recovers her memory.

Bessie Daniels, an attractive blonde of 18, was also quizzed but she had been secretly married the previous night.

Dewhurst visited Judge Dingeman in an effort to obtain the release of Phoebe.

By what authority do you imprison this girl?" Dewhurst demanded of the judge after brushing by deputies guarding the room where the secret investigation was in progress.

"Ample," the judge replied.

"Where is the law?" Dewhurst shouted, waving his arms wildly.

"Test it and I will show you," Judge Dingeman replied, advancing toward his adversary.

Deputies held the two men as the judge clinched his fists.

Dewhurst then proceeded to the coun-

try jail, where a like encounter with the sheriff followed.

"So you are in with that bunch, too, are you?" Dewhurst asked the sheriff.

Bridgeman picked up the attorney and tumbled him out the door.

Testimony of three former members of the cult was heard late Wednesday. One told of alleged indecent exposure of "King" Benjamin; a second of stories of midnight rites, and a third of seeing three leaders in the cult attack a girl.

The park, after being fed, the wolves changed their manner and allowed attacks to hold their chains, while they explored their new home.

The wolves were donated to the park by D. L. Prall of Seymour, Ind.

The "Hoosier Twins," as they are known, were caught in the Southern part of the State. On arrival here their names were changed to "Archie" and "Harry," by General Manager Archie Colter and Harry Driscoll, secretary of the company operating the zoo.

"Harry" tried to tear the trouser leg off of his namesake the first time they met.

Archie and