

INSANE ARE JAILED WHILE IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION

BANK AND FARM RELATION TOPIC OF PURDUE MEET

Interests of Both Closely
Affiliated in Indiana, Key-
note of Conference.

By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 12.—A farmer-banker conference, attended by the agricultural commission of American Bankers Association, officers and the agricultural committee of the Indiana Bankers Association and by leaders of farmers' organization throughout the State, was held at Purdue University today.

Burton H. Smith, chairman of the agricultural commission of the American Bankers Association, said the bankers organization realized the agricultural interests of the country needed intelligent active assistance and were anxious to do everything in their power to help.

C. S. Kitterman, of Cambridge City, president of the Indiana Bankers Association, pledged the support of the Indiana bankers in the development of any practicable farm program.

Farm and Bank Relations

"Indiana banks will prosper when agriculture prospers," he said. "When agriculture is not successful, the banks inevitably feel the pinch. The problem now is to know just what is most needed in the way of assistance for the farmers. When the farmers again return to a measure of prosperity, the entire economic status of the middle west will be changed."

During the morning the visitors studied the experimental work in beef cattle, sheep and hog feeding and the results of this work were presented by F. G. King, of the animal husbandry department.

Cooperative Program

Director G. I. Christie of the university agricultural extension department, presented a program for agricultural development which calls for the support of bankers, farm organizations, business men's associations, the university and all other interested agencies.

The agricultural commission of the bankers' association is holding a series of conferences at agricultural colleges throughout the country, and was to leave here late today for Ames, Iowa.

MRS. HESS ASKS DIVORCE

Wife Says Husband Misrepresented Number of Children.

Alimony of \$35,000 and divorce from George H. Hess, 1509 Monticello St., real estate dealer, is asked in a suit filed in Circuit Court by Mrs. Hazel T. Hess.

In her complaint Mrs. Hess alleged Hess told her before their marriage in 1920 that he had three children, but that he really had five, all grown who lived with them and abused her. Hess was "close in his finances" and all the clothes he bought her were one wrap, a dress and a pair of shoes she alleges.

He also required her to do the washing and cooking for the entire family, she charges, and often required her to do hard manual labor on his farm in Jefferson County. According to her complaint her husband owns property in Marion County worth at least \$35,000. She also asks \$5,000 as fees for her attorneys, Rochford, Wall and Rochford.

POISON BOOZE KILLS FOUR

Chicago Police Find Bodies in Rooming Houses—One from Indiana.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Four deaths directly caused by poison liquor were reported to police during the last twenty-four hours.

Henry Smith, South Bend, Ind., and John Padden and Edward Shanley, Chicago, were found dead in a rooming house. Arthur Hall, Minneapolis, was found at another address.

Hall had been dead three days, police believed.

STREET CAR HITS MAN

H. W. Hoover Injured in Accident at Downtown Corner.

H. W. Hoover, 65, of 214 N. Tacoma Ave., was taken home following treatment at the city hospital for injuries received when he was struck by a street car at Washington and Delaware Sts. early today.

Hoover, according to Traffic Officer M. J. Hyde and other witnesses, evidently did not see a west-bound E. Tenth St. car, in charge of Milton Roe, 1108 N. Dearborn St. Roe was slated on a charge of assault and battery.

Hoover was unconscious, and injuries to his head and body appeared serious, but he responded quickly to treatment.

POSTAL INCREASE ASKED

W. C. T. U. Wants More Money for U. S. Employees.

In a talk before the Central W. C. T. U. in the Fletcher American Bank, Mrs. Alonzo Powell deplored the fact that too many people are taken into church membership without genuine conversion. A petition for increased pay for postal employees was signed. The Union voted to give the Wheeler Rescue Mission a Christmas tree every year. A reception for new members will be held at the home of Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson Jan. 25.

Wife Seeks Husband

Edward A. Knight, 29, of 447 N. Alabama St., is reported missing by Mrs. Knight. When he left Wednesday he was wearing a white shirt, black coat, brown trousers, gray cap and has brown hair, gray eyes and tanned complexion. Police were asked to search for him. He is a sign painter.

Authoress With Her Baby



THIS PHOTO, TAKEN RECENTLY, SHOWS NINA WILCOX PUTNAM SANDERSON, FAMOUS AUTHOR, WITH HER SON, JOHN FRANCIS. MRS. SANDERSON'S RECENT DIVORCE DECREE WAS DECLARED RESCINDED.

TELLS WIFE, THEN DIES

Suicide of John C. Johnson Is Investigated by Coroner.

Coroner Paul F. Robinson investigated the suicide of John C. Johnson, 43, of 1015 Edison Pl., Friday night at his home. He drank poison.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson, his wife, told Motor Policemen Gooch and Bernauer that her husband left the house and in short time returned and called her to a bedroom and informed her of his act. He died before the arrival of officers and a doctor.

AGREEMENT RUMOR IN DITCH CASE

Compromise Would Involve

Dredging Tippecanoe.

By United Press

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Jan. 12.—Rumors of a compromise, involving dredging of the Tippecanoe river bed, were heard today in the Matchett ditch case on trial in the Marshall County Circuit Court here before Special Judge Adam Wise.

The costs in the case thus far amount to approximately \$6,000, and it has been suggested that if the claimants will help pay the costs the petition will be dismissed.

The State conservation department is taking an active part in the trial. The proposed ditch would drain about 2,000 acres of land and would cost about \$400,000.

BOY CHARGED WITH THEFT OF LAUNDRY

Police Allege 'Business' of Stealing Washings.

A 12-year-old boy is in the detention home today on a charge of petit larceny, involving a "business" he is alleged to have conducted in stealing and selling laundry left in front of his home.

Police say the boy attempted to sell laundry valued at \$8 taken from L. Healy, 310 N. Alabama St., to Mrs. W. E. Parker, Vienna apartments, Alabama and New York Sta.

Other thefts: T. T. Frakes, 932 N. Jefferson Ave., family washing stolen from Stevens Laundry was in rear of 230 E. Pratt St., valued at \$35. Ken. John Nobile, 192 Hillside Ave., \$30 from trousers left in a dressing room at the Mapleton Athletic Club, Thirty-Fourth St. and Capitol Ave. Ben Finklestein, 411 N. Illinois St., each of inner tubes valued at \$25.

I. A. C. PUSHES CAMPAIGN

Membership of 2,250 Wanted Before

Formal Opening Jan. 19.

A campaign to bring membership of the Indianapolis Athletic Club to the limit of 2,250 before the official opening of the clubhouse at 5 p. m. Saturday night, Jan. 19, is being pushed by 125 members. At a dinner Friday night it was announced 229 new applications for membership have been received since Dec. 21.

Formal party will be held Jan. 26 for members and their families.

Following formal opening, dinner for the membership will be served.

Shank Fight Starts Feb. 6

Campaign managers of Mayor Shank, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, have decided to open his campaign with a mass meeting at Tomlinson Hall the night of Feb. 6. Shank will deliver his keynote speech at that time.

MAN, WANTED AS FIREBUG, OUTRUNS PURSUING FIREMEN

Detectives Blame Pyromaniac for Five Alarms in Several Hours.

YANKEE AVIATOR FOUND IN CHANNEL

Sperry Loses Life in Attempt ing Flyover Flight.

By United Press

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The body of a man, washed up by the sea between Duneness and Rye, was definitely identified today as that of Lawrence Sperry, intrepid American aviator of City, N. Y.

P. R. Jackson, representative of the Sperry Gyroscope Company in London, identified the body by physical characteristics and the clothing, the latter bearing trademarks of New York firms.

Sperry lost his life when he attempted to fly from England to the continent last month in his special two-foot "flying plane."

The workman reported seeing the plane collapse and fall into the British channel. Later the machine was found but there was no trace of the man until it was washed up on the sea, yesterday.

Although a pioneer in aviation, Sperry's greatest achievement was development of the aerial torpedo during the war.

PAY DAYS ARE DOUBLED

County "Ghost" Will Walk Twice a Month.

The "ghost" will walk twice a month for county employees henceforth instead of once, County Auditor Harry Dunn announced today, much to the delight of everybody, from Judge James A. Collins of Criminal Court and Sheriff George Snider down to the humble stenos in the various offices. Employees of the county institutions are included.

In addition, individual vouchers will be issued, each man or lady drawing his or her own check, Dunn decreed. Under the system maintained by Leo K. Fesler, auditor until Jan. 1, department and institution heads were given a lump sum, and paid off their help themselves.

FOUNTAINS TURNED OFF

Drinking Places for Horses Are Discontinued.

Old Dobbin has received another jolt from the city administration—this time from the board of works.

On advice of Martin J. Hyland, street commissioner, the board discontinued fifty drinking fountains for horses. Hyland said there were twenty fountains remaining, which is sufficient for the present number of horses. By cutting off the fountains, the city made an annual saving of \$2,250 in water rent.

BRAZIL MAYOR IS ILL

Attack of Nervous Prostration Follows Charges Preferred by Council.

By United Press

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 12.—Mayor James Q. Layne, charged with neglect of duty by the city council, is suffering from an attack of nervous prostration and heart trouble. The attack will be a much tougher struggle in Indiana and will be fought out around this tax bill. Finally it is well known Republican leaders are in or more or less a rout as a result of the Democratic proposals and now they are talking only of a compromise.

School Improvements Suggested

Crippled children would be given proper education by special facilities in various sections of the city, if plans of Miss Edna L. Hamilton of the Public Health Nursing Association are carried out. Miss Hamilton's plan will be presented to the school board. It provides bus to carry the children, not lunches at noon, and special vocational rooms at the schools.

Poor Marksmanship

Police today searched for Mrs. Nettie Marshall, colored, 727 W. Eleventh St. The officers say she fired five shots at her husband. Her aim was poor, they said.

J. A. Brown, State Charities Secretary, Asserts 900 Persons Mentally and Physically Ill Were Placed in Cells in Indiana Counties in Year—Pleads for Relief.

More than 900 insane persons ill in body and needing medical attention were committed to county jails in Indiana during the past fiscal year, J. A. Brown, secretary of the State board of charities, declared today, commenting on the movement to remedy conditions in Marion county.

"We are constantly being shocked by the reports of such persons dying in jail, of suicides and of attacks upon other inmates or the sheriff," Brown said.

"These persons do themselves serious injury and destroy property. The practice is inhuman."

"Relief Essential"

Local provision for temporary care of the insane pending admission to State hospitals is essential, Brown said. Distinction should be made, however, between a psychopathic ward and a detention ward, he warned.

"A detention ward in a general hospital is the best plan," Brown said. "All county general hospitals now being erected are required to have such wards. A county that does not have a general hospital should arrange with a neighboring county."

Psychopathic Ward

"A psychopathic ward or hospital, however, means a place where study can be made of patients, medical care provided and definite treatment given."

"Indianapolis does not need a psychopathic ward at the hospital. It does need a detention ward."

"If a man meets with an accident or is the victim of a serious physical ailment, he is hurried to a hospital. Everyone appreciates his need of prompt treatment."

Recovery Slowed

"But if it happens to be his mind that is in trouble, there is a long and tedious legal process of arrest, examination, commitment and acceptance at the State hospital, during which time he is usually confined in the county jail, as though he were a criminal."

"He needs facilities of a hospital. A county jail has no such provisions. The surroundings only aggravate the trouble. Every day spent there counts against recovery."

"When he finally reaches the hospital, the State has a longer and more difficult task."

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