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## KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA farm production values have maintained a volume of more than \$300,000,000, notwithstanding the unfavorable price conditions obtained in several lines. The wide diversification of crops in Indiana accounts for the high level of farm production values.

## A CONQUERING SPIRIT

The crusade of the Chamber of Commerce for a larger membership has demonstrated the fact that Indianapolis believes in itself.

It needed but a call to service to bring to that institution even more soldiers for the common good than had been set as the size of the immediate army.

The chamber, under the inspiration of its new home, which more nearly expresses the purposes and aims of the community spirit, should and can become a most powerful voice in every phase of civic life.

It is not alone the boastful agent of our many advantages for industry and commerce.

It can and will become the voice of the community itself in giving direction to every enterprise and every movement which makes for a better as well as a bigger city.

The men who own factories and commercial enterprises in this city have shown their faith in this city as one of promise and of opportunity.

More than that, they have shown a determination to work together for the common advantage of every resident of this city.

That is the spirit which triumphs. It is founded in faith. It is conquering.

## HOW COME?

John Williams, director of State highways, is under indictment in the Marion County courts on charges of conspiracy to defraud the State.

He has repeatedly asserted that he was and is being refused a trial.

It has been a year and a half since that indictment was returned and there is no indication of an early trial.

His friends have openly charged that Lawrence Orr, examiner of the State board of accounts, is responsible for the indictments.

They have openly charged that the indictments were a part of a deep-seated conspiracy, first foisted by D. C. Stephenson, to get a grip on the State highway funds of fifteen millions a year, and were returned after the failure to get control through the State Legislature.

Six months after the indictments were returned, the State legislative finance committee, of which Orr is a member, reduced the salary of Williams by \$1,000 a year.

Williams has refused, so it was asserted, to accept the cut and has drawn no salary for that time.

And now very quietly, with Orr making the motion, the salary is restored and the salary paid for the entire period.

It is declared that the motion by which the salary was restored was made by Orr. And it is also charged and with great definiteness that only three months ago Orr was responsible for flooding the State with two pages of detailed figures which endeavored to show that Williams and the highway commission had been somewhat careless with several millions of dollars' worth of materials received from the Federal Government.

Somehow and some time, perhaps, a jury will pass upon any criminal acts of Williams. His claim of innocence is quite emphatic and under every theory of law and fair play, he must be adjudged innocent until the jury of his peers says otherwise.

But until that time citizens may be pardoned at least a mild curiosity into the activities of these two parts of the State administration.

They may wish to know why Williams' salary was cut, and if it were properly cut, why it is now handed back to him with a degree of secrecy that is at least suspicious.

And, in the absence of explanation, they are entitled to conjecture and a reasonable interpretation.

It may be significant that the action follows a declaration by the head of the probing committee of the Republican editors of the State that he will very shortly produce evidences of the evils of Stephenson in this State and the activities of that former head of the Klan, former czar of the State, ruler of Legislatures and maker of at least one United States Senator.

It may be that the signal has been given that this is no time for wars between parts of the machine which was created by Stephenson and which is still ruled by his spirit.

It is reasonable to believe that the word has gone out that wars must end and that there must be a united front in behalf of Senators James Eli Watson and Arthur Robinson, a bold front against the public which may demand decency and which may, if the quarrel drag before the public too many unpleasant facts, overthrow the entire machine.

At least citizens may turn to the Statehouse and ask from Williams and Orr and from Governor Ed Jackson, "How come?"

## BORAH IS RIGHT

The United States is the most lawless Nation in the civilized world," Senator Borah told the students of the University of Minnesota Thursday.

"The only way to settle the prohibition question is to submit it to the vote of the people and let them decide the issue," he said.

Senator Borah apparently sees the connection between lawlessness and the present prohibition law—a law that makes the people lawless.

He is correct in saying the only way to settle the issue is to submit it to a vote of the people. The people voted to undertake an experiment—or, rather, the legislatures of three-fourths of the States did so—when the Eighteenth amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted. It was an experiment in the control by law of age-old habits and tastes. Sufficient time has elapsed, many people believe, to estimate whether or not the experiment is a success.

Never has there been an issue before the people on which the people were better qualified to pass. It is a thing that every person can understand

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### PASTOR TO GIVE MORE SERMONS IN A BIG SERIES

The Rev. Kerlin to Speak on 'Calling a Spade a Spade.'

and on which he can express an intelligent opinion. Everybody has seen prohibition in operation; it is not a theory now with anybody, it is a fact.

A vote to sustain the Eighteenth amendment would mean one of two things: Either that the voter regards the experiment as a success or that he believes it should be continued longer before deciding for or against it.

A vote to repeal it would mean simply that the voter regards the experiment as a failure and believes that some better methods of controlling the liquor traffic should be devised.

It is time we got this question out of politics and there is no better way of doing so than by taking a vote of the people on it.

## PROTECT THE COURTS?

The conference of Methodist laymen and ministers, representing many thousands of that faith, endorsed the attitude and stand of the head of the Anti-Saloon League in his comments on the Supreme Court.

Will Attorney General Gilliom now be logical and bring before that court every minister and every delegate who cheered the speech and the attitude of Dr. E. E. Shumaker?

If he does not, will he have the courage to go to the Governor or the courts and declare that his office was all wrong in the case of one George Dale of Muncie, an editor, sentenced to jail for contempt of court?

The whole theory under which contempt proceedings are brought is that comment on cases before courts which might influence the decision of judges is contemptuous and to be punished.

It was under this theory that the comments of Shumaker, declared by six lawyers to have been false and malicious, are charged to be contemptuous.

All men of the city are invited.

The supreme court has not yet rendered its decision as to the guilt of the dry leader.

Although it was announced months ago that the decision would be prompt and early, and the court has before it the recommendation of five outstanding lawyers, no decision has been given and Shumaker is repeating the same remarks on which he is charged with contempt at every opportunity.

One lawyer strongly argued that there had been no contempt.

The action of this religious conference is a comment on the contempt proceedings now before the court.

Every speech in behalf of Shumaker, theoretically, at least, might be construed as an endeavor to influence the Supreme Court in this very contempt case.

It might be easily construed, so it would seem, as an effort on the part of men who represent at least 75,000 voters to make it impossible for these judges to pass dispassionately upon the guilt or innocence of the man charged by Gilliom with endeavoring to destroy justice.

That the vote was taken in support of the dry arguments of the crusader rather than as a defense of his right of free speech may be lamentable to those who believe that this fundamental right is quite as important as the dry law.

But certainly the Attorney General has a most remarkable chance to forever settle the question of what men may say or not say.

A definite charge against every preacher and delegate for contempt would bring to most dramatic climax the free speech issue in this State.

It would warn all citizens that under the Dole decision no one may discuss courts or judges, and that the truth is no defense.

And let it be hoped that the people will learn how far they are restrained in discussions of judges and decisions.

Either and contentment are great sleep producers.

Everyone knows how to cure your cold, remove your freckles, or reduce your weight.

Self-control is a great asset. It enables you to refrain from following your natural impulses.

It won't be long now before we return to the old swimming hole, meaning the bathtub.

When a fellow has never hit the bottom it is natural to doubt his ability to bounce.

## WHY SOME WOMEN DON'T VOTE

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

What are women going to do with the vote? This question has agitated the country ever since the right of suffrage was granted to our sex.

And what, pray, should we be expected to do with it?

Nobody who thought very much about the matter could ever have expected that women would reform the world with their voting. The right of suffrage is not granted to reformers, alone. Every mature citizen with the proper credentials, is privileged to cast his ballot, whether he chooses decent men or not. The illiterate vote alongside the intelligent.

Great agitation is now rampant because so many women refrain from utilizing their voting privilege, yet it was Henry Ford, surely one of our most influential male citizens, who once announced that he had not voted for twenty years?

Voting is and should be a constitutional right, and this is why justice demands that women as well as men be allowed to exercise it. So long as their property is subject to taxation, and they themselves are expected to obey the laws, plain common-sense tells us they should also vote, if they wish. But why contend that the ship of state is foundering, just because a great many of them stay at home. Haven't a large number of men always stayed at home?

It seems we can not look at questions when men and women are concerned with any sort of lucid vision. To expect women to vote as a sex is highly ridiculous. In the voting booth we are not women and men, only citizens.

Those ardent souls who expect women to vote in a body, are certain to be perpetually disappointed. Those who expect women who were never interested in questions of government to flock to the polls, because of an amendment to the Constitution, will be equally disillusioned.

Until the men use the ballot for a noble purpose, do not expect the women to do so. When it comes to the fundamentals we are a great deal alike.

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### Indianapolis Maennerchor to Bring Many Noted Artists Here This Winter

Noted Singer Booked in Concert

THE Indianapolis Maennerchor will open its seventy-second season Nov. 29 with a concert by the men's chorus, Karl Reckzeh conducting, and Karol Branzel, contralto of the Metropolitan Opera Company, soloist. This will be Miss Branzel's first appearance before the club.

Other artists and events will be: Flonzaley string quartet, Dec. 12; Maria Carreras, pianist, Jan. 9; Joseph Szigeti, violinist, Jan. 23; The Flonzaley quartet, Feb. 6; Dusolina Giannini, soprano, with the Maennerchor, Feb. 28; Glamor Novae, pianist, March 6; Florence Austral, soprano, March 20; Lula Mysz-Gmeiner, lieder singer, April 10, and the Maennerchor with a soloist to be announced later, May 9.

Joseph Szigeti, Hungarian violinist, will be another new comer to Maennerchor audiences. He is recognized in Europe as one of the most brilliant violinists of the day, but this will be his first invasion of the American concert stage. His tour promises to be one of the brilliant musical events of the season.

The Flonzaley quartet occupies a place in the hearts of the Maennerchor that is held by no other artist or musical organization. Members of the quartet were made honorary members of the club last year, John P. Frenzel, president, conferring the honor upon them as a tribute to their many years of service to art in one of its highest forms. They will be welcomed with the greatest enthusiasm in their regular two programs this season.

Among other popular artists, who have appeared many times before the club is Glamor Novae, young Brazilian pianist, who succeeds everywhere in charming her audiences and winning from them the greatest acclaim. Mme. Novae is to be depended upon for brilliancy, subtlety and tonal warmth in her every concert.

Of singers, the club will be equally pleased to welcome for a second time, Dusolina Giannini, American soprano, who made herself famous in one appearance three seasons ago, and in each season since has steadily won and held her laurels as one of the most effective singers of the present day. Mme. Florence Austral, Australian dramatic soprano, who gave the Maennerchor one of its most delightful evenings last season, and Mme. Lula Mysz-Gmeiner, lieder singer, who brought to the club one of its favorite programs.

Another artist who has played many programs for the Maennerchor and always with success, is Maria Carreras, pianist. Mme. Carreras presents one of the brilliant concerts of a season and her re-arrangement is always a welcome event.

The Maennerchor is entering upon the fifth season of the leadership of Kari Reckzeh, conductor of Chicago, who makes regular trips to Indianapolis to drill the chorus and present the three concerts which are given each season. Rehearsals have already started under Mr. Reckzeh.

The national Saengerfest will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, next June, and Mr. Reckzeh has been chosen as principal conductor for the meeting. The local club will go to Cleveland to sing for the convention. The concerts are for members only.

THE SERMON SUBJECT OF Dr. H. Mihl, pastor of First Friends Church, will be "The Greater Days." Service at 10:45.

AT THE SECOND MORAVIAN CHURCH the pastor, the Rev. Vernon W. Couillard, will preach at the 10:45 service on the theme "Weighed and Wanting." His theme for the 7:45 service will be "The Ideal Church." The evening service opens with a song service directed by Mrs. L. Schultz.

"RHEUMATIC RELIGION" will be the theme of Homer Dale, pastor of Hillside Christian Church Sunday evening. His morning theme will be "Pure and Undefiled Religion."

DR. FRANKS S. C. WICKS of All Souls Unitarian Church announces the following order of service at 11 a.m. Sunday:

"Chorale" ..... Mendelssohn  
"Morning" ..... Grieg  
"Fourth Service" ..... Gounod  
"Anthem" ..... Bach  
"Song of Aspiration" ..... Mendelssohn  
"Responsive Reading" ..... Third Selection  
"Scripture" ..... Gounod  
"Notice and Offering" ..... Wirtz  
"Dawn Among the Trees" ..... Gounod  
"Address to the Religion of Charles Williams" ..... James Elliot  
"Benediction" ..... Wagner  
"Purification Chorus" ..... Wagner

A RALLY and promotion service will be held at the Lynhurst Baptist Church Sunday morning. A. S. Williams will speak. At night, C. W. McBurney will speak.

SUNDAY MORNING at the First Moravian Church, the Rev. Christian O. Weber will preach on "The Man of Nazareth" and at night, "The Joy of the Christian Life."

PETER'S BLUNDERING SWORD" will be the morning theme of the Rev. G. L. Farrow at the Victory Memorial Methodist Protestant Church. At night, the Rev. A. R. Conn will give a traveling lecture on "The Holy Land."

SUNDAY MORNING at the First United Presbyterian Church, the Rev. M. Dunbar, a Methodist minister and now field secretary for Taylor University, will preach on "A Call to Mt. Miriah."

IN ABSENCE of the regular pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Line will preach Sunday morning at the St. Paul M. E. Church. The Other Fellow's Bible Class will have charge of the night service. Otis C. Guley will preach Sunday evening.

"SENT FROM GOD" will be the morning theme of the Rev. Joseph Moore at the Capitol Avenue M. E. Church. At night, "Meeting the Test." The young people's chorus will sing at this service.

AT FLETCHER PLACE M. E. CHURCH, the Rev. W. D. Bryan will speak. At night, Miss Cora Simpson, missionary, will speak.

## Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Bureau, 1352 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 10 cents in postage. Your question and address must be given. Your request cannot be given orally. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

How many counties are there in the United States?

What are "butter beans"?

A variety of lima beans cultivated in the United States.

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