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## INDUSTRIES OF INDIANA AWAIT GOOD WINTER

Outlook in Limestone Industry Especially Bright—All Mills Busy.

### 376 NEW BUSINESSES

Forty Concerns in State Were Expanded During September.

Indiana industry and business in general appears assured of a prosperous winter on the basis of a survey of the State today. Especially encouraging is the outlook in the limestone industry of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, according to data made public by A. E. Dickinson, president of the Indiana Limestone Company, who has just completed a trip over the two counties. Eight million feet of stone are stacked at milling plants awaiting processing during the winter, Dickinson announces. He states all departments in all mills of this district are working on full schedule and will so continue.

During September, 376 new businesses were started in the State, of which 200 were in Indianapolis. Forty businesses were expanded during the month, twenty-nine changed ownership and fifty-five changed locations.

A survey by cities follows:  
FT. WAYNE—The record for number of freight cars handled by the Ft. Wayne division of the Pennsylvania railroad was broken Monday of this week, the number being 5,601. Building permits issued in September were \$141,000 above the August total. A contract has been awarded for erection of an addition to the plant of the General Electric Company, giving 10,500 square feet more floor space.

6,400 at Work  
ANDERSON—The Delco Remy plants are working a force of 6,400. Companies reporting operations on full schedules with good prospects for the future, include Ames Shovel and Tool, Howe Fire Apparatus, Forse Manufacturing and Gedge Brothers.

LEBANON—The recently incorporated Boone Realty Company has started business with a paid up capital of \$50,000. Approximately \$750,000 will be paid farmers of Boone County for milk supplied this year to the plant of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company.

RICHMOND—The Belden Manufacturing Company, newest industrial acquisition here, will have its plant in operation in December, R. Johnson, general superintendent of the company, has just returned to a dividend paying basis after five years and a half on a non-dividend basis.

Large Plant for Kokomo  
KOKOMO—The Crescent Manufacturing Company, claiming to be the nation's largest maker of basket, reed and fiber furniture, will locate here, the Kokomo Chamber of Commerce announces. Thus far in 1927, local freight business has run 400 cars ahead of last year.

TERRE HAUTE—The Sloss Oil Company, with eight producing wells in this territory, plans to establish a gasoline manufacturing plant here.

RUSHVILLE—The Rushville Co-operative Telephone Company has signed a contract for expenditure of \$11,000 for installation of new equipment.

BLOOMFIELD—An addition with 32,000 square feet of floor space is being built at the local plant of Showers Brothers, furniture manufacturers.

GOSHEN—A survey by the local Chamber of Commerce shows 2,331 persons at work in plants with no idle factory buildings in the city.

CRAWFORDSVILLE—The plant of the J. Q. Clark Company here has been purchased by the Oaks Manufacturing Company, Tipton. It is understood the new owner will put the plant into operation following an idle period due to insolvency of the prior owner.

MUNCIE—Seventy-five per cent of local industries are operating on full time schedules with none shut down.

### M'COLLOUGH IS BACKED

Engineering Club Commends His Appointment to City Job.

Appointment of E. W. McCullough as general superintendent of maintenance and operation of the city sanitary board was commended by the Indianapolis Engineering Club of which McCullough is a member, at the club luncheon at the Board of Trade Thursday.

### PARK WORKERS DROPPED

44 Cut Off Pay Roll As Result of Winter Closing.

George Morgan, assistant park superintendent, today reported that forty-four employees had been discharged from the parks forces. They were dropped due to the close of the park season and the small budget allowance.

Riverside, Brookside, Garfield, Rhodius, Riley, Douglas and probably Camp Sullivan and Christian parks will remain open during the winter. Ten parks have been closed.

### Attica Woman Buried

ATTICA, Ind., Oct. 7.—Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Alma Hughes Orr, wife of B. S. Orr, cashier of the Farmers-Merchants State bank. She died Wednesday after a long illness.

## Broadway's Best Show Is One Full of Toil, Grief, Never Seen by Public

Visitors Back of Scenes at Rehearsals See Real Heart of Theater.

It's blooming time for new shows on Broadway. Colorful, tuneful, very "girly" musical comedies usually attract the widest attention. They're beautiful. But Hortense Saunders, writer for The Times and NEA Service, found they require a lot of drab worry and toil. As a backstage visitor she got an intimate picture of a big musical show in the making.

### BY HORTENSE SAUNDERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The best show on Broadway is one the public never sees. Even the affluent butter and egg delegates who can pay the speculator's top prices for opening night seats are not privileged to witness the drama that is lived before a musical comedy can

be brought to the stage.

It's a backstage drama, a drama of the rehearsal room, a drama of the dressing room, a drama of the stage.

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Behind the glitter and the girls, the pep and pulchritude of a new production in the musical comedy capital of the world are weeks of just plain perspiration and sometimes heartbreaks.

If the producer is optimistic, he may insert an ad in the daily theater paper saying that chorus girls may call at a certain hour. He will find hundreds of girls pushing and shoving to get into the door at the appointed time. They will range from 16 to 60, and include every type from the ex-burglesque queen to the daughter of Park Avenue.

Ordered Like Groceries

The pessimistic producer, meaning the experienced one, will call up an agency where chorus girls are graded and sorted like crackers in a box. He will give an order for say fifty blondes, twenty-five brunettes, and twelve red heads, asking that they be delivered to the stage entrance. They will be neat, small-hatted, and inconspicuous. The wise chorus girl does not over-dress when she applies for a job.

She is serious and disciplined. She knows the etiquette of a try-out.

Onto a bare stage the hundred girls are marshaled. They are inspected a row at a time.

"The girl in the blue suit next to the girl in black—step forward and give your address," says the producer.

Picked Like Fruit

He is picking the girls as he would pick peaches out of a bushel basket. He may select half a dozen girls. He may select half a dozen girls. He may select half a dozen girls.

I watched Gene Buck spend a whole morning selecting four from a stageful of girls for "Take the Air." He is a veteran at the business. It took him a week to round up fifty girls to start rehearsal. This would simmer down to about twenty in the three weeks before the opening.

In the rehearsal hall the chorus girls work from 11 to 11. They show up in gingham practice frocks that from the waist up look like house dresses they might wear for a morning's dusting. During the day their bare knees become as dirty as if they had spent the day scrubbing the floor. The gingham frocks become wet and wilted and cling to slim bodies that must never weigh more than 120.

Demand Pep, Speed

All day long they work up that pep and speed that the audiences demand. Fast-stepping is hard work. A pianist breaks his fingers off playing the jazz tunes.

The showman probably selects the hardest dance number for the first day's rehearsal. This speeds up the elimination.

As the chorus perspires down stairs, often the principals are rehearsing upstairs. At the end of the second week, chorus and prin-

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## LABOR DECIDES POLICIES TODAY

Immigration, Philippines on Debate Program.

By DAN CAMPBELL  
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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—The policy of labor in the United States toward immigration, international relations, and other problems will be decided by the American Federation of Labor today, when important resolutions are read out of committee.

A resolution asking repeal of the Sherman anti-trust act, on the ground that it legislates against organized labor, will be presented. Another will declare the federation in favor of immediate independence of the Philippines. Others seek restriction of immigration from Mexico and withdrawal of armed forces from China and Nicaragua.

The federation yesterday again took a stand against settlements of labor difficulties by force and officially recommended that future wage disputes be settled on a basis of productivity.

The policy, first passed at the convention in Atlantic City two years ago, urges that wages increase in proportion to production ability of workers.

Guilty as Embezzler

Former Terre Haute Bank Teller Convicted of \$32,000 Theft.

By Times Special  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 7.—Edison L. Wagner stands convicted today of embezzling \$32,000 from the McKean national bank here while in its employ as a teller. A jury in federal court returned a verdict of guilty, Thursday, after fifteen minutes deliberation. The defense sought to show Wagner was of unsound mind.

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