

INDIANA BASKETBALL COST SET AT \$9,320,000 YEARLY

MUNCIE LAWYER CITES COST OF SCHOOL GAMES

Estimates Attendance in Various State Cities at 7,540,000.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., March 16.—Basketball in Indiana is no longer merely a sport—it's now big business.

Muncie Exchange Club members were told by A. E. Needham, attorney and "father of the Bearcats," that approximately \$9,320,000 is spent each year in Indiana on this sport alone—and his figures were confined wholly to high schools.

Statistics revealed by the lawyer show a total attendance of 7,540,000 at the games played in 753 Indiana towns and cities at a total cost to them of \$2,262,000. Transportation, hotel bills and incidentals add \$6,000,000.

Indiana has an investment of \$10,000,000 in gymnasiums and field-houses. Approximately \$1,103,000 is paid from basketball receipts into the channels of trade, while \$630,000 goes to coaches and teachers, \$235,000 to referees and officials and \$148,000 for supplies and equipment for teams.

More than fifty thousand boys, including those in junior high schools, Sunday school leagues and similar organizations, play the game in the state.

Although he is an ardent fan, Needham asked the club members: "Are Indiana schools becoming top-heavy in athletics?"

ALLEGES DUAL MURDER

Cass County Prosecutor Accuses Wounded Man.

By Times Special
LOGANSPORT, Ind., March 16.—Prosecuting Attorney Glenn Miller of Cass county plans to file first-degree murder charges against John H. Crockett, 25, who wounded himself at a Wabash river bank shack near here where Earl Armstrong and Jack Williams were slain two weeks ago.

Crockett asserts that he was merely a witness to the shooting and declares that two "tall men" he does not know committed the double murder. Crockett is suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen, which he says, was inflicted by Williams.

BANK THEFT CASE SET

Former Lawmaker and Cashier to Face Trial April 8.

By United Press
GOSHEN, Ind., March 16.—The trial of Walter Huffman, former state representative, charged with embezzlement, will open April 8, in circuit court here.

Paul Metzer, former cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Foraker bank, will go on trial at the same time.

Both men are charged jointly with embezzeling \$49,000 from the Foraker bank.

The former state representative also is named in twenty-one other indictments, charging issuance of fraudulent checks. Four of these cases have been set for April 9.

Offer Lawn, Garden Prizes

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 16.—This will be a city of beautiful lawns and gardens next summer if plans of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce meet expectations. Prizes totaling \$150 are offered home makers developing the most attractive surroundings.

Caps and Gowns Chosen

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 16.—Anderson high school graduates will wear caps and gowns at commencement exercises in the school gymnasium Friday, June 7, it has been decided. Among a number of graduation week activities will be a theater party at Indianapolis and filming of a student movie.

Lineman Electrocuted

By Times Special
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 16.—Russell Raisor, 21, Interstate Public Service Company lineman, was electrocuted here when a limb fell from a tree across two high tension wires, causing a short circuit. He grasped one of the wires, carrying 4,400 volts, and met instant death.

New Child Hunt Planned

By Times Special
WEST TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 16.—Burreron creek and surrounding territory near Sullivan will be searched again soon in an effort to determine if either holds the body of Edith Mae Dierdorf, 10, missing from her home here since Jan. 27. Searchers this week were impeded by high water.

Hanover College Head Quits

By Times Special
HANOVER, Ind., March 16.—Dr. William A. Mills, who resigned Friday as president of Hanover college here, intends to take up residence in Crawfordsville and engage in lecturing and writing. Dr. Mills, a graduate of Indiana university, had been president of Hanover twenty-one years.

Orders Teacher Test

By Times Special
VINCENTINES, Ind., March 16.—The city school board desires that in the future all persons seeking positions as teachers here must submit to a medical examination.

Theater Manager in Politics

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., March 16.—Billy Connors, manager of all of Marion's movie theaters, has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination as councilman at large.

Play Sweetheart Roles



Miss Elizabeth Doty, Greensburg, and Leonard Scott, Ft. Wayne

DEATH PROBE MONEY RAISED

Fund Ready at Muncie for Williams Case.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., March 16.—A nationally known detective, probably Ora Slater of Cincinnati, O., is to be employed in an effort to determine the manner in which Harry Williams, former Muncie man, met death at Laredo, Tex.

This was assured with attainment of a goal exceeding \$2,500 in a campaign conducted here for a fund to pay for an investigation. More than 600 persons contributed to the fund, gifts ranging from 5 cents to \$1,000.

Williams, a Central high school graduate and newspaper man, is son of Mrs. Margaret Williams, who lives here. His body was found in the Rio Grande river a few weeks ago, following his disappearance after he had drawn his salary check as a reporter for a Laredo paper.

CO-EDS TO DEBATE

De Pauw and Miami Will Meet Tonight.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 16.—De Pauw university co-ed debaters will speak against a team from Miami university this evening. The De Pauw team is composed of Louise Freeland, Shelbyville; Elizabeth Cook, Bedford; and Lillian Dale, Everton.

The chairman will be Dean Katherine Alvord. Professor Fred Byer of Manchester college will be critic judge.

The question will be "Resolved, That all states should adopt a law requiring a life sentence on fourth conviction of a felony."

Following the debate, a one-act play, "The Valiant," will be presented by the Mask and Gavel Club.

Sleep Malady Fatal

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 16.—Sleeping sickness has resulted fatally for George Craig, 38, factory employee. He had been in a state of coma four days. The malady developed following an attack of influenza from which he was thought to be recovering.

Buried with Severed Arm

By Times Special
BELLMORE, Ind., March 16.—Samuel B. Sharp, who suffered the loss of an arm when 10 years old, was buried with it here. He had kept the arm sixty-five years and made a request that it go to the grave with him.

Man's Body Taken to Barn

By Times Special
PERU, Ind., March 16.—When fire swept the home of Isaac Army, near here, his body was removed to a barn where neighbors combated the flames. A passing motorist notified the family, who were at lunch when the fire occurred. He died Wednesday.

New Police Commissioner

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 16.—Charles Cochran, manager of the Crawfordsville foundry, has been appointed police commissioner for a term of three years by Mayor DuMont Kennedy. Cochran succeeds William Endicott, who resigned when he was appointed postmaster last month.

Aged Man Kills Self

By Times Special
ROCKPORT, Ind., March 16.—Christopher J. Wetzer, 72, committed suicide by shooting while dependent over ill health.

Safety? Huh!

By Times Special
PENDLETON, Ind., March 16.—When a pistol shot rang out at the Pendleton bank, employees reached for guns. After the excitement died away the only loss was a coat pocket of Charles A. Clark, 80-year-old guard. A new automatic pistol with a "new fangled" safety device had responded without help in the pocket of the guard.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., March 16.—More than \$400 was taken from the safe of the Richmond Baking Company here this morning by burglars who entered through a window and broke off the combination with a hammer.

MISSING MAN'S AUTO CONTAINS BLOODY NOTES

Clews Still Lacking to Fate of Warren County Farmer.

By Times Special

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind., March 16.—Finding of the automobile of Wilbur Clawson, Warren county farmer missing two weeks, has failed to aid authorities in their search for him. The car, abandoned near Ft. Wayne, contained some women's handkerchiefs, blood soaked, and a blood stained shirt, ripped up the back.

Two bloody notes in the car had been written with a pencil. One was the word "broke" and the signature, C. W. Clawson. The other was a list of Clawson's creditors.

Despite the new evidence, belief persists among many persons that Clawson is not dead. They say he worried about financial matters and only a few days before he disappeared is quoted as saying he intended to go to Detroit, Mich., to obtain work.

As Ft. Wayne is on a highway route to the Michigan city, skeptics regarding slaying of the farmer see their theory strengthened.

Clawson has been missing since he sold some hogs in Lafayette for which he received \$250. The next morning a bloody note was found in his home. It declared that he had been murdered and his body taken away in his automobile.

Maynard Alebaugh who pleaded guilty to selling liquor to young Risk was fined \$100 and sentenced to the penal farm for ninety days. George Blake, another defendant, is said to be in California.

Those scheduled for trial are Frances Moran, Robert Howard, Ed Stone, Lou Stotts, George and Dugan Ish, Ve Gilton, Richard Miller, James Crawley, Harry Howard, James Skinnerhorn, Cecil and Hugh Barnett.

Henry T. Davidson has lost his fight to prevent return here from Oklahoma City, Okla., to face a charge of aiding in the robbery of the State bank here Sept. 7 last. He is alleged to be the head of a ring of bond thieves operating on a national scale.

Several weeks ago Davidson lost in an effort to prevent extradition to Indiana. He then sought a writ of habeas corpus, settling up as an alibi that he was in St. Louis, Mo., at the time of the bank robbery. He has just lost in that fight.

Prosecuting Attorney Charles Hale and Sheriff Harry Rouse of Jasper county, with S. C. Robinson, a witness of the robbery, were in Oklahoma City for the habeas corpus hearing and are en route here with Davidson as a prisoner.

ONYX MAY GIVE NEW INDUSTRY

Shipping From Arizona to Kokomo Studied.

By United Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 16.—This city will gain a new industry if it is found feasible to ship only slabs mined in Arizona to a plant here to be finished as various products.

Ten Kokomo men are now touring the onyx section near Phoenix, Ariz., in connection with the project. The trip was made in three automobiles. The party is headed by C. H. Willis and O. H. Buck.

If shipment can be arranged satisfactorily, a plant for handling the onyx will be built here, according to T. C. Reynolds, former Kokomo man, who has interested several local residents in the venture. Reynolds was the builder of the old Kokomo, Marion and Frankfort interurban line.

The J. C. Penny Company, chain store operator, is said to be planning construction of a two-story building on a Walnut street site which it owns.

The A. Schulte Company, New York, is considering plans for the erection of a new building to house its cigar store branch and other units which it will establish here.

COLLEGE BANS LIQUOR

Six Students Suspended for Week at Danville.

By United Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 16.—Six Evansville college students have been suspended because of drinking or aiding others in obtaining intoxicating liquors.

It was said at the college that the students would be suspended a week and then placed on probation for the remainder of the semester.

Dr. Earl E. Harper, president, said he wanted to make it clear that the college does not desire students who drink.

Plans Victory Banquet

By Times Special

MARION, Ind., March 16.—Reservations for a Victory banquet of the Junior Association of Commerce, Wednesday night, are being made today. Wayne Johnson, Indiana General Service Company, and Lew W. Semper, Price-Hutchins Company, have been elected to the board of directors, it is announced by Fred Johnson, secretary of the association.

A job as field superintendent of the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company, with headquarters at Greentown, caused Haynes to ponder over the question of faster transportation than was available in the early 90's. He wanted some device that would enable him to more quickly cover his territory, which was dotted with gas and oil wells.

Before leaving here, Haynes made some preliminary experiments whose development gave the world automobiles.

Easters Council Race

By Times Special

MARION, Ind., March 16.—Claude Aligre announces he is a candidate for nomination for councilman at large in the spring municipal primary.

Hundreds of prizes provided by merchants await the nest finders.

Building Discoloration Research Report Ready

By Times Special

PURDUE and Mellon Institute Co-operate in Important Study.

By Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 16.—Results of a study conducted on the causes and prevention of the white efflorescence that often appears on buildings and walls constructed of brick and stone, and of the brown stain common to Indiana limestone, have been published in the latest Purdue university bulletin.

The bulletin contains a report of the work of Professor H. C. Peffer, head of the chemical engineering school, and Dr. F. O. Anderegg, formerly research associate of the engineering experiment station and now senior industrial fellow at the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The bulletin comprises the first report of the work carried on at the experiment station with the co-operation of the Indiana Limestone Company to solve some of the problems.

Long Lives and Short Hair

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 16.—Ten of the thirty-two women who live at the Fairbanks Home for Aged Women here have bobbed hair. The oldest with short hair is Mrs. Katherine Ramay, 82. The youngest is Mrs. Kemp, 74, who in addition to a bob, has a permanent wave.

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BARS TRIAL FOR YOUNG PERSONS

Greencastle Judge Hits in Delinquency Case.

By United Press

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 16.—Persons under 18 years of age will be barred from the Putnam circuit court room here Monday when thirteen persons will go on trial charged with contributing to the delinquency of Franklin Risk, a minor. The ban was announced by the presiding judge, James P. Pugh.

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