

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 733 Indiana towns and cities at a total cost to them of \$2,262,000. Transportation, hotel bills and incidentals add \$6,990,000.

Indiana has an investment of \$10,500,000 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
LOGANSPOUT, Ind., March 16.—Prosecuting Attorney Glenn Miller of Cass county plans to file first degree murder charges against John H. Crockett, 25, who crawled wounded from a Wabash river bank shack near 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 Metzger, former cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Foraker, will go on trial at the same time.

Both men are charged jointly with embezzling \$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 totalling \$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 Ralston, 21, Interstate Public Service Company lineman, was electrocuted 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.—Busseron 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. Searches 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
VINCENNES, Ind., March 16.—The city school board decrees 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 a 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.

GO-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, Ellettsburg.

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 Sgvered Arm

By Times Special
BETTMORE, 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 United Press
PERU, Ind., March 16.—When fire swept the home of Isaac Army, near here, his body was removed to a barn while neighbors combatted the flames. A passing motorist noticed 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 United Press
ROCKFORD, Ind., March 16.—Christopher J. Wetzel, 72, committed suicide by shooting while despondent 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 "fangled" safety device had responded without help in the pocket of the guard.

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.

ONYX MAY GIVE NEW INDUSTRY

Shipping From Arizona to Kokomo Studied.

By United Press
KOKOMO, Ind., March 16.—This city will gain a new industry if it 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.

Elwood Haynes Memorial Suggested at Portland

Home City of Pioneer Automobile Maker May Give Honor.

By Times Special
PORTLAND, Ind., March 16.—A movement has been started here for erection of a memorial to Elwood Haynes, credited with perfecting the first practicable automobile in history. He was born in this city Oct. 14, 1857, and lived here until 1890.

Most of the automobile pioneer's work was carried on at Kokomo after 1890, and it was there that he was engaged for several years in the manufacture of automobiles.

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 move quickly over his territory, which was dotted with gas and oil wells.

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

Enters Council Race

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

Building Discoloration Research Report Ready

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. Pfeffer, head of the chemical engineering school, and Dr. P. 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 connected with the use of Indiana limestone under modern conditions.

With the use of certain cement as a bonding material the appearance of a brown stain is common, and is often accompanied by a white scum and disintegration of the stone. It has been found that both these symptoms are caused by the presence of excess moisture in the wall, certain organic salts apparently of a nature resembling humus promoting the development of the brown stain.

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 Ramey, 82. The youngest is Mrs. Kemp, 74, who in addition to a bob, has a permanent wave.

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 charged with contributing to the delinquency of Franklin Risk, a minor. The ban was announced by the presiding judge, James P. Hughes.

Wayne Alspaugh 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, Louis Stotts, George and Eugene Ash, Ve Clinton, Richard Miller, James Crawley, Harry Howard, James Skimmerhorn, Cecil and Hugh Barnett.

NEW STORES LIKELY

Two Structures May Be Erected at Muncie.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., March 16.—Although definite announcements have not been made, it is reliably reported that two business buildings will replace old structures in Muncie's downtown section.

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.

Egg Hunt Arranged

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 16.—Two thousand Anderson children are taking part in uncovering the dexterous work of the Easter bunny at the Kiwanis Club annual Easter egg hunt at Shady-side Memorial park on Easter Sunday. Hundreds of prizes provided by merchants await the nest finders.

TEACHERS LOSE POSITIONS DUE TO TENURE ACT

Twelve Will Not Be Hired at Rensselaer for Next Term.

By Times Special
RENSSELAER, Ind., March 16.—The teachers' tenure law has resulted in dismissal of twelve members of the Rensselaer teaching staff, including C. Ross Dean, city superintendent, high school and grade executives and instructors.

All have served five years at least here and under the tenure law would be entitled to life positions if re-employed for the term opening in September.

Dismissal was by a 2-to-1 vote of the three-member city school board. The board announced that all the teachers had served ably and that the tenure law was the only reason for ending their services with the close of the present term in May.

In addition to Dean, those released are Floyd Meyers, high school principal; Miss Grace Norris, high school girls dean; Miss Ona Shindler, music instructor; Miss Mae Clark, domestic science; Emory G. Harrison, manual training; Miss Nina Martindale, English; Miss Beatrice Brier, mathematics; Miss Minnie Waymire, grammar school teacher, and three from grade schools—Miss Minnie Hemphill, principal, Misses Cecile Jordan and Frances Folger.

INDIANA SHOWS ELECTRIC GAIN

Federal Report Cites 119.6 Per Cent Rise.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, March 16.—The department of commerce announces that, according to returns received at the quinquennial census of electrical industries taken in 1928, the total output of electric current in Indiana in 1927, as reported by electric light and power plants, was 1,746,201,079 kilowatt hours, an increase of 119.6 per cent as compared with 795,271,188 kilowatt hours generated in 1922. During the same period the generating capacity increased from 335,450 kilowatts to 653,603 kilowatts, or 94.7 per cent. A marked increase is shown also for the horse power of steam turbines in use as prime movers.

These figures cover both commercial and municipal plants, but do not cover those operated by mines, factories, hotels and other enterprises not in the nature of public utilities, which consume all the current generated, nor plants operated by the federal government or by state institutions. No data is included for electric-railway power plants unless a part of the current generated is sold.

The 157 electric light and power establishments reported from Indiana for 1927 comprised 73 commercial and 84 municipal establishments. The word "establishment" refers to ownership or control; consequently in many cases a commercial establishment represents two or more generating stations or distribution systems.

The corresponding figures for 1922 were as follows: Total, 212; commercial, 119; municipal, 93. The decrease in the number of commercial establishments during the five-year period, representing the net result of a gain of 32 and a loss of 67, was due chiefly to centralization of ownership or control and absorption of independent generating stations accompanying the extension of transmission lines.

The decrease from 93 to 84 in the number of municipal plants is due to the abandonment of municipal generating stations and the acquisition of municipal distribution lines by commercial systems.

Appoints New Police Chief

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 16.—R. V. Hinshaw has been appointed police chief by the police commission. He has been a member of the department since January, 1928, and was appointed captain several months ago. He has been acting chief since F. H. Hancock, recently resigned, left on a vacation about three weeks ago, and remained in that position following Hancock's resignation.

Special to Legion Meeting

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 16.—Plans are being made for taking about 200 Bloomington American Legion members to the national convention of the organization to be held Sept. 30 to Oct. 4 at Louisville, Ky. Frank D. Hope, commander, announces Thursday, a special train is to be chartered over the Monon route. About twenty other posts also are to charter trains over the Monon for the trip.

Horse Hit by Auto Missing

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., March 16.—What becomes of a horse when it is hit by an automobile—under a fair head of speed, is a question puzzling the sheriff's staff. Robert Kelley reported that his car hit a horse on the Wabash pike while driving in a fog. The auto appeared as though the horse probably had been mortally injured. However, a search of the vicinity failed to reveal a horse.

Former Muncie Mayor Dies

By Solence Service
MUNCIE, Ind., March 16.—Dr. Don C. Quick, former Muncie mayor who had been a physician here more than forty years, is dead. He had been in ill health several years.

Leads Pest Foes



William Frantz

By Times Special
SWEETSER, Ind., March 16.—William Frantz, R. R. 4, Sweetser, is leading his team of twenty high school boys toward victory in a contest to rid this community of farm pests. Frantz was among the first to deliver tails and heads of rats, crows and other destructive animals to Prof. A. C. Norris, who organized the campaign which will close April 1.

At the conclusion of the campaign, which is being conducted by boys of the Sweetser high school, trophies of the crusaders will be burned on a pyre in connection with a banquet and community celebration.

Doctor Family

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 16.—Phillip Holland, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Holland of Bloomington, is the fourth member of the family to choose a doctor's career. He is a student in Bellevue hospital and college of New York university. Besides father and son, doctors in the family were Gustave Holland, Phillip's great-grandfather, and his grandfather, P. C. Holland.

MURDER TRIAL SET

Second Briggs Accused in Court Monday.

By Times Special
WILLIAMSPORT, Ind., March 16.—Kenneth Ratcliffe, charged with first degree murder of Victor M. Briggs, will go on trial in Warren circuit court here Monday.

Clarence B. Briggs, nephew of the slain man, is serving a life term in the Indiana state prison following a plea of guilty recently to his part in the murder.

Victor Briggs' bullet riddled body was found on the porch of his home near here the morning of Oct. 3, last. The nephew said the slaying was promoted by a desire to obtain possession of an estate.

Ten to Enter Contest

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., March 16.—Eleven Marion students will compete in the district Latin contest March 23 at Wabash. Ten of the Marion participants are from Marion high school and one from Martin Boon school. They won in the Grant county contest. The contestants are William Oates of Martin Boon and John Kendall, Mary Jo Day, Eunice Hendley, William Meng, Doris Terry, Mary Cramer, Charlotte Grant, Robert Hale, Margaret Clawson and Mildred Holt.

Actor Visits in Kokomo

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., March 16.—King Kennedy, formerly of this city but now of Hollywood, Cal., is visiting here after playing stock on the Orpheum circuit in western cities. Since leaving Kokomo, Kennedy has spent much time in Europe studying. Recently he had a large part in the development of the Little Theatre movement along the Pacific coast. Early in April he will be given a try-out in the "talkies."

Librarians to Meet

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 16.—One hundred city librarians and public library trustees will attend an eighth district convention here April 2. State Librarian L. J. Bailey and Miss Hazel Warren, chief of the extension division of the state library department, will be principal speakers.

Copper Pipe to Be Used

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., March 16.—Copper pipe will replace lead in running lines from water mains to Kokomo residences, the Kokomo Water Company announces. Economy is announced as the reason for the change.

FARMERS LEAVE LAND FOR JOBS IN STONE MILLS

Rapid Decrease Shown in Monroe County During Last Five Years.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 16.—Farm population in Monroe county is rapidly growing smaller each year, according to Walter Rogers, county farm agent. During the last five years he said he has noticed a rapid drop in the number of persons who have left farms to go to towns.

"I believe that the percentage of persons in Bloomington for town life is greater than in most parts of the country. This is due, no doubt, to the stone mills in the county that afford the farmers better wages than they could receive from farming their land," Mr. Rogers said.

According to the bureau of agriculture economics, United States department of agriculture, the farm population of the United States is now the smallest in twenty years. It estimates that the population on Jan. 1, this year, was 27,511,000, as compared with a peak of 32,000,000 in 1909.

The bureau's estimate also shows a decrease in farm population during the past year despite improved agricultural conditions and a slight slackening in industrial employment. On Jan. 1, 1929, figures comparing with a farm population of 27,699,000 persons on Jan. 1, 1928.

WABASH STUDENTS WILL OFFER PLAY THURSDAY

Presentation of "Officer 666" to Be Followed by Dance.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 16.—The Scarlet Masque, dramatic organization of Wabash college, will present its second production of the year Thursday, in the Little Theatre of the Crawfordsville Masque temple.

The play will be "Officer 666," is a melodramatic farce comedy by Augustin MacHugh, and is filled with mystery, fast action, and amusing situations. The cast is composed of ten characters, three of which are female. Of the seven male parts, three are leads. This makes the play especially suitable for presentation by an organization in a non-educational school.

Kenneth P. Wood, president of the Scarlet Masque, announces that a dance will be given in the ballroom of the Masonic temple immediately after the performance.

Announces Contest Songs

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., March 16.—Contest songs for the county musical contest, to be held at Marion high school April 6, are announced as follows today by County Superintendent M. C. Townsend: "The Robin's Return" (Martins); "Wind on the Hill" (O'Hare); "Concentration" (Hazel), and "Come Where the Lilies Bloom" (Thompson). Classes of the contest include orchestra, seventh and eighth grade choruses, girls' glee clubs, and high school sextets.

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