

WESTPORT MAN WINS JUDGMENT AFTER 11 YEARS

Insurance Case First Filed
at Greensburg Heard
Three Times.

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., Oct. 19.—An insurance claim case which was tried in the Decatur circuit court here eleven years ago and since then has been through both the Indiana supreme and appellate courts, has been settled in the local tribunal.

As a result of the end of the litigation, the Federal Life Insurance Company of Chicago, has paid Matthew D. Harding of Westport, \$4,519.87.

Harding filed suit in March, 1918, to recover cash surrender value of a policy originally issued by the Inter-State Life Insurance Company of Indiana, which was later bought by the Federal company of Chicago, the buyer taking over the Indiana company's policies.

At the trial held here before Circuit Judge John W. Craig, it was decided that Harding could not recover, the court upholding a contention of the company that Harding had paid only 60 per cent of premiums, and that the unpaid balance with interest, exceeded the amount due for cash surrender.

Harding replied that the policy he held was one of a number issued by the Interstate company under a special contract, which required payment of only 60 per cent of possible premiums unless an assessment was levied, which action had not been taken.

On appeal to the appellate court, Harding was again defeated. He transferred the case to the Indiana supreme court where the opposite view was taken, resulting in payment of the judgment.

NEW NATIONAL HEAD OF LEGION VISITS M'NUTT

Commander and Predecessor See
Football Games Today.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 19.—O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander of the American Legion, is a guest here today of Paul V. McNutt, former legion head, to witness the Indiana-Colgate football game.

Bodenhamer, who was chosen successor to McNutt as head at the convention in Louisville, has accepted McNutt's invitation to visit Bloomington Nov. 20 also. A banquet at the Masonic Temple probably will be given for the national commander, Dr. F. D. Hope, head of the local post, announced. The meeting will be open to the public.

El Dorado, Ark., is Bodenhamer's home. He has been national executive committee member of the legion for Arkansas, and was chairman of its national legislative committee in 1924-1925.

He entered the World war service in April, 1917, as a recruit. He had attained the rank of major when he was discharged from the infantry in July, 1919.

Since then Bodenhamer has been engaged in the brokerage business in El Dorado.

TAX RATES INCREASED

Final Injuries Fixed for Monroe
County's Townships.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 19.—Final tax levies for townships of Monroe county, have been fixed, following review of the state tax board.

The general rate is slightly higher. The state rate increase accounts for 6 cents of the amount. County levies are increased by 6 1/2 cents to meet maturing county unit bonds, and for the redecoration of the courthouse. Although the county unit law was passed in 1919, bonds on work in the county did not come due until this year.

It is pointed out the county has reached its limit of 2 per cent in issuing county unit bonds.

FARMERS WILL MEET

Fifth District Bureau Session to Be
Held Monday.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—The fourth quarterly meeting of the Fifth district of the Indiana Farm Bureau will be held here Monday with William H. Settle, state bureau president, as the principal speaker.

Others on the program include Mrs. Gertrude C. Modlin and B. B. Benner, both of the bureau, and M. Cliff Townsend of Marion.

Election of a district director will take place during the session.

Home Brewer Sentenced

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., Oct. 19.—Harrison Snyder pleaded guilty to violation of the liquor law, in city court and was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in jail, by Mayor James H. McConnell.

Several hundred bottles of home brewed beer were confiscated by a police raiding squad at Snyder's home. The minimum sentence was imposed when evidence that Snyder's wife is in poor health was presented.

Veteran Blacksmith Dies

By Times Special
GOSHEN, Ind., Oct. 19.—A veteran of a passing craft, David J. Miller, 79, who died here Thursday after working for fifty-eight years as a blacksmith. All his business life was spent in the same shop and the same adjoining home.

Auto Damages House

By Times Special
RENSSELAER, Ind., Oct. 19.—An automobile driven by Mr. R. McMenore of Rochester crashed into the side of a house occupied by Riley Tullis here. The front porch was demolished, one side of the house caved in and much plastering knocked from the walls.

Silent Wife

Rule Barring Evidence
Against Husband Used
at Muncie.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 19.—The state of Indiana is unable to prosecute a case here due to appliance of the rule barring a wife from testifying against her husband. William Warfel is charged with shooting with intent to kill. His wife, Charlotte DeLong Warfel is the only witness available for its prosecution. They were not married at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Warfel asks annulment of her marriage on the grounds that she was forced and coerced into marrying Warfel and was unconscious when the ceremony was performed. The state holds that the defendant married her to prevent her testifying at the trial. Nevertheless the defense successfully invoked the rule against a wife's testimony.

Warfel shot through a window at a rival for Mrs. Warfel's affections before their marriage. At the time for trial the shooting victim who had recovered from a wound, did not appear and the prosecution was unable to find another witness.

SEVENTY STILL FACING ARREST

More Capiases to Be Served
in Lake County.

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Oct. 19.—Federal activity in the Calumet district during the last twenty-four hours has been near a standstill, although Dr. H. E. Miner, deputy marshal of the Hammond federal district, has approximately seventy federal capias awaiting service in Lake county.

Dr. Miner has accepted the surrender of Anna Sage, reputed common-law wife of Martin Zarcovich, East Chicago detective chief and one of the defendants in the Mayor Raleigh P. Hale liquor conspiracy case.

The woman is charged with intimidating federal witnesses. She was released on bond of \$3,000. Another alleged Gary bootlegger, Arthur Noton, also submitted to arrest.

BURGLAR SENTENCED

Indianapolis Man Admits
Guilt at Greenfield.

By Times Special
GREENFIELD, Ind., Oct. 19.—Arthur Houyax of Indianapolis is under a one to ten-year sentence imposed in Hancock circuit court here on a plea of guilty to grand larceny.

With Mrs. Stella Weller, Houyax was arrested several weeks ago following a series of burglaries in farm homes of Johnson, Hancock, Shelby, Bartholomew and other counties in this section. She refuses to admit guilt and is preparing for trial.

BULLET VICTIM DIES

Son-in-Law Wanted in Crawford
County Tragedy Still at Large.

By Times Special
ENGLISH, Ind., Oct. 19.—Murder charges will be filed against Hugh Mathers, 21, Crawford county authorities announce here as the result of death of his father-in-law, William Jones, 50, whom Mathers shot Wednesday at the Jones home, near Marengo.

Mathers and his young bride had been separated for several weeks, during which time she stayed at the parental home. He shot his father-in-law when refused permission to enter the home, he told friends before fleeing. He had not been apprehended.

CHURCH TO CELEBRATE

English Lutherans of Richmond in
Existence 45 Years.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., Oct. 19.—Forty-five congregational history will be commemorated by the First English Lutheran church here Sunday with the three pastors that have served the church present.

The congregation is the first English Lutheran group formed in Wayne county, although there were German congregations here since 1820.

Dr. J. W. Kapp, of Cincinnati, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Brotherhood, organized the church in 1884 and served as its pastor eighteen years. He was succeeded by Dr. E. H. Howard, now of Springfield, O., who served for fourteen years. Dr. C. F. A. Dressel has been pastor the last thirteen years.

Prisoners Damage Jail

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Prisoners at the Putnam county jail in the past several months have caused considerable damage to the building, by removing water pipes and tearing holes in walls in attempts to escape.

Tax Rate Higher
MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Muncie will be operated next year on a tax levy of \$2.94, an increase of 26 cents over this year's rate. This was decided when the state board of tax commissioners made slight reductions in city and county budgets. A \$10,000 decrease in an appropriation for Ball Memorial hospital was ordered.

Hoosier Surgeon Elected

By Times Special
CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Dr. C. Jeff Miller, New Orleans, was elected president of the American college of surgeons at its convention here. Dr. Philip H. Kreusch, Chicago, and Dr. Miles F. Porter, Ft. Wayne, Ind., were named vice-presidents.

STATE LIBRARY SESSION TO BE HELD AT GARY

Annual Conference Will Be
Opened Wednesday.

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Oct. 19.—The Indiana Library Association will convene here Wednesday in its thirty-eighth annual session to continue through Friday.

Registration will take place on Wednesday morning at the Gary Commercial Club rooms in Hotel Gary. The visitors will be welcomed to Gary at an afternoon session by Judge Ora L. Wildermuth, library trustee here. Others on the afternoon program will be George B. Utley and Elinor Mose, both of Chicago, and Margaret Reynolds, Milwaukee, Wis.

Banquet on Program

The annual association banquet will be held Wednesday evening, at which the principal speaker will be Dr. William M. McGovern, author and explorer. A play will be presented by the dramatic department of the Gary library.

A round table session will be held Thursday morning. Luncheon will be served at Lake Front park. Speakers during the afternoon will be Professor C. D. Frank of the University of Chicago and Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan of Gary. A motor tour of the Dunes will follow.

Dictionary Editor Booked

The principal speaker at a session Thursday evening will be Sir William A. Craigie, formerly editor of the Oxford dictionary. Others on the program will be Inez Crandie, Evansville, and Mrs. Dana H. Sollenberger, Kokomo. Louis J. Bailey, director of the Indiana state library, will preside.

"Book Production" will be the topic of the closing session Friday morning. C. E. La Follette, W. H. Solle and Howard Vincent O'Brien will be on the program. In the afternoon the visitors will tour Gary steel mills.

Church Given \$3,000

By Times Special
CONNEERSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Frazer have contributed \$3,000 to the Central Christian church here on condition that it give an equal amount, money to be used for making improvements to the church building, including Sunday school rooms and redecoration.

VETERAN HELPLESS DUE TO HICCUGHS

By Times Special

SULLIVAN, Ind., Oct. 19.—A knife with the inscription in raised letters, "Da. Boone," is being exhibited here by Police Chief James H. Willis, who says he found it in a hollow tree near Sullivan. Willis is convinced the knife was left in the tree by the famous pioneer woodsman, Daniel Boone, and that it gives conclusive proof Boone frequented the Wabash valley when most of it was an unexplored wilderness.

SLOT MACHINES FOUGHT

Crawfordsville Police Begin Clean
Up of Gambling.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—For the second time in two months, police have ordered all slot machines and similar gambling devices removed from the city.

Hundreds of complaints have been received by officials in the past week from mothers of school boys and girls who have been spending money in attempts to "beat" the machines. Police said that all future violations of the law will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

It was estimated by officials that more than fifty machines have been in constant use during the past few weeks.

Mexico Buys Indiana Hogs
By Times Special
FRANKFORT, Ind., Oct. 19.—Chalmers and Fay Avery of near Michigantown and James A. Beard & Son of near Frankfort have sold twenty head of Poland China yearling gilts and Duroc Jersey spring gilts to the secretary of agriculture of the Republic of Mexico to be added to a herd of swine at the National College of Agriculture in Mexico City.

Mother of Two Killed

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Vera Hamilton, Mishawaka, was killed instantly and her husband Joseph and two children seriously hurt when the family automobile was struck by a South Shore electric train at a crossing east of here.

Two on Truck Hurt

By Times Special
BLUFFTON, Ind., Oct. 19.—Two persons were injured Friday night when a gravel truck returning a group of workmen to Gary overturned as it crashed into a parked auto. William Bolden, 38, and Lee Eckels, 40, are dead.

Three Cows Win Honors

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 19.—Three purebred Jersey cows owned by C. T. Osborn Schacht of Bloomington, have qualified for the register of merit of the American Jersey Cattle Club.

Director Initiated

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Russell Alexander, new director of publicity at De Pauw university, has been initiated by Sigma Delta (Chi), national professional journalistic fraternity.

Blacksmith at 98 Still Busy in Middleboro Shop



John Hawkins at his anvil

DRINK SEEKER SHOT FATALLY

Tragedy Enacted After
Threat at Bar.

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Trouble was what Walter Sheldon, 31, promised would develop if he did not get a drink of liquor in the soft drink parlor of Howard Wight. Today his body awaits burial.

Walter Mahoney, 24, who shot Sheldon to death, said his victim threatened to blow up the place if not given a drink, and started to make good his promise by firing at Irene Wright, an employee, and himself.

Mahoney dropped behind the bar, grabbed a gun, crawled to the end of the bar and shot Sheldon. He is held pending investigation of the shooting.

CHARGES EXCEED 1,125 IN LAKE COUNTY CASE

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Charles H. Kramer, World war veteran, who has been unable to work since he was demobilized in 1919, is suing the government he served on an insurance policy. Owing to wounds received in service, Kramer is continually to hiccoughs and could barely speak while testifying in Federal court here before Judge Robert Baltzell. The court took the case under advisement.

Counsel for Kramer brought a victory medal and a piece of shrapnel to the hearing. These brought a sharp remark from Alexander Cavins, assistant district attorney.

"Why display those relics of war here?" Cavins inquired of Attorney Louis Roberts, the veteran's counsel. "Why didn't you bring a flag into the courtroom? I brought home shrapnel, too."

"I won't let a United States attorney do that," Judge Baltzell remarked to Cavins.

Kramer was wounded while fighting in the Meuse-Argonne sector in 1918. He was struck by shrapnel in the shoulder, arm and leg.

DIPHTHERIA KILLS TWO

Precautions Against Spread Taken
at Columbus.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., Oct. 19.—With three cases of diphtheria reported here, two of which resulted in deaths of children, physicians are taking precautions against spread of the disease.

The cases reported have all been in homes where children attend the same school and it is feared many other children have been exposed. Dr. Bertha M. Clause, school physician, is conducting an individual examination of school children daily.

Deaths were those of Bobbie Moore, 6 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, and May Greenfield, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Greenfield.

Aged Couple Wed

By Times Special
SHERMAN, Ind., Oct. 19.—Sherman H. Butts, 72, of Henryville, who lost two wives by death, claimed his third bride, Mrs. Susannah Thomas, 57, here. They were married by the Rev. Alexander Sharp, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Thomas had been married three times before, her husbands dying in 1891, 1925 and 1927.

Garage Robbed of \$25

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 19.—Two bandits in an automobile with an Ohio license, held up a garage here early today and escaped with \$25, taken from a cash register. One bandit took the money while the other kept a garage employee covered with a revolver.

Apple Tree Blooms

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—An apple tree on the farm of Marion Wright, near here, is in full bloom.

GOVERNOR WILL BE IN PORTLAND AS M. E. GUEST

Executive Also Scheduled
for Speech at Home-
Coming Sunday.

By Times Special
PORTLAND, Ind., Oct. 19.—Governor Harry G. Leslie will be the honored guest and principal speaker at a Governor's day and homecoming program of the Methodist church here Sunday.

An all-day program has been arranged, starting with Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. when men and women leaders in Sunday school work in neighboring counties will serve as teachers. A men's Bible class session will be addressed by Max Shaffer of Muncie, auditor of Delaware county.

The pastor, the Rev. Herman R. Carson, will conduct a love feast, a form of worship popular many years ago, at the morning program. An informal reception for Governor Leslie and other guests will be held from 11:30 until noon, when a dinner will be served in the church basement. R. D. Wheat, former judge of Jay circuit court, will be the toastmaster. Several members will be given by the Treaty City quartet of Greenville, O.

Governor Leslie will be the speaker at an open meeting to be held in the afternoon in the church auditorium. He will be taken on a motor trip over the city after the program.

Among other guests who have accepted invitations to the event are the following: James P. Goodrich, former Indiana Governor, and Mrs. Goodrich, Winchester; Judge and Mrs. L. A. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClellan, the Rev. and Mrs. Loren Ross, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Foreman, all of Muncie; Judge and Mrs. A. L. Bales, Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Stine, Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Burk, Hartford City; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walters, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bay; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schug, Berne; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hines, Richmond.

SLAYER CONVICTED

Indianapolis Negro Given
Life Prison Term.

By Times Special
DANVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—After only fifteen minutes deliberation a jury in Hendricks circuit court here convicted Levi Miller, 22, Negro, of slaying Louis Miller, 63, night watchman at the Cole Motor Company plant in Indianapolis, Feb. 23, and was given a life sentence in prison.

The Negro had been tried twice, a jury disagreeing at the first hearing held here in June. The case was brought here on a change of venue from Marion county.

COURTROOM CHAT PROOF OF SANITY

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 19.—A United States highway in Illinois to be known as No. 40, is being urged by Illinois citizens near here. A meeting of advocates of the road will be held at Pana, Ill., Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The new highway would extend across Illinois from St. Louis to Terre Haute, passing through Edwardsville, Hillsboro, Shelbyville, Mattoon, Kansas and Paris.

It's Progress

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 19.—A building 103 years old is being razed here to make way for a filling station. The structure is the Linton building, erected in the downtown section here in 1826. It was built to endure, workmen tearing it down have learned. Joists and other heavy timber are of black walnut, as is most of the other wood. Brick were made in Vigo county's first brickyard.

Murder Trial Set

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 19.—John Van Hook will go on trial in Vigo circuit court here Monday charged with the second degree murder of Austin Sweet, an attorney fatally shot in his office last spring.

Van Hook, then a deputy constable, quarreled with the attorney when he attempted to arrest him on a charge of violating a state fishing law.

New Library in Use

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—A new reference library of 200 volumes is available to students taking modern languages at Wabash college here. Most of the books are gifts from the private libraries of Professor F. C. Domroese, C. E. Leavenworth and A. D. Easterling of the Wabash faculty.

Wire Hangers Radio

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—A piece of loose wire hanging from electric light lines of the Wabash Valley Electric Company was found to have been the cause of radio interference here the past few nights.

First Licence Arrest

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., Oct. 19.—Curtis Hawk, 30, was arrested here on a charge of operating an automobile without a driver's license. He pleaded not guilty in city court. His arrest is the first to be made in Bartholomew county under the new state license law.

Youth Killed in Cave-in

By Times Special
RALEIGH, Ind., Oct. 19.—Norman Gling, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gling near here, was fatally crushed in a grave pit cave-in at the Scott pits.

Built on Rum

Incident in Muncie's
Early History Bares
Liquor's Role.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Liquor may be the curse of the present day, but it served as the foundation for the city of Muncie.

This was revealed when a historian delving into the early annals of Muncie found that the first cabin built on the present site of Muncie, was constructed on funds paid by drunken Indians after they had attacked a tavern keeper.

The drunken Indians were ordered to pay \$2,000 to their victim and the money was taken from annuities of the tribe. The tavern keeper used part of the money to buy the greater part of the present site of downtown Muncie and the remainder to build a house.

SLAYING CHARGE ERASED BY LAW

Cortland Man Released in
Death Case.

By Times Special

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Oct. 19.—A manslaughter charge against William Judd of Cortland, which has been on the records of the Jackson circuit court here nearly two years, has been dismissed by Judge James A. Cox on motion of Edward Massman, prosecuting attorney.

After nearly a year had elapsed, Judd was tried on a charge of being responsible for the death of Melville S. Corvey, a crossing watchman for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in Seymour. A jury disagreed. The trial cost Jackson county \$1,500.

Prosecutor Massman, in asking dismissal, declared it would be difficult to obtain a jury for another trial.

Corvey was killed in January, 1928, when thrown against a train at a Seymour crossing. It was charged a truck driven by Judd struck the watchman.

NEW ROAD PROPOSED

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Liquor Defendants Hit

Technical Pleas at Muncie Will
Result in Federal Charges.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Attorneys who use technicalities in defense of alleged liquor law violators will bring trouble upon themselves.

This is the announcement of Prosecutor H. H. Davis who says that in the future where technicalities are relied upon in conducting the defense, he would file the cases in federal court.

Russell Eley, charged with liquor law violation, had filed a motion here to quash on the grounds that the search warrant was bad. The case will be taken direct to the United States court, Davis says.