

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 McNUTT

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 committeeman 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 6½ cents to meet maturing county unit road 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.

Selection 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 brew 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 United Press
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 United Press
RENESSAELAER, Ind., Oct. 19.—An automobile driven by M. R. McLeone 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.

STATE LIBRARY SESSION TO BE HELD AT GARY

Annual Conference Will Be Opened Wednesday.

By Times Special
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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.

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

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 Houyoux of Indianapolis is under a one to twenty-four year sentence imposed in Hancock circuit court here on a plea of guilty to grand larceny.

With Mrs. Stella Weller, Houyoux 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

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 19.—Hugh Mathers, 21, Crawford county authorities announced 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 years of congregational history will be commemorated by the First English Lutheran church here Sunday with the three pastors who have served the church present.

The congregation is the first English Lutheran group formed in Indiana. It was organized in 1885, although there were German congregations here since 1880.

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 attempt to escape.

TAX RATES Higher

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

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Blacksmith at 98 Still Busy in Middleboro Shop

By Times Special
MIDDLEBORO, Ind., Oct. 19.—John Hawkins at his anvil.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

GOVERNOR WILL BE IN PORTLAND AS M. E. GUEST

Executive Also Scheduled for Speech at Home-Coming Sunday.

By Times Special

PORLAND, Ind., Oct. 19.—Governor Harry G. Leslie will be the honored guest and principal speaker at a Governor's day and home-coming 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, as 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 numbers will be given by the Treaty City chapter 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. Fred McClellan, the Rev. and Mrs. Loren Ross, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Loren Ross, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. 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.

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Although there are relatives with whom he could make his home, Hawkins lives alone. His wife died twenty-two years ago.

Hawkins 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.

"But I would not think of drinking the sort of stuff they have these days," the old blacksmith asserts.

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