

NEW ANDERSON REGIME HALTS METER BUYING

Injunction Asked to Stop Payment of \$21,154 in Deal.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—The timely, but unwelcome arrival of Arch Jackle, bailiff of Madison superior court, at the city water works where a Christmas party was in progress, blocked the execution of city water works notes totaling \$21,154. The notes were intended to pay for 2,000 water meters contracted for a few months ago by the board of works.

The bailiff, acting under orders of Judge Lawrence V. Mays, served papers on members of the city administration as they were being seated at the dinner table, notifying them that they had been temporarily restrained from signing the notes as a result of a suit filed in the name of John T. Ross, a member of the board of works appointed by Mayor-Elect J. H. Mellett, Democrat.

Judge Mays issued a temporary restraining order and fixed Jan. 6 as the date for a hearing to determine whether the order will be made permanent or dissolved. Incidentally the hearing date will mark the change in the official control at the city hall so the matter is now regarded as being beyond the control of the present Republican administration.

The contract which is under fire was entered into between the board of works and the Federal Water Meter Company, East Orange, N. J., later reorganized as the A. P. Smith Corporation. It called for delivery of 2,000 meters at \$10.77 each. Sixteen hundred or more of them had been delivered and a large number of them installed when the members of the incoming administration tied up the deal.

None of the meters has been paid for. A desire to pay the bill in full prompted the board to order the remaining meters shipped and the notes executed in absence of cash in the water works funds to cover the bill.

The complaint for injunction alleges the contract is illegal because it was entered into when the city was beyond its constitutional limit of indebtedness, that the pretended contract was made without competitive bids and that meters just as serviceable can be bought for \$7.

CAR BUILDERS' MERGER AWAIT Confirmation

Hammond Company Reported in Deal Involving \$450,000,000.

By United Press
HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 28.—Official confirmation of the merger of the Standard Car Company and its subsidiary, the Osgood-Bradley Car Company, with Pullman, Inc., was unavailable here in the absence of Joseph Thompson, general manager of the Standard company.

Thompson was reported to be in Pittsburgh, Pa., on business connected with the consolidation.

The Standard company employs about 3,000 persons in Hammond. It manufactures freight cars; the Osgood-Bradley company, Worcester, Mass., builds passenger cars.

The companies combined are reported to be about equal in size and financial strength to Pullman, Inc., engaged in the manufacture of passenger cars at Pullman, Ill. The merger would involve about \$450,000,000.

DEATH FOLLOWS WISH

Anderson Man Succumbs to Injuries After Christmas at Home.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Robert E. Wise, 48, who fell fifty feet from the top of a tree he was trimming and suffered fifteen fractures of bones in arms, legs and hips, asked to be removed from St. John's hospital to his home to spend Christmas. His wish was granted. Today he is dead.

He was believed to be improving when physicians consented to his being taken home.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Daisy Wise; a son, Earl Wise, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Himes, Muir, Mich.; Misses Dorothy and Roberta Wise, at home; two brothers, John and George Wise, Greencastle and a sister, Mrs. Milton Wainscott, Anderson.

AID FOR BIRDS URGED

Madison County Farmers Asked to Provide Shelter and Food.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Five of Madison county's leading hunters in an open letter to farmers of the county ask their co-operation in a move to provide food and shelter for quail and other birds whose food supply has been shut off by snow covering the ground.

The quickest and most inexpensive way to provide shelter for quail is by the use of corn fodder, the letter points out. The suggestion is made that fodder be stacked around a stump or bush or along a fence, the tops tied securely, with an opening left in the center of the shock. Broken ears of corn, wheat and particularly sheaf oats should be used as food.

Muncie Gets New Pastor

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Rev. Frank Kerner of Indianapolis, who has been pastor of the Hill's Baptist church near this city for the past year, has notified his congregation of his resignation. He has accepted a call to the Walnut Street First Baptist church at Muncie and will begin his new work Jan. 1.

Christmas Gifts Stolen
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Packages containing Christmas presents were stolen from an automobile parked here by Mrs. I. E. Marshall.

Civic Leader



Dr. B. C. Dale

The new chairman of the civic bureau of the Marion Association of Commerce is Dr. B. C. Dale.

INJURED MAN ASKS \$25,000

Railroad Sued Following Crossing Tragedy.

By Times Special

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 28.—William T. Hosier, living near Gallowayton, has filed suit in Cass circuit court here asking \$25,000 damages from the Wabash railroad as a result of a crossing crash April 16 in which Joseph Cook was killed and he received serious injuries.

Hosier's automobile, in which Cook was a passenger, was struck by a train here. The plaintiff alleges that his sight and hearing are permanently impaired as a result of a compound fracture of the skull.

After being wounded, Cook walked to the home of Miss Eleanor Dickinson, a girl friend, where medical aid was obtained.

POSSE HELD AT BAY

Farmer Faces Sanity Test After Attacks on Relatives.

By Times Special

BEDFORD, Ind., Dec. 28.—Claude Eliza, 30, Loogoootee, will be examined by a sanity commission here, following attacks on members of his family after which he barricaded himself in his home and held at bay a posse which included sheriffs of three counties and a mayor.

Armed with two revolvers, Eliza stood off those seeking to arrest him until a young woman acquaintance engaged him in conversation long enough to permit a man to disarm him.

MERGER PLAN OFFERED

Montgomery County Would Unite Two Institutions.

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Merger of the Montgomery orphans home and infirmary to the extent of both occupying the same tract of land is advocated by W. A. Collings, county council member.

Collings declares much money would be saved by his plan. He is seeking support for it from various organizations. President Benjamin Evans of the Kiwanis club has appointed a committee to study the proposal.

Chosen National Officer.

By Times Special

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Dec. 28.—Captain Bruce L. Peters of this city has been elected senior vice-president of the Reserve Officers' Association. He has been president of the sixth district reserve organization and regional vice-president in charge of the Third, Fourth and Sixth districts. He was a delegate from Indiana to the national convention of 1928 and 1929. He was commander of the local American Legion post in 1925 and was elected to the office again. He is a member of the Richmond Voluteers.

Engineer Honored.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Officials of Delco-Remy Corporation were hosts at a banquet given in honor of A. B. Gomory, efficiency engineer, who will go to Germany to join the staff of the Opel Corporation, recently taken over by General Motors. Gomory will be succeeded here by Spaulding S. Meadows, who has been his assistant.

Mall Record Claimed.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Working at top speed to handle an unprecedented volume of Christmas mail, four clerks of the local post office staff established what they declare is a state record. Two teams composed of Edwin Thomas and Floyd Hudson, Minot Cleveland and Henry Holdren stamped and dispatched 1,400,000 pieces of mail in three hours.

\$3,000 Loss in Fire.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Fire destroyed the five-room home of William Jarvis at the north edge of Anderson. Sparks caused a fire at the adjacent residence of George Jester, which was saved by city firemen who were called when it was too late to save the Jarvis house. Damage to the two houses was \$3,000.

Injured Man Dies.

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Funeral services for George W. Osborne, 90, oldest resident of Washington township, were held at the Reelsville church. He leaves five daughters.

Oldest Resident Dies.

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Thomas Ames, 29, delirious while suffering from pneumonia, jumped from a second-story window in a hospital here and ran down a street attired in a bathrobe. Police caught him in an alley near the hospital. Ames, who had a high fever, was unavoidable, authorities state.

Auto Arson Alleged.

By Times Special

CONNELLSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Emmit Lyons is accused in a grand jury indictment of setting fire to an automobile belonging to Goldie Bar-

VINCENNES WILL MARK DATE OF LINCOLN VISIT

Celebration Tentatively Set for March 6 With Extensive Program.

By Times Special

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 28.—March 6 has been set as the tentative date for a celebration here of the visit of Abraham Lincoln to Vincennes on his way from Indiana to Illinois. On this visit Lincoln saw a printing press for the first time in his life, the machine being in the office of the Vincennes Sun.

It is planned to have Governors of Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana attend the celebration and invitations will also be sent to Lincoln authorities. It is proposed that the program be on an extensive scale as the one held here in 1928 on the 150th anniversary of the capture of Vincennes by George Rogers Clark.

The Lincoln celebration was suggested at a meeting a few weeks ago by Joseph W. Kimmell, who will become mayor here Jan. 6, and who is advocating preservation of historical shrines in Vincennes.

As a result of Kimmell's suggestion a committee of fifteen was appointed and it has appointed a sub-committee which will present definite plans for organization at a meeting to be held early in January.

BULLET HOLE IN SKULL FAILS TO CAUSE DEATH

Bourbon Man Wounded by Shot While Cleaning Rifle.

By Times Special

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Dec. 28.—Ernest Ford, 21, Bourbon, is recovering at hospital here, despite a bullet wound which penetrated his skull.

The young man was alone in the home of his grandfather at Bourbon, cleaning a .22-caliber rifle, when it was accidentally discharged.

The bullet struck Ford squarely in the forehead, passing through the skull. However, it ranged upward and lodged beneath the scalp.

After being wounded, Ford walked to the home of Miss Eleanor Dickinson, a girl friend, where medical aid was obtained.

Representative Enumerates Why Indianapolis Should Get Institution.

By Times Special

CONNELLSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.— Indianapolis is favored as the site for a new veterans' hospital to be erected by the government, according to Richard N. Elliott of Connellsville, representative in congress.

The capital has offered a site, Elliott explained, and surgical facilities are readily available there. The veterans' bureau is also in Indianapolis. The hospital will be of 150-bed capacity. Congress has provided \$500,000 for its erection.

Several other Indiana cities are seeking the hospital. The Chamber of Commerce and American Legion post at Anderson have started a campaign to obtain the institution for their city.

Selection of a site is in the hands of the veterans' commission.

Woman Landowner Dies.

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Matilda Moffitt Haverstick, 69, wife of John B. Haverstick, largest woman land owner in north central Indiana, is dead at her home in the southern part of Hamilton county of heart disease. She leaves her husband and the following children:

Mrs. Adolph Schmidt, Indianapolis; Mrs. L. E. Tyner, Nora, and Miss Pearl Haverstick, at home. Most of her 1,000 acres of land is located near the line between Marion and Hamilton counties.

Kiwanians Elect.

By Times Special

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Kiwanis Club here has elected the following officers for 1930: E. V. Whelan, president; Hugh R. Foss, vice-president; Robert A. Hicks, treasurer; George B. Morris, secretary, and Bruce Henderson, district trustee. Directors are Robert A. Berich, H. B. Boyd, Harper Lindsay, J. V. Young, Russell Worr, Robert Hughes and C. M. Snyder.

Man Acquitted in "Unwritten Law" Pleas Sues at Kokomo.

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 28.—Elmer H. Decker, who was acquitted by a Howard circuit court jury when he pleaded the "unwritten law" for slaying Lloyd Turner, alleged lover of his wife, has filed suit for divorce.

The husband recites conviction of his wife on a statutory charge while he was a prisoner awaiting trial as ground for the divorce.

Auto Injures Two.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Walking on the paved roadway of West Twenty-second street to avoid snow covered sidewalks, was unfortunate for two of three Anderson girls. Miss Isabelle George, 19, student in the Salvation Army training school, Chicago, and Miss Ruth Newcomb, 20, who rooms at the Salvation Army citadel here, were struck by an automobile and injured. Their companion, Miss Edna Miller, 18, Anderson, was walking nearest the curb and escaped. The car was driven by a motorist whose identity has not been learned.

Twelve-Foot Snow Found.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—The American Legion will conclude a membership campaign Tuesday with a gain of 300 members, according to W. O. Nelson, commander. Anderson is in competition with the Kokomo post in the drive which to date has brought in 225 members here.

Brookville Woman, 94, Dies.

By Times Special

BROOKVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Mrs. John Klemme, 94, lifelong resident of Franklin county, is dead at her home here. She and her husband would have reached the seventy-fifth anniversary of their marriage in January. They are the parents of eight children.

Park Official Re-Elected.

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—The city council has re-elected William Hayes a member of the park board for a term of three years. In his annual report to the council, Dr. Earl Brooks, chairman of the board, said that 221 family reunions attended by 14,578 people, were held at the park last summer and fall. Golf receipts at the park were \$6,788.

Check Grows.

By Times Special

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Dec. 28.—Bud Groover, 24, was sentenced to four months on the penal farm and fined \$10 when he pleaded guilty in city court to raising a \$2 check to \$32 and cashing it. Lester Johnson, farmer, near Linwood, paid Groover with a \$2 check for a day's work. Groover altered the check, adding \$30, and a bank here gave him the money.

Gravel Contract Signed.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 28.—C. E. Hashman, Anderson, was awarded a contract by the Madison county board of commissioners to furnish 15,000 cubic yards of gravel for use on county roads. Hashman, the only bidder, will receive 55 cents