

PAGE 2 SICKLY WOMAN EMBEZZLER SET FREE BY JUDGE

Sentence of Defendant Weighing Only 78 Pounds Suspended in U. S. Court.

By Times Special
FT. WAYNE, Ind., May 3.—Mrs. Erna W. Stoner, 29, Lafayette, who embezzled funds of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company here while in its employ, is at liberty under suspended sentence imposed by Judge Thomas W. Slick after she entered a plea of nolo contendre. She was fined \$100 on six counts and given two-year terms in the federal women's prison at Alderson, W. Va., on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

The accused woman, who weighs only seventy-eight pounds, appeared near collapse as she withdrew a plea of not guilty and entered the one which admitted truth of the charge. She did not look at her husband or parents as the plea was changed.

No Good in Sentencing

Before passing sentence, Judge Slick said:

"The cowardly thing for me to do to appease public sentiment, is to send her to jail for life. Then people would say, 'There is a real judge.' But I'm not going to do the cowardly thing. There is no reason why I should wreck her life. She's wrecked her own life, almost. I believe the girls here in the courtroom have a living example of wrong doing when they see what she has suffered. There would be no good of sentencing her."

Paroled to Attorney

Judge Slick paroled Mrs. Stoner for two years to her counsel, Dan Flanagan.

Although defense counsel declared Mrs. Stoner had taken \$2,500, officials of the bank declared the shortage was \$12,000. Flanagan declared that when his client signed a statement regarding the shortage in July she had been without sleep for three days and nights.

MUNCIE MAYOR AGAIN IN CLASH WITH JUDGE

Ban on Filing Cases in Police Court Put on for Third Time.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., May 3.—Citizens here are watching with interest the next step in the Dale-Mann feud renewed by action of Mayor George R. Dale.

The mayor for the third time announced that police officers will not file cases before Judge Frank Mann of city court.

"I have given him several chances, but this is the last one," the mayor said.

The mayor also instructed his son-in-law, City Controller Lester Holloway, to refuse payment of the salary of Henry Harrison, the son-in-law, and bailiff of Judge Mann.

"Harrison refuses to do his duties and he won't get his money until he does," Dale said.

The mayor said general conditions in city court were the cause of his latest move against the judge.

VETERAN LAWYER DIES

Perry E. Bear, Madison, Stricken While in Theater.

By Times Special
MADISON, Ind., May 3.—Perry E. Bear, 69, veteran member of the Jefferson county bar, is dead of heart disease. He was stricken while attending a theater.

He was a native of the county and served as its prosecuting attorney when he was only 21 years old. He had been city judge and also Jefferson circuit judge.

4,064 POPULATION GAIN

Bedford Increases While Linton Shows 13 Per Cent Loss.

By United Press
BEDFORD, Ind., May 3.—Bedford's population has increased 4,064 persons since 1920, preliminary 1930 census figures show. The 1930 count is 13,140.

By United Press
LINTON, Ind., May 3.—Linton's population decreased 13 per cent during the last ten years. The 1930 census figures were 2,077 against 5,856 for 1920.

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 3.—John Garrett, 36, is in jail here in lieu of \$5,000 bond after arraignment before United States Commissioner Clyde Randal. He was arrested at Burn City, Ind., and brought here by federal prohibition officers, who said they found a fifty-gallon still at his home.

By United Press
ANDERSON, Ind., May 3.—Mrs. Cornelius Hawkins, 87, pioneer resident of Anderson, is dead. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lottie Sisson, Anderson, and Mrs. J. F. Bailey, Indianapolis; and three grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

By Times Special
BROWNSVILLE, Ind., May 3.—Mrs. Pearl Hoffman, 53, wife of Luther Hoffman, is dead here. She leaves her husband and four daughters. Mrs. Cecil Huntington, Liberty, Mrs. Everett Huntington, Hamilton, O., and Genevieve and Mathena, at home.

By Times Special
BRAZIL, Ind., May 3.—Finding of two mushrooms with a combined weight of two and a half pounds by Albert H. Woods, has caused him to claim this spring's heavy mushroom championship. One of the fungi weighed one and one-half pounds.

\$88,000 for Building

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., May 3.—Twenty-five building permits were issued during April at the office of Ira Davis, city controller, for projects estimated to cost \$88,425. Erection of a \$30,000 plant at the Ames Shovel and Tool factory and a \$25,000 addition to the Guide Lamp plant, were the largest buildings started during the month.

Chapel Being Enlarged

By Times Special
FRANKLIN, Ind., May 3.—Work has been started on an addition to the Franklin college chapel which will practically double seating capacity of the building.

Rings Presented in May Day Fete



Left to right, Frances Cauble, Roselle Rutter and Sarah Crouch.



FREE INSURANCE FOR MINISTERS

Evangelical Church to Pay Premiums.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 3.—Group insurance upon its ministers will be obtained by the Evangelical church conference of Indiana, it was decided at its annual meeting here.

The insurance will be in the amount of \$1,000 for each minister, the premium to be paid by the conference.

The conference granted permission for the erection of a \$30,000 church in Mishawaka.

It was reported to the meeting that the membership had gained 1,118, with the total now at 15,371.

The conference comprises 121 church buildings valued at \$1,930,000, with seventy-two parsonages valued at \$284,000.

Salaries paid during the last twelve months were \$140,000; expenses of the Sunday schools, \$37,000, and the average contribution, \$214 a person.

The Rev. J. O. Mosler, Van Wert, O., was appointed presiding elder of the East district and the Rev. C. Maas, Elkhart, presiding elder of the West district. Otis Collier, Portland, received deacon's orders.

Injury Causes Death

By Times Special
LIBERTY, Ind., May 3.—Miss Ellen Gray, 82, following a broken hip, died at Richmond hospital. Burial will be made at College Corner, O. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Thompson and Mrs. Lydia White, Liberty, and Mrs. Netland, Connersville.

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