

PLANES USED IN FOREST SURVEY FOR FIRE DRIVE

Two National Guard Ships Fly Over Many Acres of Indiana Trees.

The military air service played an interesting part in a forestry survey by the state conservation department preparatory to establishment of a fire tower service.

When Richard Lieber, department director, asked that a survey be made in certain southern localities, national guard airplanes were offered by Adjutant-General Manford G. Henley.

Two planes, piloted by Major R. F. Taylor and Lieutenant M. G. Carpenter, had as passengers George W. Freeman of Kokomo, state representative from Howard county, and Ralph F. Wilcox, state senator.

A flight was charted south over Brown, Jackson, Washington and Clark counties, and west over Floyd, Harrison, Crawford, Perry and Spencer counties, thence north over Dubois, Martin, Lawrence, Greene, Owen and Morgan counties.

Six Fires Sighted

In many places, says Wilcox, large forested areas of one to 1,500 acres were encountered. Six forest fires were burning. Twenty-three recently burned areas of dead trees on a total area estimated at 6,340 acres, were noted. Thousands of acres of old burns of previous years were observed.

According to Representative Freeman, one can never realize the importance of a definite system of forest fire protection unless they view from the air the enormous damage caused to timber and wild life by fires.

Federal Aid Available

The federal government offers \$8,100 to the department of conservation toward an adequate program of fire protection. Northern Indiana needs this protection along the Kankakee and Yellow rivers and in Elkhart and LaGrange counties, just as well as the more heavily timbered areas of the south, according to Director Lieber.

The conservation department protects 28,000 acres of parks, game preserves and state forests with towers and adequate organization, but private forest lands are entirely without protection, it is pointed out.

If the legislature provides a sum equal to that offered by the federal government, \$15,200 will be available next year to build a system of watch towers to guard hundreds of thousands of acres of timber lands from fire.

BOY, 14, UNINJURED IN WRECKING STOLEN AUTO

Drives 60 miles an Hour While Attempting to Elude Police.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 30.—A 14-year-old boy, driving a stolen automobile at a high rate of speed in an attempt to elude police, narrowly escaped injury when the car turned over and caught fire.

The lad was touring the country roads when he encountered police, who were driving in the opposite direction. They turned and gave chase, the pursuit ending when the car driven by the boy at more than sixty miles an hour bounced on a railroad crossing, landing in a ditch.

Unhurt, the boy climbed through a window of the car and started to run, but stopped when Detective Captain Harry Brown fired a shot in the air. Meanwhile the automobile had caught fire and before help could be obtained, it was destroyed.

Upon being questioned by police, the boy confessed the theft of two other automobiles during the past month.

PIONEER'S KIN VISITS

Grandfather of David King Founded Johnson County and Franklin.

By Times Special
FRANKLIN, Ind., Aug. 30.—David H. King, 85, whose grandfather, George King, was the incorporator of Johnson county and founder of the city of Franklin, has been a visitor here and in the vicinity this week.

Born in Franklin in 1845, this is the first visit David King has made to the city since 1873. He is now a resident of Fayetteville, Ark.

Church Body Elects

WINONA LAKE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Eel River Christian church conference in session here. They are: President, John Sees, Huntington; vice-president, Judge O. W. Whitlock, Huntington; secretary, Carl Thompson, South Whitley; assistant secretary, Samuel Frantz, North Manchester; and treasurer, J. M. Barnes, Huntington.

Promises Poisons Couple

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown, German township farm residents, were found unconscious from ptomaine poisoning at their home by a neighbor. They had eaten a quantity of meat for dinner and soon afterward became ill. Neither was able to leave the home and as they had no telephone they could not summon aid.

Agged Widow Dies

CARMEL, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Caroline Jeffries, 84, widow of Jackson Jeffries, is dead at her home here. She was a member of one of the oldest families in southwestern Hamilton county. She leaves the following children: Mrs. Charles Newby, Mrs. Calvin Brown, Mrs. Bert Cook, Mrs. Roy Hodgin and Fred Pearl and Wallace & Mrs. E. L. Jeffries.

Indiana Spiritualists Elect

CHESTERFIELD, Ind., Aug. 30.—The Indiana Spiritualists' Association, in session at its camp here, re-elected Dr. Myron Post president and Mrs. Mabel Riffle, secretary.

Relators Hear Official

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Joseph Merrith, Delaware county treasurer, was the speaker at a dinner here attended by members of the Muncie and Anderson Real Estate Boards.

I. U. Band Gets Instruments at Cost of \$3,500

ANOTHER TRIAL ASKED FOR TWO LIFE PRISONERS

Negroes Were Sentenced at South Bend Day After \$1.35 Robbery.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 30.—A new trial is being sought for Richard Harris and John May, Negroes, serving a life term in the Indiana state prison for beating and robbing two white men on a freight train west of here Sept. 20, 1929.

Loot in the robbery consisted of \$1.35 and a fountain pen. Counsel for the prisoners declare in the new trial motion that the Negroes never knowingly pleaded guilty.

Prisoners Beaten

The Negroes were removed from the train by railroad detectives and section workers, who administered a severe beating.

George A. Lawrence, San Fernando, Cal., and Kennedy Harmon, Memphis, Tenn., alleged victims, exhibited to authorities wounds they said the Negroes inflicted with iron pipe. They said they were forced to jump from the train while it was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Given Speedy Hearing

The day after their arrest, the Negroes were taken before Circuit Judge Cyrus E. Pattee, who, on pleas of guilty, imposed the life terms.

Indianapolis attorneys employed by a Negro welfare organization filed the new trial motion.

Colonel O. P. Robinson (above) and Captain J. J. Pirtle.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 30.—The war department has spent \$3,500 in purchase of new instruments and replacements for the Indiana university band. It is announced by Colonel O. P. Robinson, commandant of the university R. O. T. C. A total of \$15,000 is now invested in instruments, the expense of which was shared equally by the war department and the band.

The new equipment will enable the band to have a full rank of eight sousaphones, and it, therefore, will make a more spectacular marching appearance. The musical organization, which is under the musical direction of V. E. Dillard, is composed of 100 pieces. Captain J. J. Pirtle of the university R. O. T. C. again will have direct supervision of the band.

The band will accompany the football squad to Columbus, O., Oct. 4, for the Ohio State-Indiana football game; to South Bend Nov. 1 for the Notre Dame-Indiana game, and to Lafayette Nov. 23 for the Indiana-Purdue game.

MARRIAGES OF COUSINS URGED

Albert Wiggam Says Such Unions Breed Mentality.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 30.—Addressing the St. Joseph county teachers institute here Friday, Albert Edward Wiggam, author, urged that cousins marry, declaring their children are likely to be of superior mentality.

He urged cousin marriages after declaring:

"American intelligence is on the decline; leaders are dying out."

He cited statistics showing that in six generations 1,000 Yale or Harvard graduates will have only fifty descendants, but that 1,000 unskilled laborers will have 10,000 descendants.

College graduates, who furnish three-fourths of all our leaders, are simply a dying race," he asserted.

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