

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 forester.

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.

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 was overtaken by 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 crawled out of 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 Found Johnson County and Franklin.

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 El River Christian church conference in session here. They are: President, John Sees, Huntington; vice-president, Judge O. W. Whitecock, Huntington; secretary, Carl Thompson, South Whitley; assistant secretary, Samuel Franz, North Manchester, and treasurer, J. M. Barnes, Huntington.

Pomaine 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.

Aged Widow Dies

CAMMEL, 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 Hodgins and Fred Pearl and Wallace Jeffries.

Efficient 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.

Realtors Hear Official

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Joseph Meredith, 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

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

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. Pirle 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.

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ANOTHER TRIAL ASKED FOR TWO LIFE PRISONERS

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

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.

Look 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.

MARRIAGES OF COUSINS URGED

Albert Wiggam Says Such Unions Breed Mentality.

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.

Referring to a list of sixty-four men declared recently by James W. Gerard to be the rulers of America, Wiggam said it indicated nothing unusual, asserting "a few geniuses have always ruled the world."

"Cousin marriages among good stocks is one of the best things in the world," Wiggam declared.

"Many of the world's greatest men have been the children of a whole series of cousin marriages."

Hope Man Sentenced
COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Ed Newcomb, 36, Hope, was fined \$100 and costs amounting to \$130 and given a thirty-day sentence at the state penitentiary in city court here when he pleaded guilty to possession of liquor. His arrest followed a raid at his home in which Sheriff Alonzo E. Fitch and other officers confiscated sixty-three pints of home brewed wine. The beer was in a refrigerator in a barber shop which Newcomb operated in a room of his home.

A report from the office of Dr. W. B. Blanchard, dean of the college of liberal arts, shows that nearly 600 transcripts of high school credits have been received as seeking admission to the university. Last year at this time there were 604 on hand.

The office of the dean of women shows that only a few reservations are left in the three university maintained halls of residence for women. Rector, Lucy Rowland and Mansfield Hall, where 350 co-eds can be quartered.

A similar report regarding men's halls came from the office of Harold E. Robbins, university treasurer, who receives the deposits on rooms. Only a few of the 200 rooms remain available. Freshmen men are allowed to live in fraternity houses. Freshmen women are not.

In addition to the five university dormitories, ten national sororities and fourteen national fraternities maintain houses on the De Pauw campus and give accommodations to thirty to forty-five men each year.

Maxwell, registrar for the De Pauw school of music, reports that enrollment prospects for that branch of the university better than last year.

Anderson Motorist Hurt
ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Kenneth M. Patton, 31, proprietor of a radio shop, was critically injured when his automobile collided with a city street car. Patton was said to have driven around a parked automobile directly in front of the car. Mortimer E. G. Douglas was cut by flying glass and several passengers in the car were shaken up.

Sentenced Man Flees
ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Locke Wiseman stands to serve a fifty-day sentence in the Madison county jail if police catch him. He disappeared unobserved from the city courtroom after being fined \$40 for malicious destruction of property at the National Guard armory. Wiseman is a member of Company H, machine-gun unit of the Indiana national guard.

Motorcycle Kills Woman
GARY, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Carl Moustakas, 38, is dead of injuries she suffered when she was run down by a motorcycle operated by Police Officer Poturski. She suffered a fractured skull and leg. The officer escaped with minor injuries. Poturski was on his way to the scene of an accident when Mrs. Moustakas crossed in front of his motorcycle.

Unlabeled Attamp, Falls
PLYMOUTH, Ind., Aug. 30.—Harold Lewis, barber, was found in a weakened condition from loss of blood suffered when he cut his left wrist in an attempt at suicide. Despite the fact that he was not found until nearly twelve hours after he cut himself, he will recover, doctors say. No reason was given for the act.

Muncie Woman Kills Self
MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Roberta Van Buskirk, 29, who shot herself in the breast, Wednesday, is dead. She gave as a reason for her act that she was "tired of living."

Homesick Students Given Cheer by Purdue Deans

Registration at Purdue in 1929

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TYPHOID THREAT OVER EDINBURG DUE TO WATER

State Engineers Tell Town Sewage Disposal Is Necessary.

EDINBURG, Ind., Aug. 30.—Danger of a typhoid epidemic here due to contamination of the town water supply, was pointed out on completion of a survey by sanitary engineers of the state board of health.

There is no sewer system here and much of the water supply comes from wells. These have become contaminated. One of the engineers, Herbert H. Young, condemned water from seven of seventeen wells examined.

It was pointed out that probably the only thing that saved the town from an epidemic was drought. It was declared that lack of rain prevented sewage from sinking deeply into the ground, thus preventing deep wells from being affected.

The engineers warned that water from wells should be boiled before use, and that the town should take steps immediately for construction of a sewage system. A report on progress made in this direction not later than Sept. 15 is requested.

Four Schools To Get Awards
Winning Newspapers Will Be Shown at State Fair.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Four winning Indiana high school newspapers are announced as a result of the annual contest conducted by the Indiana university chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity.

The winning papers will be displayed at the state fair as a part of the exhibit of the I. U. Journalism department.

The South Side Times, South Side high school, Ft. Wayne, won in the division open to papers of six or more columns. The Clarion, Connersville high school, five columns, and the Broadcaster, Swetseter high school, four columns or less.

The award for the school whose paper showed the greatest improvement over last year was given to the Benjamin Bosser high school, Evansville. Its paper is the School Spirit.

Each of the winning newspapers will be awarded a framed certificate by the university and blue ribbons by the fair board.

PUBLIC AIDING FAMILY
Fund Being Raised at Anderson for Tuberculosis Sufferers.

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Public subscriptions are swelling a fund that is being raised to send Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murdoch and their twelve children to New Mexico in search of health.

The parents and eight of the children are afflicted with tuberculosis believed to have been contracted from milk from a tubercular cow that had been false tested, false carded and represented as being free from tuberculosis when sold.

Murdoch has sold his possessions here and has repaired two old automobiles for the trip to New Mexico. City police contributed \$25 to the fund.

CHURCH 100 YEARS OLD
Good Hope Baptists Will Celebrate Centennial Sunday.

CLAY CITY, Ind., Aug. 30.—The Good Hope Baptist church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding with a program Sunday, one of the features of which will be a basket dinner at noon.

Speakers will include Dr. S. A. Huntington, Indianapolis; the Rev. D. P. Liston, McGowan; J. H. Reddock and C. S. Bulander. Musical numbers will be presented by the church choir, Mrs. C. S. Bulander and children of the church. A history of the church will be read by Fred Cromwell.

Boy Killed by Horse
LYONS, Ind., Aug. 30.—The hoofs of a horse pounded the life from 7-year-old Robert Roach, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Roach, near here. The boy was riding the animal while a ditch was being cleaned. It stumbled, throwing the boy off and in its struggles to regain its footing trampled him.

Bank and Suicide Separate
ALBION, Ind., Aug. 30.—State bank examiners, following an investigation at the Farmers State bank whose cashier, Alvin Barnum, committed suicide Monday, announced the tragedy had no connection with the affairs of the bank.

Church Elects Officers
NEWCASTLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—The Rev. Alvin Hall, Monticello, was named moderator of the First Church of God in annual conference here. Other officers include C. H. Holley, Newcastle, assistant moderator; Frances Elzer, Newcastle, clerk, and J. A. Cromer, general treasurer.

School Tax Cut Proposed
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—A tax rate of 83 cents has been recommended for the school city of Noblesville, a reduction of 2 cents from the present levy, and is said to be one of the lowest in Indiana.

Business Man Dies
COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Funeral services will be held here Monday for C. C. McCullough, 51, a lifelong resident of Bartholomew county, who died of high blood pressure at a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich. He was the proprietor of a furniture factory. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary McCullough.

Young People to Meet
ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 30.—A sectional rally of the Christian Alliance of Young People will be held here Monday. Attendance of several thousand is expected.

Descendant of Total Baptism Advocate Swims

Jimmie Campbell

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—A recent visitor here was Jimmie Campbell, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Campbell of Brazil.

The boy is a great-great-grandson of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Christian church, which many years ago was often given the name of Campbellite.

Appropriately enough, the boy is an excellent swimmer, considered one of the best of his age in Indiana. Alexander Campbell was an advocate of the total immersion method of baptism, as opposed to the sprinkling practiced by some denominations.

One Must Kill
Then Find Murderer for Success in Mystery Story Writing.

GARY, Ind., Aug. 30.—Milton G. M. Propper, 24, Philadelphia, writer of mystery stories, who is a guest here of Dr. I. J. Proper, his uncle, gives the following recipe for success in his field of authorship:

"Kill some one, then find the murderer. A mystery story is a contest between the author and the reader. The author, bound by certain rules of fair play, tries to fool the reader. If he succeeds, he is a good writer of mystery stories."

Despite his youth, Propper has already had two books published, and a third will appear soon. He has a record of never having had a book rejected by a publisher.

THE murder victim in Propper's first book, "The Strange Disappearance of Mary Young" was a Gary girl.

As to rules of fair play for the mystery story author, Propper says:

"Know all the characters and establish all the facts in the crime as soon as possible so as to give the reader a fair chance to guess the outcome."

Propper was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania law school a year ago, but does not intend to be a lawyer, he says, at least so long as his writing sells. He formerly was a copy boy on a Philadelphia newspaper.

TWO OF FAMILY HELD
Brother and Sister to Be Tried on Chicken Theft Charge.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Charged with stealing chickens, Fred Burton, 22, and his sister, Mrs. Onie Ross, 30, are awaiting trial on petit larceny charges at the September term of Davies circuit court.

Arrests of the brother and sister were caused by Alfred Burton and Alex Hayes, who accused the two of being implicated in stealing chickens. Neither of the latter two was tried, both being returned to state penal institutions as parole violators.

Columbus Carpenter Dies
COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Henry Graff, 72, carpenter, is dead following a week's illness of paralysis. Graff was born in Cincinnati, and lived there during his early life. He then moved to Waymaville, Bartholomew county, where he lived a short time before coming to Columbus. He was an active member of the English Lutheran church, the Red Men's lodge and the carpenters' union. He leaves his widow; a son, Edgar Graff; three brothers, George and John Graff, East Columbus, and William Graff, Kansas; three sisters, Mrs. William Hedderjohn, Waymaville; Mrs. Conrad Keller, Cincinnati, and Mrs. William Schrorer, Kansas.

Plane Death Ends Troth
HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Aug. 30.—Miss Virginia Smith, former resident here now living in Los Angeles, Cal., was engaged to marry King Sanderson, Chicago, fatally burned in an airplane crash at Los Angeles.

MUNCIE IN NEW DIFFICULTY DUE TO BOND ISSUE

Banks Point Out Failure to Observe Law on Ordinance Notice.

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 30.—For the second time since its inauguration the city administration has encountered legal obstacles in sale of a bond issue.

In the latest instance the city sought to sell an issue of \$43,000, to be used for ten different purposes, but after two Muncie banks had filed bids it was found that the legality of the ordinance providing for the issue was in doubt.

The point involved is a law requiring an interim of two weeks between the advertising of such an ordinance and its passage. Alternates for the banks have pointed out that only ten days intervened between advertising of the measure and the passage.

Two months ago the council passed an ordinance that to authorize a \$60,000 issue to meet the current expenses and to finance