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at Postoffice, Indianapolis**INDIANA ROAD
WORK HELPED
JOBLESS MEN**State Commission Paid
\$75,000 in Wages Dur-
ing Three Months.

ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE

Most Employment Provided
in Drought-Stricken
Counties.More than 600 men and 103
teams were provided work in Janu-
ary, February and March by the
state highway commission as its
contribution to drought-stricken
farmers. Many men are still em-
ployed and will continue working
until more profitable employment
is obtained or the projects com-
pleted.Working in co-operation with the
state drought relief committee, the
maintenance division of the road
department, employed men and
teams whenever and wherever grad-
ing and dredging work could be
done. Due to the open winter, this
made-work program was of ma-
terial financial aid to the heads of
hundreds of families in southern
Indiana.These figures were made public
today by John J. Brown, state high-
way director, on receipt of a report
from A. H. Hinkle, maintenance
superintendent. This work was in
addition to regular forces employed
by the highway commission, Brown
said, and in each case of relief em-
ployment, the commission engaged
only men actually in need of work
as certified by the relief committee.**Counties Benefited**Highway relief work was pro-
moted more vigorously in Harrison,
Washington, Ripley, Dearborn, Sul-
livan, Greene, Warrick and Spencer
counties, where opportunities were
greatest for grading and hand labor.Speaking of the relief program in the
Seymour district, C. W. Mc-
Clain, district maintenance en-
gineer, said he employs approxi-
mately 250 men and 75 teams. This
work is divided into several projects.On Road 64, east of Milltown in
Harrison county, a grading project
uses 60 men and 22 teams. The
work two weeks, a new gang comes
on for two weeks, then men and
teams again alternate. By this plan
work is divided among nearly all
the need in the immediate vicinity."We experienced some trouble at
first in procuring teams with suffi-
cient strength for this hard work,"
McClain said, "because the horses
were underfed. It is remarkable
how the animals improved with the
extra food given them after owners
renew their first money."On Road 56, east of Salem, and
on Road 35, south of the same place,
75 men and 40 teams are employed;
all from Washington county. Proj-
ects on Roads 129 and 29 use 50
men and 10 teams, and in the same
vicinity south of Versailles, Ripley
county, the commission opened a
stone quarry, providing employment
for 25 men. Road 56 in the same
maintenance district gives employ-
ment to 20 men, and Road 50, same
locality, provides 20 men with work
on a grading project.**315 Men at Work**Reporting on relief work in the
Vincennes territory, H. C. Offett,
maintenance engineer, has 315 men
and 118 teams employed in addition
to regular forces. In this drought
affected territory the program of
grading and constructing new fills
is confined to Road 68 near Selvin
Dale and Cynthiana; on Road 48,
constructing a new entrance to
Shakamak State park, and grading
Road 66 near Grandview.The demand for employment is
lessening in these farm areas, and
with the approach of the season
when farmers must get busy in the
fields, the unemployment situation
will become steadily better, officials
predicted.Director Brown says that main-
tenance work is starting on state
roads all over Indiana, and in
March the highway department had
1,752 men on the maintenance divi-
sion pay roll. This number will be
increased gradually until a maxi-
mum of about 3,200 used in the
summer rush is attained. Regular
employees will be augmented this
year through a plan of holding to
an eight-hour day schedule instead
of a nine-hour day as customary.
By this method 300 or more men
can be added for regular employ-
ment without additional cost to the
department.Drought relief work inaugurated
by the commission aided those em-
ployed to the aggregate of \$75,000
to date, officials said.**APPEAL IN HORSE CASE**Buyer Alleges Animal Bought at
Farm Sale Was Wind Broken.By Times Special
PORTLAND, Ind., April 8.—Thomas
Carey, dissatisfied with a
judgment for \$50 rendered in jus-
tice of the peace court following a
suit for a horse in which he said
he was the loser, plans an appeal to
jury circuit court.The suit was against Clarence
Ankrom, former owner of the animal,
and Lew Ware, who negotiated its
disposition at a farm sale. Carey
says the horse was represented to
him as sound, but in fact was wind
broken. The defense contended the
condition was caused by the animal
being led back of an automobile, but
Carey declares at no time did it
move faster than a walk.Sign of Spring Noted
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 8.—S.
L. Wilson, bird lover, has seen what
he believes is authentic proof of
spring. He reports that in going
through one of his fields March 15
he found a horned lark's nest
containing five eggs. They were
hatched the latter part of March,
and the birds are growing rapidly.
Wilson says. Eggs of this species of
birds usually do not hatch until the
latter part of May or early in June.**Blanket Made by Hand 114 Years Ago**

Mrs. Sam Layman of Terre Haute and a blanket which has been in the possession of her family for 114 years. The blanket is made from wool and cotton picked, carded and spun by Betty Rauh, one of Mrs. Layman's ancestors.

**LATTA CASES
AGAIN IN COURT**Insurance Company Says
Attorney Was Suicide.

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., April 8.—
Among cases on the docket of the
Montgomery circuit court for
the April term are three against the
Employers Liability Assurance Cor-
poration of London, England, in
which plaintiffs seek to recover in-
surance on the life of Will Latta,
a trustee of the company.The lawyer was killed at Carmel
when his automobile was struck by
a train. The insurance company
has refused payment on the ground
that he committed suicide. Plaintiffs
in the cases are Amanda E. Hunt,
Alice L. Latta, and Fletcher
American National Bank of Indianapolis,
executor of the will.The cases are set for trial the
week of June 25 and are expected
to require several days. They were
brought here on a change of venue
from Hendricks circuit court at
Danville.**Elinor 'Safe'
as High Flier**

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Elinor
Smith, New York girl flier, has offi-
cially been declared "safe" for high
altitude flying.She took the navy department's
"re-breather" test to determine
whether it is advisable for her to
continue attempts to break Ruth
Nichols' record.Last week Miss Smith's
oxygen tube broke while she
was flying at a high altitude, and
she lost consciousness.Charles McCammon, Indianapolis,
implicated in the same murder, is in
jail here and has confessed, author-
ities say.

TAX VALUES SHRINK

By United Press

NOELVILLE, Ind., April 8.—
The second life imprisonment sen-
tence imposed as a result of the
murder of Owen Crickmore, filling
station attendant killed in a holdup
Sept. 30, is on court records here
today.Robert Ingerson, Indianapolis,
conceded the holdup and murder
and was sentenced by Judge Fred E.
Hines in Hamilton circuit court.Floyd Strate, Indianapolis, pleaded
guilty to similar charges Monday
and also received a life sentence.Charles McCammon, Indianapolis,
implicated in the same murder, is in
jail here and has confessed, author-
ities say.LIEUTENANT-COMMODORE JOEL J.
WHITE, navy flight surgeon, gave
Miss Smith the test.

LESLIE AT SOUTH BEND

Governor Accompanies Frank May
to Scottish Rite Reunion.Governor Harry G. Leslie accom-
panied Secretary of State Frank
May Jr. to South Bend to attend
the spring reunion of the Scottish
Rite Masons of the valley of South
Bend. South Bend is May's home
city and he is prominent in Ma-
sonic circles there.

Democrats to Meet

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., April 8.—Three
hundred reservations have been
made for the annual Jefferson day
banquet to be held under auspices
of the Madison County Jefferson
Club here next Monday night. The
principal speech will be made by
Frank P. Baker, president, said
today.The city hall group, headed by
Walter Hurd, brought in 106 mem-
bers in the drive, and John Rose,
a deputy sheriff, was second high
in the individual contest. In all
352 new members were gained.

WINS CONVENTION TRIP

Gar Davis Will Attend 1932 Demo-
cratic Convention.Communist Organizer Tells Court
He Is Paid \$15 a Week.Vagrancy charges against Theodo-
re Leusse, 933 South Senate ave-
nue, were dismissed in criminal
court today when Leusse told Judge
Frank P. Baker he received \$15
a week "to advance the interests
of Communism."Leusse was in criminal court on
appeal from a \$50 fine assessed by
Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter
several weeks ago, after his arrest
by Captain Otto Ray.The Trade Union Unity League
pays his salary, Leusse told the
judge.

PHONE VALUE IS SET

Tax Board Places Illinois Bell Fig-
ure at \$5,223,694.The state tax board today set
1931 valuation of the Illinois Bell
Telephone Company property, in
northern Indiana, at \$5,223,694, an
increase over 1930 of \$32,157.The board also fixed the 1931 value
of twenty-nine companies of the
United Telephone Association of Abilene, Kan.,
at \$70,617, a decrease of \$661 from
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