

INDIANA WHEAT OUTLOOK BEST IN DOZEN YEARS

**Crop Condition on April 1
Reported 93 Per Cent
of Normal.**

By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 18.—Yield prospects for the 1931 crop of winter wheat in Indiana were better on April 1 than in any year since 1919, according to the crop report of the monthly issued by the department of statistics of the Purdue university agricultural experiment station. The condition for the state as a whole was reported at 93 per cent of normal, which is 22 points above a year ago and 18 points above the ten-year average. The probable crop this year in the state is indicated at 28,000,000 bushels, nearly a million bushels short of last year, but about a million and a half above the average.

National Average Higher
The wheat crop for the United States is reported at 88.8 per cent of normal, which is eight points above the average. The national production is estimated at 643,920,000 bushels, which is more than 38,000,000 bushels higher than the 1930 crop.

The rye crop in the state is well above the average, being reported at 92 per cent of normal, but pastures are seven points below the average, at 73 per cent. This reduction in condition is attributed to the severe drought during 1930 and thus far in 1931.

Milk Decreases
The average production of milk per farm in April was 90.7 pounds, slightly below normal, as a result of a small reduction in the production per cow. The average Indiana farm flock includes 104 hens, which lay 58 eggs a day, while a year ago there were 111 hens to a farm and they laid 64 eggs a day.

For every farm job, there are 1.85 men waiting to take it, as compared with 1.2 men per job a year ago. Farm wages are lower than at any time in the last fourteen years.

LIQUOR CHARGE DENIED AFTER SHOOTING AFFAIR

**Farmer West of Columbus Wounded
Neighbor With Shotgun.**

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., April 18.—Bevery Allen, 27, farmer west of here, was arrested following a shooting affair at his home in which a neighbor, Charles Gates, was seriously wounded. He pleaded not guilty in Bartholomew circuit court to possession of a still. He will likely not face charges in connection with the shooting of Gates, as he claimed it was in self-defense and witnesses support that statement.

William Gates, brother of Charles, who was also wounded during the affair, pleaded guilty to intoxication and was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$40. He pleaded not guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated. The Gates brothers called at the Allen home and beat on a door, and when it was opened, it is claimed Charles attacked both Mr. and Mrs. Allen with a knife, and Allen wounded him with a shotgun.

Officers reported discovery of a twenty-five-gallon still, two pounds of sugar, a quantity of mash and a supply of empty bottles and jars at the Allen home.

STUDENT TO TAKE TRIP

**Earlham College Will Be Represented
at University of Mexico.**

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., April 18.—An Earlham college student will represent the summer studying at the University of Mexico, it was announced here after a campaign for \$300 to finance the expenses had succeeded. The plan is backed by college organizations, classes, faculty and individual students, and was under the direction of the international forum, composed of students interested in world affairs.

The student who will make the journey will be selected by popular vote from six candidates nominated by the student-faculty committee. He will leave for Mexico as soon as the present semester ends to study economics, sociology and languages and make a general survey of the culture of Mexico.

Cables Placed Underground

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., April 18.—Work has been completed by fire department employees on the first unit of an underground alarm system. More than 10,000 feet of cable was laid by the department to replace the present overhead system in one section of the city. The Indiana Bell Telephone Company donated a duct and as a result, the wire was installed at very little cost to the city. While official action has not been taken, it is believed that a part of the underground system will be installed each year until the entire system is underground.

Greencastle Woman Buried

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 18.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Pauline B. Hurst, wife of Clemens C. Hurst, who died Thursday after a long illness. The last rites were held in the home where Mrs. Hurst was born and spent most of her life. Besides the husband, she leaves a niece, Mrs. Phoebe C. Davidson, and a nephew, Blake Conley, both of Indianapolis.

Child Dies in Korea

By Times Special
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy have received word of the death in Korea of their granddaughter, Marilyn Ann McCoy, the 4-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy. The father is in the employ of the Oriental Consolidated Gold Mining Company.

Waldron Student Wins

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 18.—Winners in the final event of the first annual Indiana high school mathematics contest, held at Indiana university here Friday, were Vearl Farrow, Waldron, first; Ralph Rautenkranz, Urbana, second; and Julius Sanders, Columbia City, third.

Receives Grant



Professor Neiswander

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 18.—One of thirty-one research grants awarded by the Special Science Research Council, New York, was received by Professor William A. Neiswander of the De Pauw university department of economics.

BLOODY TRAIL LED TO LIQUOR

**Police Find Bottle After
Crash Which Injured Five.**

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., April 18.—When police investigated an automobile accident near Clifford, six miles north of here, a blood trail led them to a bottle of liquor which was hidden in a clump of bushes at the side of the road. Five persons were injured in the accident, including Mrs. Ora Johnson and son George, 5, of Clifford, both of whom are in hospital here; Philip Mohr, Clifford; Morris Talkington and Forest Foster of this city.

Mrs. Johnson suffered a crushed pelvis and a shoulder was dislocated. Her son sustained a fracture of his right leg. Her condition is serious. The men escaped with cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Johnson and her son were riding with Talkington and Foster in a car which collided with one driven by Mohr.

Lawyer-Convict Holds Secretary Post in Prison

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., April 18.—Olin R. Holt, serving a federal prison term at Leavenworth, Kan., for conspiracy to violate the prohibition law, has written his former law partner, Carl Broto, that he has been given employment as a secretary in the office of the warden.

Holt says he is receiving excellent treatment, his food is good and, aside from the confinement, he has no complaint.

Ora Butler, former sheriff convicted with Holt, is employed in the telephone system of the prison. Already friends are active here in efforts to have Holt reinstated to membership in the bar association at the conclusion of his sentence. Holt was active in Democratic politics and sought the nomination for state office in the campaigns of 1924, 1926 and 1928. He left a lucrative criminal law practice when he went to prison. He carried his fight to the United States supreme court in an effort to avoid serving the prison term.

LOOT AT BANK SMALL

**Young Bandit Gets Only \$125 in
New Market Robbery.**

By Times Special
NEW MARKET, Ind., April 18.—Only \$125.50 was obtained by a young man who held up the New Market State bank here Friday afternoon, and contented himself with cash on the counter.

E. W. Young, cashier, was the only person in the bank at the time. The bandit, who was thought to be a farm hand operating alone, ordered him to sit in a chair while the counter was being rifled.

State Officers Chosen

By Times Special
LOGANSPORT, Ind., April 18.—Indiana Woodmen of the World officers chosen at the biennial convention here are: Head consul, W. E. Cady, South Bend; head adviser, Frank Mueller, Frankfort; head clerk, R. F. Beall, Logansport; head banker, D. F. Wert, Goshen; head escort, H. F. Whitmer, Elkhart; watchman, D. Kovatch, East Chicago; sentry, John Edmonds, Evansville; auditors, O. E. Miner, Frankfort; J. Dewese, Booneville; J. Susott, Elberfeld; A. M. Kelso, Washington and E. F. Freymuth, South Bend.

Take Post in Philippines

By Times Special
ALEXANDRIA, Ind., April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. William C. Blackledge will leave about May 1 for the Philippines, where they will teach in a high school. He has been head of the English department of the Alexandria high school and Mrs. Blackledge has been a substitute music and art supervisor in the schools. They are graduates of Indiana university.

Pool Room Robbed

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—A thief who secreted himself in the Paramount billiard hall before the place was closed for the night, stole \$60 from three cash registers and took three gold watches belonging to Pete Panoel, manager.

Detective Would Be Lawyer

By Times Special
PERU, Ind., April 18.—A petition asking admission to the Miami county bar has been filed by Jack Gunnell, private detective. If he becomes an attorney, the total number of lawyers in Miami county will be thirty-seven, one for each 800 of population.

Rotary Club Elects

By Times Special
SHEBYSVILLE, Ind., April 18.—New officers of the Rotary Club are: William F. Vogel, city school superintendent, president; Carl Thoms, vice-president; Gordon Woodworth, secretary; and Silas Pitman, treasurer.

ROTARIANS WILL LAY STONE FOR HOSPITAL UNIT

**April 28 Date Marking
Culmination of Eight
Years' Effort.**

Indiana Rotary clubs will mark the successful culmination of more than eight years of intensive work in behalf of underprivileged children when they join the Riley Memorial Association here April 28, for the laying of the corner stone of the Indiana Rotary convalescent unit, the James Whitcomb Riley hospital for children.

Date for the event was approved at a joint conference between Robert E. Heun, former governor of the Indiana district of Rotary clubs and chairman of the Indiana Rotary-Riley advisory committee, and Riley Memorial Association officials.

Heun and other members of the advisory committee joined in extending an invitation to every member of Rotary International in Indiana to attend the stone laying ceremonies. Other members of the committee are C. O. Grafton, Muncie, and Ben Sherwood, Bedford, former district governors; William F. Hodges of Gary, governor of the Twentieth Rotary district, and Oliver J. Smith of Indianapolis, president of the Indianapolis Rotary Club.

Work to Be Reviewed

Smith extended an invitation to outstate Rotarians to attend the weekly meeting of the Indianapolis Club at the Claypool hotel at noon of the day of the stone laying, when Rotary's work in behalf of the underprivileged child will be the keynote.

A subscription fund of \$276,000 has been raised by the Rotary clubs in eight years, of which \$200,000 is being invested immediately in the unit.

Designed with the purpose of adding sunshine in greater abundance, fresh air in unlimited quantities, color and laughter to the plan of the Riley hospital, the new unit is being built on a seven-acre plot of ground on the thirty-acre park-planned site of the institution. It is detached from the main buildings of the hospital, but near enough for convenience. It faces the Ball nurses' home across a ten-acre meadow, which soon will be planted and landscaped.

Three stories high, the unit will conform in architecture to the design of the other buildings, except that it will have square wings at either end which will contain sun rooms. Across the front of the building, designed by Robert Frost Daggett, will extend a one-story patio with columns and balustrade. The other area of sunshine and fresh air, opening on the second floor, Nurses' quarters and storerooms will occupy the third floor space beneath the English gabled roof.

Play Room Provided

On the main floor will be an auditorium for motion picture exhibitions, plays and other entertainments which the children themselves may arrange or societies look after. The cheer of the patients may be present, a gymnasium for corrective treatments, or may be used as a playroom. Other rooms in the building will be for physical therapy, occupational therapy, administration and service.

Almost as essential as the plan of the building itself is the plan for outside playgrounds on the seven-acre tract. The ground will be equipped with play apparatus that will contribute to the physical and mental health of the little patients.

The unit will add sixty beds to the capacity of the hospital, which already has accommodations for 200, but constantly has a waiting list of almost the same number. Last year the hospital cared for approximately 4,000 patients from every county in the state. It is estimated that the Rotary unit will so increase the facilities for handling patients that 1,000 more a year can be cared for.

Store Executives to Meet

By Times Special
FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 18.—A four-day convention of Kroger Grocery and Baking Company branch managers and executives will open here Sunday. Speakers will include W. J. Bonald, managing director, American Management Association, Charles Meigs, expert in advertising and merchandising, John Hancock, Albert H. Morrill, Kroger Company president, and Alvin Dodd, his assistant, and Mrs. Christine Fredericks, author of "Selling Mrs. Consumer."

Fire Damages Money

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—Elisha Robbins, proprietor of a used furniture store, hid his purse containing \$63 in an old stove as a precaution against being robbed. The next day, after lighting a fire in the stove, he remembered the purse. It was badly burned and bank notes virtually destroyed. The purse and its charred contents were sent to the treasury department so Robbins can recover something on the damaged currency.

Joy Riders in Crash

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—A joy ride in a hotel guest's automobile had a disastrous ending for Jennings L. Greenwalt, bellhop, ostensibly to park it for a Michigan woman, but instead he invited a companion and two young women for a ride. Returning to Anderson, the automobile struck a post near Maplewood cemetery and was damaged. Greenwalt was arrested.

Doctor Faces \$10,000 Suit

By Times Special
GREENFIELD, Ind., April 18.—Alleging that Dr. James W. Shroust, Shirley physician, performed an illegal operation upon Mrs. Elsie McClelland, who died Feb. 27, the Merchants Trust and Savings Company, Muncie, administrator of her estate, has filed a \$10,000 damage suit against him here. The suit was brought in the interests of her sons, Carl, 10, and Roy, 13. Their father is dead.

Meningitis Quarantine

By Times Special
NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind., April 18.—Homes of six persons who viewed the body of Ellsworth Sims, spinal meningitis victim at a funeral home here, are under quarantine.

Woodrow Wilson Denied Honor Accorded Hoosier

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 18.—An honor denied the late President Woodrow Wilson—admission to the bar of the District of Columbia supreme court without appearing before it—has been conferred upon Raymond Farrell, 28, son of W. J. Farrell, Evansville, graduate of Central high school here.

The son, a disabled veteran of the World war, is critically ill at the Walter Reed hospital in Washington. For the last several months he has read law and was successful in an examination for admission to the bar.

However, his condition was so critical that he could not be moved to the courtroom. The situation was explained to the court, with the result that it was decided Farrell would be admitted without appearing. At the hospital Farrell was presented with his certificate of admission and signed the attorney's roster.

After President Wilson became paralyzed, he sought admission but it was refused because he asked the action be taken without his appearance. He was carried into the courtroom for the formality.

PAVING CONTRACTS TO COVER 84 MILES

Stand Against Salary Raising Home to Roost

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., April 18.—City councilmen here were firm in their opposition to a bill introduced in the last legislature to increase salaries of city officials here, including their own.

To this the attribute the announcement of Mayor George R. Dale that in the future they will be paid only \$200 a year instead of the \$300 they have been receiving. They admit the mayor is right, but were not aware they were overpaid.

City Attorney Carey Taughnbaugh recalls to the councilmen their opposition to the measure to increase salaries of the various city officers.

Members of the council came back at Mayor Dale with the assertion that "budget-making time isn't so far away and the council determines the budget."

WATER TRUCE OFFER SPURNED

**Vincennes Will Continue
Fight for Rate Cut.**

By Times Special
VINCENNES, Ind., April 18.—A hearing will be held here, probably before May 1, by a member of the Indiana public service commission, on the controversy of the city and the Vincennes Water Supply Company, involving rates.

Mayor Joseph Kimmell has advised the commission that city will not accept a compromise proposed by the company, the council having voted 5 to 2 to continue the fight. The company proposed to reduce the fire hydrant rental in 1933 and a plan for larger consumers under which they could pay 25 cents for the first 10,000 cubic feet, with a minimum charge of \$2.50 a month.

The city counter proposal, the city asked a cut in the fire hydrant rental from \$99 to \$72, and give consumers 500 cubic feet a month for \$1.60 instead of 400 as at present. This was refused by the company.

VETERAN ON PROGRAM

**Hoosier Soldier for 35 Years to
Speak at Kokomo.**

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., April 18.—Lieutenant-Colonel Edward E. Coppock, who has spent thirty-five years in the regular army, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the American Legion post here Tuesday. He rose from the ranks and has participated in every major conflict since 1898. As an enlisted man, he took part in the Spanish-American war in Cuba and later went with the American forces to quell the Philippine insurrection. He was with Pershing in Mexico in 1916.

In the World war he was with the first forces in France. As an officer of the First division, he fought at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne. He is a law school graduate and was admitted to the bar in Indiana. He was born near Miami.

Radio Entertainer Sued

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 18.—Mrs. Orpha Lewis has filed a suit in the Hamilton circuit court for a divorce from Forest Frank Lewis, a radio entertainer. The defendant is charged with failure to maintain a home for his family. The plaintiff says he pays no attention to their child and has an ungovernable temper. Lewis has filed a cross-complaint in which he charges his wife attends beer parties, says she neglects her 4-year-old son and squanders his money.

Man, 104, Dies in West

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., April 18.—Galusha M. Cole, first music instructor in Richmond public schools is dead in Pasadena, Cal., at the age of 104, the result of shock suffered when his hip was fractured in a fall. He located here at the close of the Civil war, remaining until 1889, when he moved to Pasadena. For the last four years, his birthdays were the occasions for city-wide celebrations.

Wealthy Farmer Dies

By Times Special
VEEDERSBURG, Ind., April 18.—John Stucker, 85, farmer and wealthy county land owner, is dead.

Suicide Gun

By Times Special
RUSHVILLE, Ind., April 18.—A shotgun used by his grandfather a year ago in suicide here, was used Friday for the same purpose by Wilbur Mahning, 14. The youth, a freshman in New School high school, went to the home of his grandmother near Richmond, after completing his final examinations, and shot himself in the chest. He could give no reason for the act.

Fifth Letting of Road Work This Year Set for May 5.

The state highway commission will open bids May 5 for paving eighty-four miles of roads, it was announced by John J. Brown, director. With this mileage, the commission will have contracted for 362 miles of pavement this year, Brown said.

Projects in the May 5 letting, the fifth this year, represent an investment of approximately \$2,000,000. They are as follows:

U. S. Road 40, from two miles east of Richmond to the Ohio line, two and one-half miles of twenty-foot pavement in Wayne county. Ohio is completing the National road on relocation to connect with the Indiana project, and when the work is completed, the distance between Columbus and Indianapolis will be shortened fifteen miles.

Another project on U. S. Road 50, from Logansport to Shoals, 6.7 miles of eighteen-foot pavement in Martin county. A seventy-foot cut through solid rock on this road is said to be the deepest ever made in Indiana highway work. This project completes paving Road 50 between the Illinois line and Shoals. According to Brown, it is probably the most expensive road work ever undertaken in the state. The new pavement will be above the flood level.

The third project is Road 43, from Crawfordsville to Greensburg, twenty-six miles of twenty-foot pavement in Montgomery and Putnam counties. There remains only a small gap to complete pavement between Bloomington and the Starke county line.

To state Road 32, twelve miles of twenty-foot pavement will be built to connect Kokomo and Marion. On state Road 29, eleven and seven-tenths miles of twenty-foot pavement will link Logansport with a point two miles south of Royal Center. One gap remains to complete pavement from Indianapolis to Michigan City.

When thirteen and seven-tenths miles of work is completed in Porter county, a route will be paved across the state, linking Ft. Wayne, Goshen, South Bend, La Porte, Valparaiso and Chicago Heights.

SLAYING TRIAL LATER

**State Delays Hearing at Anderson
in Absence of Witness.**

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—Charles E. Smith, prosecuting attorney, will ask a continuance of the trial of Logan, Negro, charged with manslaughter, until one of the principal witnesses for the state is located.

Logan is under indictment as a result of the death of Alonzo Easley, 21, Negro, shot fatally during a party held at Logan's home on Christmas night in 1929.

Testimony of Odessa Cosby, who was one of the guests at the party, is regarded by the state as important. He left Anderson a few months after the tragedy occurred. She was last heard from at Kokomo, but efforts to find her there failed. Logan says he shot in self defense to save his wife, Lela, who attempted to stop a fight between Easley and another guest, Matthew Shead.

Paroled Man Held

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., April 18.—Dale Shipley, a paroled convict, has been returned here by Sheriff Bert White from the state reformatory at Iona, Mich., and is being held pending arraignment in Grant circuit court on a charge of kidnapping. Shipley was paroled to Grant county authorities at the expiration of his minimum sentence at the Michigan institution. He served one year following his conviction on a burglary charge. He waived extradition.

Fall Fatal to Child

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—A hurried trip to the Methodist hospital at Indianapolis in an ambulance failed to save the life of Ralph Thurston, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thurston, who suffered a fractured skull when he fell from a ladder in a barn at the Thurston home. The child was alive when the ambulance arrived at the hospital, but died before an operation could be performed.

Street Paving Ordered

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—Sections of four streets in the city of Anderson will be paved under the three-mile road law, under resolutions passed by the Madison county board of commissioners. The board awarded contracts, four for paving projects in Anderson and Elwood and one for a gravel road to be constructed in Van Buren township.

Two Veterans Die

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., April 18.—Delaware county's ranks of Civil war veterans were decreased with the deaths of two old soldiers in a day. John W. Chambers, 84, died at the home of his son here. Philip Vincent, 88, died suddenly in the yard of his home at Albany.

Gardens for Needy

By Times Special
HARTFORD CITY, Ind., April 18.—As a means of aiding the needy, the Chamber of Commerce will provide vacant lots for planting of gardens. Seed and use of tools will be without charge.

GARY UTILITIES WILL PASS TO INSULL'S HANDS

**Steel Corporation Disposes
of Heat, Light and
Power Company.**

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., April 18.—When details are completed within the next few days for the acquisition of the Gary Heat, Light and Water Company by Samuel Insull interests, the future policy of the utility will be announced, according to James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, which is selling the company.

Farrell said the steel corporation decided to sell its utility holdings because, "in view of the increasing importance and volume of service required in Gary, it is deemed for the best interests of all concerned that the business be placed under ownership and control of those who are qualified by long and successful experience to give the best service."

Two questions are being asked as a result of the deal. One is whether it will result in substitution of a 60-cycle current for the present 25-cycle and effect on rates. So far neither has been definitely answered.

When the questions were put to Samuel Insull Jr., he stated that the consideration of them must await completion of the deal and a study by Insull engineers.

The local utility will be affiliated with Insull's Midland United Company, but will retain its identity. The Gary company, a \$7,000,000 concern, was formed twenty-five years ago, shortly after the steel corporation founded this city.

MARION BUDGET \$27,000 LOWER

**City Officials Act on Tax-
payer's Demand.**

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., April 18.—The city of Marion will operate next year on a budget reduced \$27,000, it was revealed Friday. A protest meeting held by taxpayers in February, demanding a reduction. The administration cut expenses in deference. Mayor John Edwards said he was "grateful" to those who met and voiced their opinions over the finances of the city. We must concede they have aroused the city government to the necessity of economy, brought about by municipal co-operation.

Edwards said the city will operate on a safe financial margin where before it was in serious straits.

LARGE GARDEN PLANTED

**Forty-Acre Tract at Muncie
Provides Work for unemployed.**

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., April 18.—Muncie's Community Garden, a forty-acre plot donated by the Warner Gear Company, which is being used as a model in various cities and towns in the country, is practically planted.

Forty unemployed men selected by the township trustee and Social Service bureau, worked at the garden under direction of County Agent M. E. Cromer.

Sixty bushels of potatoes were planted. Early in May tomato plants will be set. Seven acres have been reserved for late potatoes. The food will be given unemployed families next winter.

Gas Case Settled

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—An order of Judge Bartlett H. Campbell enjoins Edmond Burke, farmer, from shutting off the supply of natural gas from the home of his neighbor, John Haas. Burke had threatened to close a gas well which he owns jointly with Haas. The court held that the supply from the well is sufficient for the needs of both families and ruled that a temporary restraining order issued recently be made permanent.

Judge's Estate Opened

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—The estate of Francis M. Walker, late judge of Madison juvenile court, has been opened in Madison circuit court. The widow, Josephine M. Walker, qualified as executrix. She is the only heir. Value of the estate is placed at \$5,000, all personal property.

Truck Driver Injured