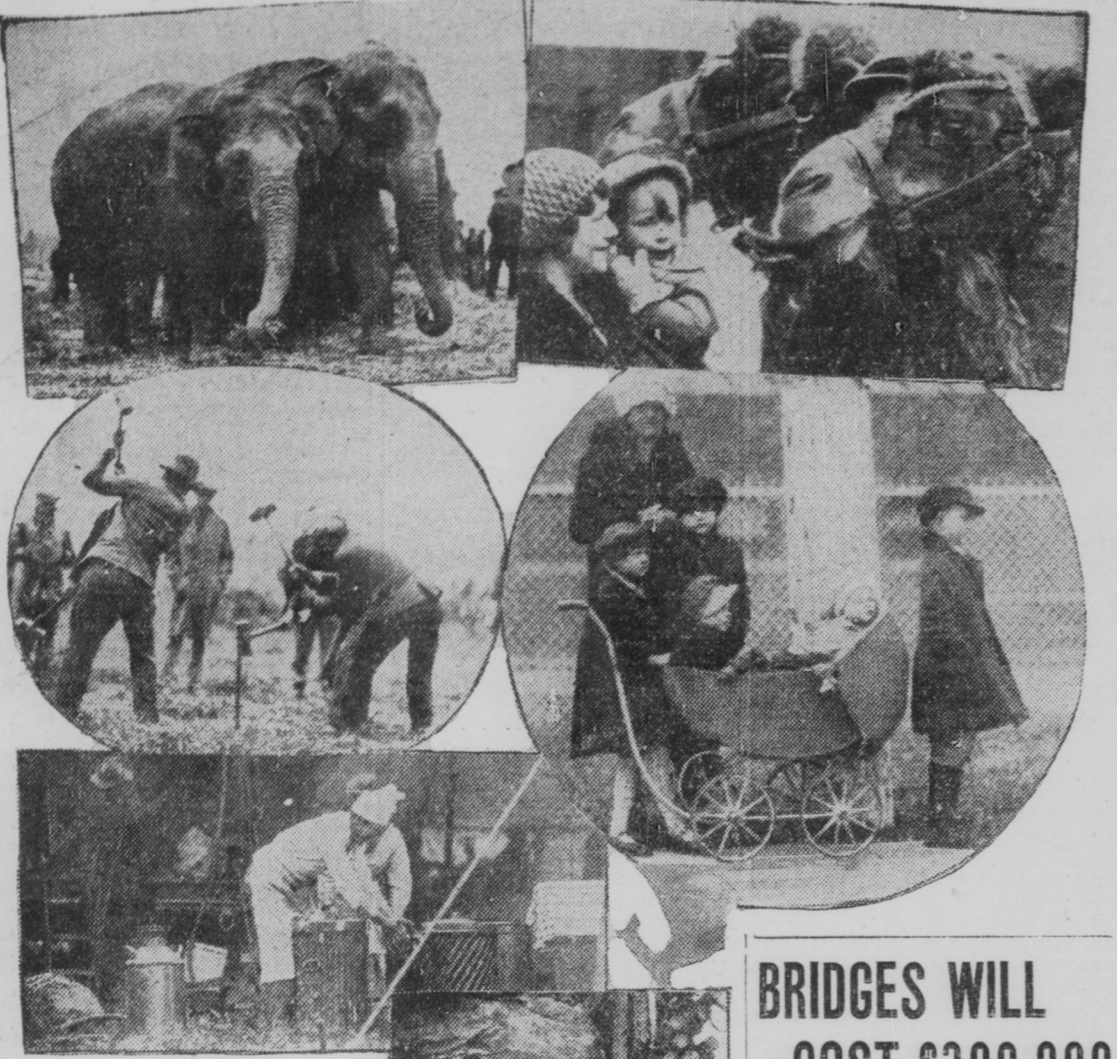


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It's Gray Day, But a Gay Day, for the Circus Is in Town!



Threatening Weather No Bar to Joyous Throng, Big Top Bounded.

BY ARCH STEINEL

Desks were vacant in some school-rooms today. The itching foot—a champing beneath office chairs—permeated early morning hours. Every-day seemed to go smash this gray day and wander outside. Thoughts wandered out, too, and people with them.

Nothing went straight because of the year's biggest natch day echoing from lip to lip with: "Circus in town!"

For early this morning as the Sells-Floto circus pulled into the railroad yards and unpacked for its one day's engagement at the Keystone avenue circus grounds, the occupants of those vacant school desks and those of the "itching feet" flocked down on Keystone to see the "big top" unloaded and hoisted.

Earn Their Seats Men who fed elephants for Annie Oakleys in the past tank days watched 1931 youth earn their bleacher seats for "the afternoon's pre-performance, ladies and gentlemen," by carrying stakes and sections of canvas.

"Here there, son, do you want to go to the circus? You do? Well, grab a hand on those poles," shouted a circus roustabout.

The trek of the wagons, the Shetland ponies, the "bulls" (elephants), the camels, evoked "ohs and ahs" and "loopy" cheers from the crowd lining the curbs on Keystone. It was their parade, the only circus parade nowadays, and they made the most of it.

Up went the circus's first "top" and always the first canvas stretched—the cook's lean-to and the dining hall.

The Music Starts The sing-song "wham-bam-ban-wham" of stake drivers mingled with the shouts of wagon-drivers and the steam from boiling "spuds."

"You can't park here, mister. Nope, not today. See that sign," pointed a traffic officer to a "no-parking placard," as he added, "Circus in town."

Like bees flocking to a patch of honeysuckles, the soft-drink stands raised their heads on Keystone and proffered the same good old "pink" lemonade, hot dogs, and "putt" candy.

The balloon man hawked his wares. Performers stirred in sleeping cars several blocks away.

The "big top" rose like a gray wave from its flat bed on the ground. It seemed the final signal announcing that the day, after all, wasn't so gray for: "Circus-in-town."

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Instructors for the city swimming campaign to begin at the Y. M. C. A. Monday were announced today by R. L. Konecke, physical education director.

BRIDGES WILL COST \$300,000

Bids on Fourteen to Be Opened May 26.

Bids for construction of fourteen highway bridges, several of them large structures, will be opened May 26 by the state highway commission, John J. Brown, commission director, announced today.

The letting involving expenditure of \$300,000 will be the seventh of the fiscal year, Brown said. The bridges will be erected in six counties.

The structures were described by William J. Titus, chief engineer for the highway department, as follows:

Four bridges on Road 29 between Logansport and Winamac in Cass and Pulaski counties. One to cross the Tippecanoe river, will consist of two steel spans, a total length of 300 feet.

Six bridges on United States Road 36 between Rockville and the intersection with State Road 43, in Parke and Putnam counties. One of these structures will be over Big Raccoon Creek, near Hollandsburg. It will be 265 feet long, of three steel spans. Another in the group will span Little Raccoon creek, to be 150 feet long.

Three bridges on State Road 43, in Putnam and La Porte counties, are a grade separation at Wanatah to carry the highway over the multiple tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad. This structure is to be of one steel girder span 106 feet long, and four forty-foot concrete spans. Total length, 206 feet.

Concrete bridge on State Road 67, near Bicknell, in Knox county, to replace an old steel bridge.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 7.—Old, blind and penniless R. C. Nall, credited with leadership in making Evansville a furniture manufacturing center, chose death rather than to live in the Vanderburg county poorhouse.

Nall, 73, slashed his throat with a penknife shortly after being assigned a room in the poorhouse. As he left an automobile which carried him on the journey "over the hill," Nall told persons with him, "I just can't go through with it."

He was called for dinner. He arose to his feet, then toppled over. The blade of the knife had reached the jugular vein and death came quickly.

Until January this year Nall had been employed as a trunk salesman, but was forced to retire, due to ill health. Since then he had been living in various small hotels.

Auto Kills Aged Man WARSAW, Ind., May 7.—Orin Crist, 60, Warsaw, died here a few minutes after he was struck by an automobile.

BUS BILL RECORD ORDERED, PRODUCED

Dick Heller, clerk of the 1931 Indiana house of representatives, today was directed by Circuit Judge Harry C. Chamberlin to produce the journal of the house in court Saturday.

This document contains entries relating to passage of House Bill 6, which is truck regulatory measure, but it is charged, was passed by a group of conspirators in the waning hours of the legislature to reach the public service commission control.

Chamberlin directed the order to Heller on a petition filed by James E. Deery, city attorney, in the cases

HONORS GIVEN 124 A BUOY CELEBRATION

Presentations Are Made at Exercises Observing Founder's Day.

DR. BRYAN IS SPEAKER Students and Graduates Get Awards in University Gymnasium.

Honors were awarded 124 students and graduates of Butler university today at the combined Honor day and Founder's day celebration in the university gymnasium.

Dr. William Lowe Bryan, president of Indiana university, gave the principal address and Dr. Robert J. Aley, president of Butler, presided. Those receiving awards:

Phi Kappa Phi Mrs. Helen Arnold, Theodosia Arnold, Margaret Barker, Frederick Baumgartner, Rosemary Bretzman, Frieda Bluminger, Lois Covich, Elizabeth Davis, Barbara A. Dickey, Marguerite Doriot, John W. Easter, Clyde Fisher, Heno Gregory, Gladys Hawkins, Warren Ison, Alice Jay, Helma Kahn, Gretchen Kemp, Maynard Leeman, Norma Minkler, Morris Pullin, Dorothy Quick, Florence Rafter, Hilda Reeder, John Slick, Clara Starnes, Dorothy Steering, Cora Stoops, Rosalind Taylor, Harold Velhine and Louis P. Wright.

Advanced Degree John E. Potzger and Dean E. Walker. Graduates of 1930 Initiated Pearl Bartley, Hope Bedford, Alonzo E. Goldsberry, O. Earl Hinshaw, Mrs. Georgia L. Lacey, Charles M. Sharp, A. M. Soper, C. Emmett Trueblood, and Ella Tucker.

Under Graduates Elected Mrs. Blush C. McColgin, Mary McGee and Oswald Parsons. Phi Eta Sigma Herbert L. Ebert, William L. Gearhart, Robert R. Gullion, Hunter F. Kennedy, Charles E. Chisard, William E. Feacock, William T. Rasmussen, Carl W. Joseph K. Taylor, Richard E. Thompson and Julius Thronson.

Honor Roll Bertha Frances Bretzman, Mrs. Freda L. Bridgeline, Kathryn Bromley, Dorothy Cohen, Mary Frances Gray, Jeannette Davidson, John Wesley Eastes, Herbert Powell Egan, Lee Fisher, Robert Mack, Milton Green, Russell Franklin Mandy, John Edgar Leeper, Mabel and Franklin Lemen, Rudolf John Pfister, Martha Katherine Pfister, Delmar Williams, Evelyn Richey, Evelyn Rodabaugh, Oran Bert Stanley, Margaret MacLean, Clayton Dorothy Elizabeth Stolling, Rosalind Martell Taylor, Emma Lou Thornbroach, Estelle Watson and Gilbert Umer.

Debating and Oratory Russell Townsend, Paul Duncan, William Weiss, Edward Pillewartz, Charles Drake, Clara Schell, Helen Johnson and Gretchen Kemp.

Prizes Helen Johnston, Woman's League Scholarship cup; Journalist, Martha Adams, Devera Cohen and Max Schneider. Six each, Betty Jane Barker, Elizabeth Critchfield, Sigma Delta Chi keys, Marguerite Deje, Dorothy Quick and Heno Gregory. Butler literary contest, Rodney Perkins, John Paul Duncan, Elizabeth Davis and Thurman Ridge.

Appointments Bedford Dapenbender, botany, University of Colorado; J. Potzger, research, Indiana university; Oran Stanley, botany, University of Cincinnati; Edmund Huxley, University of Cincinnati; Edmund Huxley, University of Cincinnati; Paul chemistry, Oberlin; John Payne, chemistry, University of Cincinnati; Florence Hooper, research, Yale; Robert Pitt, chemistry and zoology, John Hopkins; Gilbert Umer, mathematics, University of Kentucky; Lee Leeper, biology, Allegheny college; Forrest O. Wiggin, biology, University of Michigan; Rodney Perkins, English, Michigan; Genevieve Berklin, Butler junior scholarship; Lee M. Deiland, economics, University of New York; and Grace McVey, University of New York.

Kappa Tau Alpha Edwin Robinson, Edna Gould, Margaret Markers, William Dyer, Cohen and Lillian Bradford. Marshall Society Seward A. Baker, Frank Patchold, Jack Kinsolover, Maybourn Landgraf, Hollis Leedy, Robert Lee, Charles Quick and Heno Velhine, Cecil Alexander, Osborne Dickson, Donald Hart, Miller, Richard Swift and Donald Velhine.

Senior Prizes William Delmar Ray, \$200; Evelyn Rodabaugh and Lois Ann Rodin, \$100.

GRAND JURORS GIVEN POULTRY THEFT CASE

Gang Operations Believed Halted by Arrest of Suspect.

What authorities say was a poultry theft gang had one tentacle shorn in municipal court today when Judge William H. Sheaffer bound Curtis Taylor, 44, of 3501 South Meridian street, to Marion county grand jury under \$1,000 bond on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

On his place, police declare, were found chickens and turkeys worth more than \$400. They are said to have been stolen from farms in Johnson and Putnam counties by Taylor's son Jesse and two others who escaped capture.

Jesse Taylor Wednesday began a year's term on the state farm, having been sentenced from Johnson county on a larceny charge.

CITY SEARCHED FOR MURDERING SNIPER

Body of Girl, 17, Returned to Home She Left for First Time.

CLEVELAND, O., May 7.—The grief-stricken parents of 17-year-old Louise Gaudin, victim of a phantom gun fiend, today were returning their daughter's body to the home in Johnstown, Pa., she left for the first time Monday.

The girl was shot by an auto sniper six hours after she arrived in Cleveland to visit relatives. She died Wednesday without regaining consciousness. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gaudin, were at the bedside.

ARC TIC RESCUE NEAR

Swedish Flier Preparing to Reach Cabin on Foot.

COPENHAGEN, May 7.—Hope for the rescue of AUGUSTINE COURTLAND, British youth marooned in a hut on the Greenland ice cap, was strengthened today by encouraging news of the progress of Captain Albin Ahrenberg in relief efforts.

The noted Swedish flier was reported preparing for an attempt to reach Courtland's lonely meteorological station on foot.

Courtland has been at the little meteorological station since last summer and is believed in danger of starvation because sledge parties scheduled to relieve him failed five times to locate the hut.

CITY'S AUTO DEATH TOLL RISES TO 60

Richard Irgang, 43, of 4139 Rockville road, and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Irgang, also 43, suffered minor injuries in a three-car crash in the 4300 block on Rockville road Wednesday night.

Vander Russell, 13, of 430 Massachusetts avenue, escaped with slight injuries when struck by an auto while roller skating across Capitol avenue at Ohio street Wednesday night.

Lawrence Woodward, 23, Seventy-first street and Keystone avenue, was cut and bruised when his auto struck a tree in the 4200 block on Fall Creek boulevard, and C. J. Price, Shelbyville, was hurt when hurled from his auto in a crash at New York street and Temple avenue Wednesday.

SENATOR MAY NOT GET 'ROAD REWARD'

State Senator John C. Sherwood (Rep., Lawrence, Martin and Orange) may not get the paved road past or through his farm as part of the 1931 state highway program, it appeared today.

Plans for the road are in progress, but following a meeting of the state highway commission today, it was stated that it now appears that the work can not be done this year. Lack of funds was given as the reason.

This announcement was made by Commissioner Jess Murden (Rep., Peru), Leslie administration power, who is looked upon as the real official spokesman for the state highway department.

It was pointed out in the Times that Sherwood was to receive the paved road as part of State Road 50, which originally was to have been located several miles away and across a river, under plans of engineers for the so-called "dotted line system." Sherwood's farm is near Mitchell.

The senator was one of the most ardent defenders of the state highway commission and Director John J. Brown at the last legislative session.

Governor Harry G. Leslie attended the commission meeting this morning for the first time. He left early to go to the annual breakfast dinner at Ulen Country Club, Lebanon.

It was announced, also, that the Governor and commission discussed cutting down the railroad crossing construction program, as the railroad companies can not afford to finance it.

MIDDAGH IS FREED

Lax Memory of State's Witness Blocks Trial.

Charles (Big Shiner) Middaugh went free from municipal court today when a state's witness found his memory inadequate to substantiate the state's charges of blind tiger.

According to police, they were called the night of April 26, by William Desper, 30, of 2128 Clay street, who said he had bought drinks in a house at 152 North Blackford street.

In the house there Shiner and Anna Roche, alias Orm, were arrested, but the raiders found no liquor.

84 Graduates of School No. 43

Richard Cline Robert Jackson Dona Irvine Clifford Eshhart Robert Aherm Jimmy Wohlford

Babbette Brandt Beatrice Alters Margaret Dillard Mildred Danneker Nora Dell Batloff Mary A. Patterson

Carolyn Yarin Martha Morrison Betty J. Kavtsidi Anna Honeywell Audrey Smitha Maria Cummings

Paul Crockett Brooks Mellett Virginia McCready Betty Walwright Floyd Pugh Robert Walsman

Elmore Hopwood Jean Foley Estella M. Dize Elizabeth Cavanaugh Carolyn Beck Mary Tuck

Chloris Bell Mary Davis Akce Markle Helen Root Beverly Fries Ruth Waltermire Lois Kelch

Boo! Boo! Boa! Huge Reptiles Terrorize New Orleans Hotel Guests.

NEW ORLEANS, May 7.—Two large boa constrictors, one eleven feet long, terrorized guests at a small hotel in the old French quarter today.

The large reptile coiled itself around a ventilator shaft in the cafe, after sending patrons, proprietor and waiters scrambling to the exits.

Manuel Esquical, Belize, British Honduras, owner of the snakes, appeared and lassoed the reptile. Then the smaller snake, more than five feet long, crawled through the hotel corridors and on to the roof.

It was induced back into its box when Esquical "charmed" it. Esquical explained he had brought the reptiles to this country for presentation to the New Orleans zoo. They escaped from their box in a hotel room during his absence.

SUNDAY PROCLAIMED AS MOTHER'S DAY

Governor Leslie Asks Observance by Organizations.

Proclamation urging observance of Mother's day Sunday was issued today by Governor Harry G. Leslie who called upon organizations to "encourage every enterprise that will give us better mothers."

Saturday, members of the American War Mothers will sell carnations to be worn Mother's day. Proceeds of the sale will be used to aid disabled soldiers.

Those who will assist in the sale include Ella Alexander, Albert Kutchback, Ida Harvey, Albert Githens, C. C. Jones, Mae Berry, Augustus Siersdale and Getta Sowell.

OIL AGREEMENT SOUGHT

Interior Department to Negotiate for California Domes.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The interior department will attempt to negotiate unit development agreements for the middle and south domes of the Kettleman Hills oil field in California, it was learned today.

G. W. Holland, a representative of the department, has been sent to the field to begin negotiations.

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Woman Refuses to Answer Questions, Challenging Board's Power.

CONTEMPT IS CHARGED Committee Yet May Call Bishop to Appear for Quizzing.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Efforts of Senator Gerald E. Nye's campaign expenditures committee, attempting to investigate activities of Bishop James Cannon Jr. of the Methodist Episcopal church South in the 1928 presidential campaign, failed, at least temporarily, today when Miss Ada Burroughs, an aid to the bishop, refused to testify.

After a half hour of parrying, the hearing closed without overcoming Miss Burroughs' refusal to answer questions on the ground that the committee was without authority.

Efforts were made to question Miss Burroughs as to the circumstances surrounding the report made by the Cannon committee accounting for \$17,000 of the \$34,000 contribution of E. C. Jameson, New York financier to Cannon.

Punishment Is Hinted Chairman Nye, irritated, at one point reminded her that "one fact stands out, that there has been a violation of the corrupt practices act. Do you accept that responsibility?"

"I said in my statement," Miss Burroughs answered, "that I did not willingly violate the corrupt practices act."

The committee indicated by several of its questions that it might take other procedure to punish Miss Burroughs, and reminded her frequently that she was under oath.

Declines Flatly to Answer Nye read to Miss Burroughs a letter written by Cannon in September, 1928, soliciting funds from Jameson, and asked her if she could recognize the bishop's signature.

"I decline to answer," she replied. "I will hand the letter to you and ask the question again." Nye said.

Miss Burroughs looked at the letter and said she had nothing to add to her previous statement.

Cannon Can Be Called The committee did not meet immediately to decide what action to take in regard to Miss Burroughs, but Senator Dill (Dem., Wash.) and Wagner (Dem., N. Y.), told questioners the refusal to testify would be reported to the federal authorities which would proceed with contempt action.

A question was raised whether contempt proceedings could be started unless at the request of the senate. Wagner said he did not know, but believed they could be.

By permitting Miss Burroughs to testify today instead of Cannon, the committee apparently chose to make its test case against her instead of the bishop. Cannon, however, could be summoned later and still be made liable to contempt proceedings.

JEWELL IS RE-ELECTED MISSIONARY LEADER

A. H. Backus Is Named Vice-Chairman of Division.

Re-election of William R. Jewell, director of religious education, Indiana Baptist convention, as interdenominational coaching institute chairman and director in missionary education, was announced today following a meeting at the Irvington M. E. church Wednesday.

A. H. Backus, secretary of religious education for the Methodist Episcopal area, was elected to the newly created post of vice-chairman. Other officers, all of Indianapolis, are Miss Joy F. Taylor, secretary, and Miss Florence E. Lanham, treasurer.

The conference was attended by ninety-seven delegates from churches in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan.

MANIC STORY IS HOAX

Hunt for "Bearded Madman" Ends as Boys Confess Frank.

KILLER'S PAL ON TRIAL

James Trout Branded by State as Robber Friend of Hill.

Testimony of neighbors that they heard the shots that killed Charles Zeller, lottery operator, near his home, 320 East Southern avenue, in March, 1930, was presented to a criminal court jury today in the robbery trial of James Trout.

Trout is alleged to have been the accomplice of William Hill, ex-policeman, at the robbery and slaying of Zeller. Trout is alleged to have rifled Zeller's pockets before Hill, serving a life sentence for the crime, fired the shots into Zeller's body.

Paving to Cost \$167,000 W. C. Menecke Company of Frankfort has been awarded a \$167,000 contract for paving 11.1 miles on State Road 29, in Pulaski county, from Winamac to two miles south of Thornhope.

TWO WEEKS TO LIVE, UNIVERSITY HEAD IS RESOLVED TO SIGN 369 DIPLOMAS

FROM throughout the world persons who have been graduated from this institution, founded while Texas still was a republic, have sent expressions of condolence. His room in the Central Texas Baptist hospital was banked with flowers. Florist stocks here were exhausted. Telegrams and long distance telephone calls flood the hospital office.

Across the picturesque campus, three miles from the hospital, students pass quietly from class to class. Always there is the query: "What's the latest from Prexy?" The latest was always the same: "Condition unchanged."

There was no surrender in the message Dr. Brooks gave his wife—"I'm sorry to leave you, but I'm going."

ONLY faculty members and a few of Dr. Brooks' most intimate friends—former Governor Pat M. Neff, Carr B. Collins of Dallas, Baptist layman leader; Earl B. Smith, president of the alumni association—were admitted to his room.

His daughter, Aurelia Brooks, who has taught in the English department of Baylor and came to his bedside from Columbia university, was in constant attendance.

She read to him, mostly news dispatches, which he always has liked. The Texas legislature at Austin adopted an official resolution of sympathy for the Baptist educator.

Waco, central Texas town of some 50,000 population, paid every tribute to its leading citizen in his last battle.

Dr. Brooks has been president of Baylor since he was graduated from Yale university in 1902. In young manhood he quit work as a section hand to get an education. A few years later he headed the state's oldest col. ge.