

WAR CONTINUES AGAINST ENEMY OF GRAIN CROPS

Barberry Bush Eradication Carried On by Federal Department Agents.

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 11.—Eight agents of the United States department of agriculture are in central Indiana to continue the campaign begun several years ago to eradicate the common barberry bush, which spreads the destructive black stem rust to wheat, oats, barley and rye.

The bush has been located at sixty-seven different points so widely separated that they could have spread the rust to every grain field in the county, according to the agents. In 1918 there were more than 300 bushes and 5,000 seedlings were found. These bushes were killed with salt.

Seed Long Lived
At this time the agents are engaged in locating and killing the new growth which has sprung up from seed left in the ground from the old bushes destroyed in previous years. The barberry produces large quantities of seeds which are spread by birds. These seeds may lay in the ground for several years and then germinate and produce bushes. For this reason it is necessary to inspect old locations every few years.

Heavy Loss Entailed
The loss from rust has decreased greatly during this period. The average annual loss during the period 1916-1920, was more than 57,000 bushels, while in the period 1926-1930 the loss had been reduced to less than 10,000 bushels. One bush in Decatur county, Indiana, near Alert, in one year, 1922, caused a loss of \$50,000. The bush was removed in 1922 and the black stem rust has been found in the community since that time.

Body Left in Ditch
Hit and Run Motorist Blamed for Tragedy Near Michigan City.
By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 11.—Authorities of LaPorte county are seeking a killer, presumably a hit and run motorist, who left the body of Frank J. Walters, 54, Chicago, in a ditch beside U. S. Highway 16, about three and one-half miles east of Michigan City.

Hope for Sculptor
MUNCIE, Ind., July 11.—Physicians are hopeful that the heart ailment with which Lorado Taft, famous sculptor, has been afflicted since his collapse here Tuesday, would pass the critical stage today. Taft's condition has been considered grave since he was taken to Ball Memorial hospital, unable to complete his address before a group at Ball State Teachers' college. Overwork is blamed for the collapse.

Auto Moves House
FORTVILLE, Ind., July 11.—When an automobile struck the six-room residence of Charles Lamb, the house was moved a foot on its foundation. Mrs. Gertrude Dietrich, 3929 East Thirtieth street, Indianapolis, driver of the car, and her son, Delbert, 4, suffered cuts and bruises. She said she lost control of her car when she turned it to avoid collision with another. Damage to the house is estimated at \$500.

Former Mayor Wed
FRANKFORT, Ind., July 11.—Robert L. Keene, a few years ago Frankfort's mayor at 23 years old, the youngest in the state at the time, and Miss Marcelline Drown were married at Huntington, W. Va., according to announcements received here by friends. The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Drown of Huntington. Keene is a son of Mrs. R. C. Keene of Frankfort.

Fast Driving
FRANKFORT, Ind., July 11.—Clyde Aughe and Ike Floyd made wagers as to the amount of time necessary for an automobile trip to Ripon, Wis. Aughe, en route to Berlin, Wis. left here at 2 a. m. and the next morning Floyd received a telegram from Ripon filed at 8:30 a. m. Aughe had covered the 412 miles in six and a half hours to win the bet.

Three Hurt in Crash
By Times Special
CARMEL, Ind., July 11.—Arland Harvey, farmer, is in a hospital at Noblesville with two broken collar bones and many cuts and bruises, the result of his automobile being in a collision at a cross roads near Carmel with one being driven by Halford Hattery, deputy sheriff. Hattery was badly cut on the legs, left arm and face. Charles Meredith, 10, riding with Hattery, nearly suffered loss of his right ear.

Wife Slayer Nears Death Cell Journey

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 11.—Lawrence Johnson, 22, who said that insanity caused by poverty caused him to become the murderer of his 16-year-old wife, Mildred, will be removed soon to the death cell at the Indiana state prison. He is condemned to die in the electric chair Dec. 11.

Defense counsel is working on an appeal from the conviction. More than a month will be required to complete a transcript of proceedings in the case to be incorporated in the appeal.

CO-EDS LEAD AS STUDENTS

Men Trail According to De Pauw Report.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., July 11.—Women can learn better than men; college seniors are more intelligent than freshmen, and students who live in dormitories do better work than those who live in fraternity houses or off the campus. These deductions are made from the second semester scholarship report of De Pauw university made today by Miss Vera Worth, registrar.

The report shows seniors leading by a substantial margin with the juniors, sophomores and freshmen in the order named. No little part of the senior standing was due to the senior co-eds who lacked but .001 of a point of making a straight "B" average, which is unusual. In each class the women students showed superiority over men.

The report by residences shows that the dormitory students were better in grades than those living in fraternity houses, who placed second. Local residents were third and off-campus houses fourth. De Pauw has five university dormitories, fourteen national fraternities and ten national sororities.

The sorority report shows Delta Zeta again in the lead with Alpha Chi Omega second. Both placed higher than any of the fraternities. Delta Zeta held first place in the first semester report. The other fraternities finished in the following order: Alpha Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Omega Pi, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Psi.

Beta Theta Pi wrested first place from Commons Club among the fraternities race, Commons Club placing second. The other fraternities finished in the following order: Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi and Theta Kappa Nu.

All sororities ranked higher than the all-university average while only seven of the fraternities were above that mark which is taken as zero. At only one point did men out-rank co-eds, fraternity pledges being slightly higher than sorority pledges.

McNamara's Neighbor Penalized
By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 11.—John R. Moore was fined \$100 and sent to jail for thirty days by Judge Fred E. Hines when he pleaded guilty to possessing liquor. A similar charge against Clayton Moore, father of the defendant, was dismissed. The father and son live on a farm adjoining the one where J. J. McNamara was arrested two weeks ago, when officers found 700 gallons of liquor. McNamara, who served a term in prison for wrecking the Los Angeles Times, is in jail at Indianapolis awaiting the action of a federal grand jury.

Legal Laugh
By Times Special
PT. WAYNE, Ind., July 11.—Two patrolmen, busy placing a sticker on an automobile parked without a tail light, apparently could not see the forest because of the trees.

JUDGE ANGERED BY DRY RAIDERS AT EVANSVILLE

Officers Accused of Filing Gambling Cases to Mask Liquor Searches.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 11.—Circuit Judge Spencer of Vanderburg county declares some police officers and sheriff's deputies will be prosecuted at his instigation if he finds evidence that warrants issued on gambling affidavits are being used in liquor raids.

Several attorneys charge that Ray St. Clair and Robert Hawkins, police officers, usually accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs Goodge and Collier, make the raids.

In a few instances slot machines have been seized, but liquor is apparently the main object of the raids made with such warrants.

Government Gets Cases
After arrests are made, the prisoners are not booked on gambling charges, but as United States fugitives, and liquor charges are filed against them in federal court.

"They couldn't make a case in my court on those gambling warrants," Judge Spencer asserts, adding that the Michigan supreme court has held such tactics illegal and perjury. "If I find out definitely that officers here are committing perjury, I will prosecute them," the judge warned.

Charges Perjury
Attorney W. D. Hardy, who says he has investigated the system, asserts that persons signing gambling affidavits for the purpose of conducting liquor raids are perjury. "It is simply a trick to avoid the limitations of the state and federal constitutions," the attorney said.

Discussing the situation, Attorney Charles M. LaFollette, said: "The federal prohibition department would not permit such tactics on their part. They can't search a private residence unless they have evidence of sale or manufacture. Decisions have been made by federal courts that even when federal officers accompanied by local officers on raids made such affidavits as these, the evidence is thrown out."

FORGER OBTAINS \$1,125
Stone Company Employee Believed to Have Fled to Canada.
By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 11.—A French-Canadian, known here as Phillip Reno, is believed to have fled to Canada following a series of forgeries which netted him \$1,125. The forger is the son of a Stone Company, his former employer.

At first employed as a delivery man, Reno later worked as a janitor giving him access to the company's office from which he extracted the firm's checks.

Aged Man's \$3,200 Gift to Baby in Court Fight

By United Press
DANVILLE, Ind., July 11.—Fred C. Gause, Indianapolis attorney, sitting as special judge in Hendricks circuit court here, has taken under advisement the decision of a case in which the issue is whether a verbal gift of a share in an estate to a baby not related to the deceased is legal.

The estate is that of William Hinton, aged man, who died April 1, 1930. During his last illness he was asked if there were any relatives he desired notified, but he replied there were none. He had often expressed a desire that an infant son of Mason Bryant, Danville barber, should receive his estate, valued at \$3,200.

Bryant took possession of the estate. His wife and several children of Hinton appeared. Bryant was removed as administrator and Burr Hinton, son of the deceased, took his place. Bryant refused to surrender the estate and Burr Hinton sued to recover it. This is the case Judge Gause has under advisement.

SCHOOL PROPOSED AS FEE PROTEST

Trustees Declare Transfer Charges Too High at Bloomington.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 11.—Opposition by trustees of six townships to the transfer rate for pupils who enter Bloomington high school from the townships, has culminated in a proposal that a joint high school be erected at a cost of \$100,000.

According to W. V. Payne, Monroe county school superintendent, the trustees of the six townships believe that \$75 to \$80 would be a fair charge.

The trustees have practically agreed that unless the charges are reduced, the new school will be built. R. N. Tiley, Bloomington school superintendent, declares there is no chance for a reduction. Final decision on the building proposal is expected July 25 at a meeting of the trustees.

Heat Causes Pavement to Burst at 100 Points.
The unusually hot weather of the past few weeks has caused more pavement or bursting explosions in the state highway system than would occur normally in five or six years. John A. Brown, highway director, said today.

Reports to the maintenance division from field operatives told of more than 100 instances where rigid type pavement was damaged when it expanded under high temperatures. In the Greenfield maintenance district alone, forty blowups were reported.

Even roads in northern Indiana, where summer weather usually is the most moderate of any in the state, were damaged.

ALLEGED LIQUOR PLOTTERS WILL BE TRIED AGAIN

Former East Chicago Mayor and Co-Defendants Win on Appeal.

By Times Special
HAMMOND, Ind., July 11.—The government has lost its last fight to make convictions of Raleigh P. Hale, former East Chicago mayor, and others stand, and it is likely defendants will be given a second trial on a charge of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law during the November term of federal court here.

Petition of the government for a rehearing following a decision May 27 by the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago, granting a new trial, has been denied.

In addition to Hale defendants are James Regan, former East Chicago police chief; Martin Zarkovich, former detective captain; Patsey Ramey, former detective; Phil Colleger, alleged gambling boss, and Joseph D'Angelo, alleged bootlegger. They were convicted a year and a half ago. Originally forty-six persons were accused of plotting to break the dry law, but only fifteen went to trial.

The appeals court remanded the case for a second trial on the grounds evidence was insufficient for conviction and that Judge Thomas W. Slick erred in refusing to admit certain testimony favorable to the defense.

NEGROES CELEBRATE PIONEER CENTENNIAL

Robert's Settlement Near Sheridan Was Founded in 1831.

By Times Special
SHERIDAN, Ind., July 11.—Residents of the Robert's (Negro) settlement, east of here, observed its one hundredth anniversary this week. Winburn Roberts, Chicago, a senator in the Illinois legislature, addressed the main meeting on the progress of the race along social and civic lines.

In 1831 several Negroes from the east, who were born free, came to the locality and settled. It is believed they homesteaded, as later when Martin Van Buren was President, title to several hundred acres of land was granted the settlers. The title certificate was displayed at the meeting. It bears the great seal of the United States and Van Buren's signature.

About 1860 the Robert's chapel church was founded, and still exists. Former residents of the settlement were Marcus Gilliam, professor in a college at St. Louis; Millard Gilliam, now deceased, once a custodian at the statehouse; the Rev. Frank Roberts, who founded the Alabama Mission school at Brent, Ala.; Dr. Carl Roberts, Chicago; Willard Gilliam, a teacher, and Senator Roberts.

Old Minister Dies
By United Press
NEW PARIS, Ind., July 11.—The Rev. Joseph L. Kimmel, 75, believed to be the oldest minister of the Brethren denomination, died at his home here after an illness of a year. He served in pastorates in Goshen, Elkhart, North Manchester and Ft. Wayne. He leaves his widow and nine children.

Compelled to Be Swindler, Wife Alleges

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., July 11.—Mrs. Bessie Emmons alleges in a divorce suit on file here that Jennings Emmons forced her to take part in a forgery plot in which a local bank was swindled of \$400.

Using the name of Lloyd Brake in a telephone call to the bank, Emmons said his niece would call for a sum of money. Later his wife walked into the bank, represented herself to be the niece, Pauline Brake, and obtained the \$400. Within a few minutes the swindle was discovered and police after a chase, placed the couple under arrest.

Emmons, who was on parole from the state reformatory after serving part of a sentence for forgery, was returned to the institution and his wife given a suspended sentence.

MOURNER FOR BRIDE IN SUIT

Shelbyville Man Alienation Case Defendant.

By Times Special
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., July 11.—A few months after the death of his bride in an automobile accident, Clarence Stainbrook began paying attention to Mrs. Loretta Leffler, it is alleged by her husband, Earl, who has filed a \$5,000 alienation of affections suit against Stainbrook and also a suit for divorce.

Stainbrook is the plaintiff in a suit for \$10,000 damages against Garnet Miller, driver of an automobile struck by one Stainbrook was driving, resulting in fatal injury of Mrs. Stainbrook, a bride of a few months.

John Jones, a passenger in Miller's car, has sued Stainbrook for \$10,000 damages.

GIRLS STAY AT POSTS

Telephone Operators Work Despite Fire in Building.

By Times Special
WARSAW, Ind., July 11.—Fifteen girls in the local telephone office remained at their posts, handling all calls, despite a serious fire in the attic of the building, which filled the operating room with smoke.

J. W. Scott, plant manager, finally ordered the girls from the operating room, when advised by firemen that their positions were unsafe. Cables and the building were damaged considerably by water.

Slot Machines Numerous
By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 11.—Announcing that recent liquor raids disclosed slot machines in every county in the state of Indiana, federal officials said they would ask co-operation of state authorities in a campaign to wipe out the gambling devices.

HEALTH BOARD NEEDS MONEY, DOCTOR WARNS

Muncie Council Told Funds Must Be Provided or Work Will Cease.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., July 11.—Dr. John H. Williams, city health commissioner, warns that unless more money is appropriated for the health board's use, there will be an end to quarantining of contagious diseases, fumigation of homes and vaccination of poor persons and the city isolation hospital will be closed. The warning is directed at the city council.

In discussing the situation, Dr. Williams said: "No business can be carried on adequately without sufficient funds. We have passed last year or the year before that, or the previous year, the health of the public must be guarded and properly cared for, probably above any other one thing, and I want the public to know that the council understands that, and they alone, will be responsible if some drastic action is taken by the city board of health in the near future."

NEW BAR RULES FELT

Applicants at South Bend Must Take Examination.

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 11.—Announcement of new rules for admission to the bar, made this week by the Indiana supreme court, will force several recent applicants for admission here to take an examination.

These applicants include two St. Joseph county officials, Clerk Frank N. Nevins and Auditor Fred P. Cline; Gladys M. Monroe, South Bend city clerk; Francis S. Salata, state representative; Albert R. Barnhart, former representative; Michael Cummings, an accountant, and Lawrence Barber, a high school instructor of commercial law.

Manufacturer Dies

By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 11.—Edward A. Ross, 45, president of the Ross Gear and Tool Company and the Fairfield Manufacturing Company here, is dead in London, England. He became ill aboard a liner en route to Europe and two emergency operations were performed.

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