

# DAMAGES GIVEN AFTER DEFAULT BY DEFENDANT

## Anderson Judge Acts With Only Evidence of Plaintiff.

By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 28.—When the defendant in a damage suit failed to appear on time in superior court for trial, Judge Bartlett H. Campbell discharged the jury and instructed attorneys for the plaintiff to present their evidence to the exclusion of the defendant.

After hearing the evidence, the court found for the plaintiff and assessed damages of \$1,000.

The suit was brought by Mrs. Sarah Miller, 72, Williams, against Leslie May, Alexandria, and resulted from an automobile accident at the southwest edge of Alexandria on May 22. Mrs. Miller was riding in an automobile as the guest of her niece, Mrs. Laura Dermond, Bedford, en route to Toledo.

When a truck emerged from a filling station driveway, Mrs. Dermond took refuge on one side of the road, where her automobile was struck by another driven in the opposite direction by May.

The trial was scheduled to begin at 9 a. m. When the defendant and his attorney failed to appear, a bailiff telephoned May's home, being informed that May was in Greensburg. Efforts to find his attorney, Joseph Harrington, was of no avail until forty minutes after the trial had begun. The defense having defaulted, the attorney sought a continuance, which the court overruled.

Testimony of an Anderson physician and a deposition by a Toledo doctor showed that Mrs. Miller suffered three fractured ribs, a punctured lung, bruises and lacerations. She is said to have chronic pleurisy and coughs constantly as a result of the punctured lung, the injury being permanent, physicians testify.

# YOUNG INDIANA MAN FARM HONOR WINNER

## Graduate of Middlebury High School Given National Recognition.

By United Press  
MIDDLEBURY, Ind., Nov. 28.—Sanford Eash of Middlebury was notified today that he had been awarded the degree of American farmer by the National Congress of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City. He was the only candidate nominated from Indiana this year.

Eash, who was graduated from Middlebury high school last spring, now is farming in partnership with his father, and is the manager of a 290-acre farm.

Close records are kept by Eash. His herd of twelve Jersey cows produced 3,442.77 pounds of butterfat in the last twelve months. He also has made him one of the outstanding members in the Purdue university farm management extension project.

During the four years of Eash's training in high school and during the last six months of college, he has been raising chickens, and has had a herd of twelve Jersey cows produced 3,442.77 pounds of butterfat in the last twelve months. He also has made him one of the outstanding members in the Purdue university farm management extension project.

# BOMB TRIAL NEAR END

## Testimony Will Be Concluded Early Next Week at Princeton.

By United Press  
PRINCETON, Ind., Nov. 28.—Attorneys in the Somerville mine-bombing conspiracy trial prepared today to close their cases. It is expected the questioning of witnesses will be finished Monday or Tuesday.

Harmon Kelly, one of the defendants, was summoned to the stand Friday to answer queries by which the prosecution attempted to break down his previous versions of incidents before and after the bombing.

Shouting replies to questions, Kelly denied any part in the alleged conspiracy. He denied emphatically that on Nov. 8 he had told Perry Hudson and Ace Hudson that Abe Vales had paid \$100 for the Somerville job. It was the first time the name of Vales, who is president of District 11, United Mine Workers, had been brought directly into the case.

# LIQUOR CASE DISMISSED

## Marion Man Still Faces Three Other Dry Law Charges.

By Times Special  
MARION, Ind., Nov. 28.—An indictment charging Harry Miller, reputed Marion liquor and gambling king, with sale of liquor, was dismissed in Grant circuit court today by Judge George Hufsmith, deputy attorney-general. Hufsmith had entered his appearance as special prosecutor in the case. The motion to dismiss came after Hufsmith, and defense counsel, Harry Roberts, failed to agree on a date for trial. Hufsmith had asked for a continuance.

Miller is still facing two indictments, on possession of liquor charges and conspiracy to transport liquor. Hufsmith will assist prosecutor Harley Hardin in the trial on those charges.

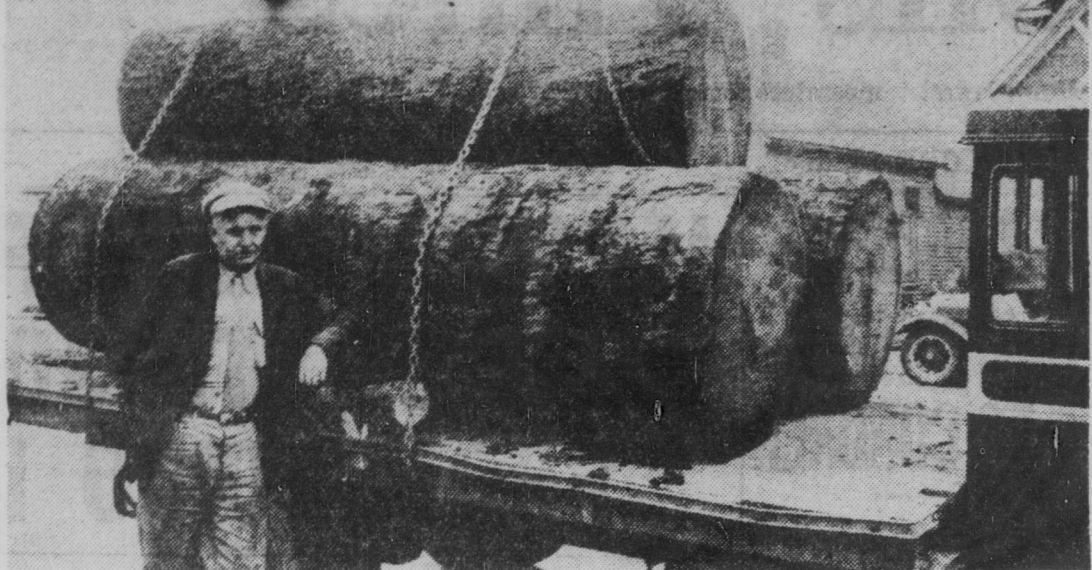
# Rate Cut Sought

Petition for reduction in light rates of rural communities in Wayne township, Kosciusko county, has been filed with the public service commission by twenty residents and president of the county commissioners' board. The rate cut is sought in districts adjoining Warsaw and Claypool. An Insull unit, the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, supplies light and power in the community.

# Suicide Leaves \$25,000

By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 28.—Ralph W. Harting, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Elwood which was closed a month ago, left an estate valued at \$25,000. His son, Ralph W. Harting, and the Elwood State Bank, will settle the estate as joint administrators. Harting committed suicide at his home in Elwood Friday.

# Creek Yields Valuable Walnut Log



J. E. Howard with the valuable walnut log he retrieved from Cold creek, near Terre Haute. Walnut is highly prized by manufacturers of veneer, even stumps of trees of that variety finding a ready market. Howard sold the log to an Indianapolis veneer company.

# FATHER SEEKS CHILD CUSTODY

## Adoption Granted While He Was in Prison.

By Times Special  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 28.—Alleging that his daughter, Anna Laura Miller, now 16, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stone without his consent while he was serving a prison term, Elmer Miller has filed suit in superior court here demanding she be restored to his custody. The case has been taken under advisement by Judge Buente.

Answering the father, counsel for the Stones attempted to show that the child's mother had given consent for the adoption, which was completed in Warrick circuit court at Boonville in 1925, and that consent of one parent is sufficient. At the time Miller was serving a two-to-fourteen-year prison term.

# FOUR MOVE TO QUASH CHARGES

## Valparaiso City Councilmen File Motions.

By Times Special  
VALPARAISO, Ind., Nov. 28.—Judge Grant Crumacker of Porter circuit court will hear arguments Dec. 4 on motions of four Valparaiso city councilmen to quash indictments against them alleging illegal allowances of claims on public money.

Defendants are Harold W. Cleveland, Meyers E. Zimmerman, Christopher J. Kane and Henry Jensen. The indictments followed an investigation by examiners for the state board of accounts.

Counsel for the defendants is Willis C. McMahan, former Indiana appellate court judge. Prosecutor Howard Mark is being assisted by William Daily, special attorney for the city water department.

# INSULL UNIT OFFERS NEW ELECTRIC PLAN

## Saving of \$2,000 Yearly Claimed for Hagerstown Contract.

By Times Special  
HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Nov. 28.—A five-year contract for electric service which, it is claimed, will save Hagerstown \$2,000 annually, has been proposed by local officials of the Interstate Public Service Company, an Insull subsidiary, which has been supplying current for the last ten years. The ten-year contract will expire in June, and Hagerstown officials are seeking a reduction in the base rate of 3 cents.

The Perfect Circle company, Hagerstown's chief industry, is considering the erection of an electric power station, and should this plan be carried out, Hagerstown will purchase its current from this plant. No action will be taken on the proposed Interstate contract until a decision is made by the local company.

# Jury Shows Speed

By Times Special  
MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 28.—A Delaware circuit court jury here established a record for speed. Five minutes after getting the case of Earl Gentry, nearly-blind World War veteran, charged with liquor violation, the jury returned a verdict holding Gentry guilty, fixing the penalty at a fine of \$100 and six months in jail.

# Veteran Printer Buried

By Times Special  
MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 28.—Funeral services were held here for Carl Robinson, 69, veteran Muncie printer. He was a former business associate of Perry S. Heath, who later became assistant postmaster-general of the United States, and Wilbur Nesbit, noted poet and humorist.

# Convict's Trustee Sued

By Times Special  
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Nov. 28.—Samuel B. Trembley, trustee for Leroy S. Crouch, serving a two to fourteen-year term in the Indiana state prison for embezzling funds of the Provident Trust Company of which he was an official, is defendant in a bond surety suit brought by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York.

# Prison Chaplain Retires

By United Press  
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Nov. 28.—The Rev. Aaron Wood, a former Laporte county Methodist minister, has presented his resignation as chaplain at the state prison, to the prison board. He has been chaplain at the prison for thirteen years. Advanced age was given as the reason for the retirement, which will take place Jan. 1. His successor will be named by Warden Walter Daly.

# Mental Brake

## By Times Special

BROOK, Ind., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Josephine McCabe had put brakes on the mentality of her 10-year-old daughter Helen. When she started to school she skipped the first grade. This fall she entered school in the sixth grade. In an intelligence test she was shown capable of high school sophomore work. Teachers recommended that she be placed in the eighth grade at least, but her mother called a halt, and she was enrolled in the seventh grade.

# JAIL BREAKING PLOT REVEALED

## Absence of Tin Cup Gives Clew at Logansport.

By Times Special  
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Nov. 28.—One of seven alleged freight car bandits is in solitary confinement in the Cass county jail here and the others have suffered loss of privileges due to discovery of an attempt to escape.

Cecil Smith, alleged leader of the band, is in solitary confinement. The other prisoners are Harry Gleason, Bert Wolfe, Red Blake, Earl Smith, John Miller and Mrs. Jewell Knight. Sheriff Zerbe has forbidden them to receive packages and changed their quarters in the jail.

Following return of utensils after a meal, it was discovered that one tin cup was missing. The sheriff says he learned the cup was used as a container for a disinfectant kept in the jail and that the liquid had been ignited in an attempt to heat bars sufficiently to bend them.

# COAL PULVERIZING AND LIQUIFYING DESCRIBED

## Indiana State Geologist Brings Report From Conference.

Dr. W. N. Logan, Indiana state geologist, who returned today from the International Coal conference at Pittsburgh, described how scientists have mastered the art of transporting pulverized coal in a pipe line and liquifying coal for use as a motor fuel. These achievements were described at the conference.

Dr. Logan represented the Indiana conservation commission, and discussed Indiana coals and their utilization, and also the possibilities of low temperature carbonization. A German scientist read a paper, he said, and later discussed before the meeting how he had been able to pulverize coal, then transport it through a pipe line for a short distance. Hydrogenizing or liquifying coal by adding hydrogen and obtaining oil which successfully operates a motor car, was explained in detail at conference, and opens a vast field for new motor fuel, in the opinion of the Indiana geologist.

# BRIDGE HELD UNSAFE

## Officials Say Span at Richmond Must Be Rebuilt.

By Times Special  
RICHMOND, Ind., Nov. 28.—A survey of a hazardous bridge of the C. & O. railroad on State road 21, at the southern edge of Richmond, will be made by an engineer of the state highway commission, Wayne county officials have been advised.

The bridge has been termed a "grave hazard" by coroner Russell L. Hiatt and several weeks ago he brought it to the attention of Dr. W. F. King, secretary of the state board of health.

Dr. King communicated with John J. Brown, state highway director, who, with the entire commission, made a survey. The commission agreed that it would be necessary to make a fill raising the roadway to a higher level on each side of the bridge, to afford better vision.

Although the bridge was only recently completed, the commission intimated that it would have to be rebuilt soon.

# School Board Loses

## By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 28.—A verdict for \$5,558 was awarded by Special Judge John W. Hornaday in Montgomery circuit court here to A. D. Montgomery, former Crawfordville school superintendent, against the school board. Montgomery, employed for three years, was dismissed at the end of the second year, and the judgment represents salary he would have received had the contract been observed.

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# HEALTH BOARD BAN IN EFFECT ON OHIO BREAD

## Indiana Officials Charge Loaves Sold in State Below Legal Weight.

By Times Special  
RICHMOND, Ind., Nov. 28.—War has been declared by the Indiana state board of health against the sale in eastern Indiana of Ohio-made bread which does not conform to Hoosier regulations. F. A. Stratton, food and drug inspector for the board, announces a blockade will be placed along the state line, if necessary, to stop "bootlegging" of bread which does not meet the Indiana weight requirements.

Under the Indiana law, according to Stratton, the exact weight of a loaf of bread must be printed upon the wrapper. One loaf of the Ohio bread purchased here was marked "Sixteen ounces or more" and was found to weigh only fifteen ounces. Another loaf which was marked "Twenty ounces or more" was found to weigh twenty-one and one-fourth ounces.

The law also stipulates that the weights shall be twelve ounces, sixteen ounces, twenty-four ounces or some "multiple of one" in pounds. There are no regulations in Ohio, according to Stratton, and he states that the same difficulty was being met at the Illinois line. He said the ban will be lifted if the weight requirements are met.

"Sale in Indiana of Ohio-made bread of illegal weight under Indiana law is manifestly unfair to our bakers and consumers of the state," the inspector said. For instance, the twenty-one and one-fourth-ounce loaf of Ohio bread purchased here retails for the same price as the twenty-four-ounce loaf that Indiana bakers must sell to compete. The consumer purchasing the Ohio-made loaf gets 2.5 less ounces for his money than if he had purchased the same priced Indiana loaf."

No arrests have been made, but the inspector warned that such action would be taken if necessary.

# DIPHTHERIA DEATH RATE CUT SHARPLY

## Evansville Health Officials Credit Anti-Toxin With Decrease.

By Times Special  
EVANSVILLE, Nov. 28.—Diphtheria is retreating rapidly before the onslaughts of modern medical science, according to two Evansville physicians, Dr. L. E. Fritsch, city health board secretary, and Dr. C. Wilson, school health officer.

Although 1931 is the year in a cycle when it was calculated the disease would be most prevalent, there are now only ten cases here, against fifty at the same time last year.

Use of anti-toxin has reduced the number of cases, the physicians agree. The treatment is optional, but nevertheless, 85 per cent of Evansville school children have received it. None of the ten persons now ill were given the treatment.

The diphtheria death rate for Evansville in 1930 was 3.9 per 100,000 population. This year the rate is expected to be much less. From 1890 to 1899, during which period anti-toxin was first used, the rate dropped more than two-thirds to 18.1.

# Gas Used in Suicide

## By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 28.—Illness is blamed for the suicide of Mrs. Nina Dodd, 52, who inhaled gas in her home.

Anderson City Employee Works Despite Demand for Resignation.  
By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 28.—Money received from the sale of garbage here belongs to the city treasury rather than the garbage master, Lawrence F. Orr, chief executive of the state board of accounts, has ruled.

Orr's opinion was given to City Controller Ira Davis, who is acting mayor during the sickness of Mayor J. H. Mellett, and concerns the case of Joseph Melcher, city garbage master.

When the city council learned Melcher retained money from the sale of garbage collected in city trucks an ordinance appropriating his salary was defeated, and the board of works requested Melcher's resignation, but he refused to quit.

Although Melcher has worked without pay since Nov. 4, and the board of works order has not been rescinded, it is understood the matter will be settled so that Melcher will be retained as garbage master.

# Bridegroom Fined

## By Times Special

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Nov. 28.—The honeymoon motor trip of Richard Kirk, Chicago, was interrupted here when he was arrested on a drunken driving charge. He was fined \$10 and costs, a total of \$41.05, which he paid. With his bride and her sister he resumed a trip to Pennsylvania.

# Embezzlement Alleged

## By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 28.—Harry Hendricks, formerly employed by the G. Hammond Company, is under arrest charged with embezzling \$1,151 of its funds.

# 'Wall Paper Newspaper' Owned by Peru Veteran

By Times Special  
PERU, Ind., Nov. 28.—Claim of H. B. Carroll, Austin, Tex., that he has the only remaining copy of the "wall paper" edition of the Vicksburg (Miss.) Daily Citizen, printed July 2, 1863, is disputed by William C. H. Reeder, a Peru Civil War veteran.

Reeder publicly exhibited a copy of the paper here and announces he will gladly show it to any one who calls at his home.

Paper of the copy Reeder owns is yellowed, but the printing is still distinct.

Type for the edition was set when Vicksburg was captured, July 2, 1863, by the soldiers of General U. S. Grant. It is related that a Union soldier, amused by the southern propaganda contained in the paper, printed several copies on wall paper after publication had been ordered by General Grant. The paper contains a glowing tribute to General Robert E. Lee, famed leader of the confederacy.

# MASCULINE NAMES SUITS WILL STAND

## Geneva and Nola Armstrong to Go On Despite Dread of Publicity.

By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 28.—Although dreading the notoriety, Geneva and Nola Armstrong, farmers, have informed their attorney they will not dismiss petitions seeking to have their names changed from the feminine to the masculine gender in conformity with their sex.

They seek court approval of the names of Gene Douglas Armstrong and Noel Armstrong. Meanwhile, neighbors of the two, who are industrious farmers, given girls' names at birth and who wore feminine attire until three years ago, have come to their assistance.

The neighbors say the Armstrong "sisters" should be left alone to work out their own problem without the interference of newspaper writers and camera men who have laid siege to the Armstrong farm, but to little avail. A legal publication required when a person or firm seeks to change its name gives notice that the petitions will be considered in the January term of Madison circuit court here.

# Impeachment of Mayor Proposed at South Bend

## By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 28.—Demands for impeachment proceed against Mayor W. E. Hinkle of South Bend grew stronger today, following his formal demand Friday for the resignation of Rudolph Ackermann, city controller.

Two weeks ago Mayor Hinkle announced his intention of ousting Ackermann, and immediately became the target of fellow Democrats, among them eight members of the city council, who asked for a reason, but the mayor was unable to give one which satisfied them.

In asking the resignation, Hinkle sent a letter to the council stating Ackermann prevented harmony and co-operation in the city administration.

Coupled with the Hinkle-Ackermann feud, is a report that a gambling syndicate offered \$20,000 to certain city officials in exchange for protection in operations here.

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# HOME OF AGED MAN GIVES UP MONEY IN CANS

## Currency, Gold and Silver Coins Found at Vincennes.

By Times Special  
VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 28.—Emery Morthand, aged resident of North Vincennes, kept several thousands of dollars hidden in a small house where he had lived since the death of his wife two years ago. He was alone in the home except for several black cats.

Gravely ill following a second paralytic stroke, Morthand showed much concern when relatives called here from Mattoon, Ill., began undressing him so that he could be placed in bed. In one of his shoes \$1,000 in currency and coin was found.

With that much of his secret revealed, Morthand directed his relatives to look behind an old-fashioned parlor organ. There they found four quart and two pint cans filled with gold pieces, silver dollars and pennies.

He next directed them to a small mirror hanging on a wall. Behind it was a billfold stuffed with currency. Several other cans filled with money were found in the house.

Estimates of the value of the money run as high as \$10,000, but it is believed \$3,000 is nearly correct. It is known that the aged man once had bank deposits of the lesser amount.

Despite his hidden wealth, Morthand was in no sense a recluse, neighbors say. He enjoyed long conversations with them and walked about the neighborhood, usually accompanied by some of his black cats. Each day he bought milk for his pets. It is recalled that in making purchases, Morthand often tendered \$50 bills.

For several years he rode a bicycle, although he owned two old model automobiles.

# MASTER FARMER HONOR WON BY NINE HOOSIERS

## Only 56 Have Achieved Distinction in Six Years.

### By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 28.—Names of nine Indiana master farmers, as judged by representatives of Purdue university, the Indiana farm bureau, and the Prairie Farmer, were announced here today. Medal awards will be made Sunday.

Judgment was rendered on efficiency in farming, rating as husbands and fathers and contributions to community advancement. Requirements are high, as indicated by the fact that in six years only fifty-six Indiana farmers have attained the distinction.

Those chosen this year are: Marjorie Ellingwood, Grant county; Harry Volle, Knox; Earl B. Newell, Carroll; Charles Zimmerman, Vanderburgh; Harry M. Shull, De Kalb; Garth R. Kyler, Whitley; Clyde H. Seybold, Parke; Churckille Barr, Tipton, and Newell M. Merrill, Madison.

# Aged Woman Hurt

## By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Lucinda Hoard, 78, is in a critical condition with injuries suffered when she was run down by a police automobile driven by Orpha Anderson, detective. The aged woman suffered a broken left hand, a fractured right leg and a severe scalp wound. Detective Anderson said she stepped from a curb in front of his automobile when it was too late to avoid striking her.

# Alarm Clocks in Demand

## By United Press

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Nov. 28.—Since a 6:30 a. m. train has been discontinued on the Big Four railroad here, merchants report a heavy demand for alarm clocks. The train for years had served as a time signal to morning risers.

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