

TOWN TRAFFIC
SIGNS BRANDED
AS NUISANCES

Highway Official Says Too
Many Signals Are Being
Erected.

The old saying, "God made the country, man the city, and the devil the small-town," is being emphasized daily by complaints from travelers on Hoosier highways that continue to pile up at the state highway department.

A. H. Hinkle, maintenance superintendent, thinks he sees an ally in the small-town, at least so far as the motorist is concerned, in the traffic lamp salesman.

Local Traffic Favored

"Worse than that," he relates, "they put the long 'Stop' on the through traffic, and give the townsfolk the advantage on the cross streets. As a result the through traffic is being slowed up greatly."

While some of the signs are necessary, many are not and merely represent the high-powered sales ability of the agent calling on the town council.

Another complaint against the small town and its relation to through traffic is the narrowness of streets.

Congestion Increasing

"Each year sees a large increase in automobile registrations, with highways more crowded, and it is increasingly difficult to get through towns and cities because of parked automobiles," he declared.

"In some cities the congestion is so acute that a movement has been started to circumvent the congested areas. While this no doubt some day will be the means adopted to avoid large cities, it will be many years before such a movement can be general as regards smaller cities and towns."

STATE SENATOR FACES
TRIAL IN BANK CASE

Embezzlement Indictment Returned
Against Rollo N. Walter.

LAGRANGE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Rollo N. Walter, state senator and former secretary-treasurer of the Hoosier State Bank, will go to trial Dec. 14 on charges of embezzlement, it was announced following his indictment by a LAGRANGE county grand jury.

The new indictment contains the same counts included in a previous one, but correct mistakes in the first. Walter is charged with accepting deposits for the institution when he knew it to be insolvent.

The grand jury also returned an indictment charging Hulen Shaffer with second degree murder as the result of the death of his son-in-law, Henry Prine. Shaffer is accused of shooting Prine during a scuffle at his farm home near here.

INDICTMENTS ASSAILED

Six Defendants File Motions to
Quash at Terre Haute.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Judge John P. Jeffries of Vigo circuit court will hear arguments Dec. 11 on motions to quash indictments against six persons, including county officials, charged with fraud in sale of sanitary supplies paid for from public funds.

Defendants are Charles McCalla; Carl C. Plank; John Cannon, Commissioner; George E. Smock and Morton Whelan, and Charles T. Nehf, former commissioner.

Course for Parents

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Dr. Edwin Hatfield Edmondson of the Indiana university extension division will conduct a new course in parent education in Indianapolis next semester. The course will be on "The Adolescent Age," and will give aid to the university extension center building, 122 East Michigan street. It will cover a study of adolescent nature, growth and development, with emphasis upon the significance of the period in possibilities for happiness and satisfaction of the moment to the individual child, as well as upon the significance in the final adjustment of the individual to group life.

\$15,000 Transferred

MARION, Ind., Dec. 5.—The Marion water department has again been called upon to prevent a deficit in the city treasury. An ordinance transferring \$15,000 from water department funds to the general fund was passed by the city council. At the same time the body authorized sale of \$60,000 time warrants to help replenish the city treasury.

Hoosier's Turkeys First

YORKTOWN, Ind., Dec. 5.—J. L. Briggs, Mt. Pleasant township farmer, says he is several years ahead of the Rev. Castor Ordonez of De Paul university, Chicago, as a breeder of turkeys, a cross between a turkey and a hen. A few days ago a picture of the Ordonez brood and one of the fowls appeared in newspapers, prompting Briggs to make comment.

Whisky 77 Years Old

SHERIDAN, Ind., Nov. 5.—Seventy-seven years ago a bottle of whisky was walled up in a house here now occupied by Homer Johnson. The bottle belonged to a carpenter engaged in erecting the home, and but one drink had been taken from it before a fellow workman walled it in.

Coat Worn 32 Years

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 5.—P. S. Walker is still wearing a \$10 coat he bought thirty-two years ago. The store offered a turkey with each \$10 purchase and the coat was what Walker bought.

Aged Pair
Asks \$6,000
of Doctor

CHESTER, Ind., Dec. 5.—R. William and Edna Gordon, aged farm couple living near Argos, are plaintiffs in a \$6,000 damage suit against Dr. Harry M. McCracken, Argos, brought here for trial on a change of venue from Marshall circuit court at Plymouth.

Alleging malpractice, the suit charges that Dr. McCracken failed to note a clavicle fracture and displacement of the shoulder cap when he treated Mrs. Gordon, who also suffered a dislocation of the right shoulder in an accident.

ROBBER TAKES
OFFICER'S GUN

Ft. Wayne Policeman's Appeal Prevents Shooting.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Patrolman Samuel Stuart persuaded a bandit not to kill John Pipkins, Negro, after the robber had expressed the intention to do so, asserting he had seen Pipkins with a white woman.

The officer was robbed of his revolver by the bandit who, with a companion, took \$10 from Pipkins and a small radio set from a restaurant where the robbery was staged.

CALL SCANDAL QUIZ

South Bend Council to Probe
Ackermann Charges.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 5.—The city council will meet in special session at 7 p. m. Monday to review charges of maladministration against Mayor W. R. Hinkle, which Rudolph Ackermann, deputy city controller, has volunteered to submit.

In a letter addressed to the city council Tuesday Ackermann, whose dismissal was the climax of a bitter strife between him and Hinkle, reiterated charges that Hinkle "ousted me because I refused to countenance protection of organized vice and gambling in South Bend."

The deputy controller said that he was willing to submit charges to the council on which impeachment proceedings could be instituted against Hinkle.

The council consists of eight Democrats and four Republicans. Both Hinkle and Ackermann are Democrats.

TWO HELD AFTER THEFT

Loat Was \$6 More Than Reported
by Victim at Anderson.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Detectives worked two hours to solve theft of a pocketbook containing \$124 from Baker Alexander, cigar store proprietor.

Reporting the pocketbook was taken from the pocket of a coat hanging on a hook in the store, Alexander said he suspected Forest Wheelon, 29. He was arrested as he was en route home, and admitted the robbery. He said he gave the money to a friend, John Webb, 26, for safe keeping, advising Webb he could spend some of it if he desired.

Detectives recovered the money at the home of Webb, who was also arrested and charged with receiving stolen goods. Recovery of the money revealed to Alexander that he had \$6 more than he supposed was in the purse, he having reported that \$118 had been stolen.

Young Bride Accused

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Albert Neider, 19-year-old bride of four months, is in jail awaiting trial for the university extension center building, 122 East Michigan street. It will cover a study of adolescent nature, growth and development, with emphasis upon the significance of the period in possibilities for happiness and satisfaction of the moment to the individual child, as well as upon the significance in the final adjustment of the individual to group life.

Sick Child Given Doll

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5.—A girl 6 years old is recovering after a mastoid operation in Ball hospital, thanks to the gift of a doll. The child pointedly refused to enter the hospital without a doll. Since she was a township charity patient, the trustee was unable to supply the gift, but the case was made public and a deluge of dolls followed.

Terminal Owner Sued

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—E. Mead Johnson Sr. is defendant in a suit for \$25,000 brought by Peter C. Gorter, who alleges his services in promotion and construction of the Johnson river-rail terminal were not paid for and he is entitled to a fee of 25 per cent of the \$500,000 cost of the terminal.

Governor on Program

GREENSBURG, Ind., Dec. 5.—Governor Harry C. Leslie and Richard Lieber, director of the state conservation department, will be the speakers here Monday night at the annual banquet of the Decatur County Historical Society. E. J. Hancock, president of the society, will preside.

Fox Drive Dec. 12

SHEDDYSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Several thousand persons are expected to take part in a fox drive in Moral and Sugar Creek townships Dec. 12. Drivers are promoting the drive, due to inroads made on chickens by the animals. Dogs and guns will be barred from the drive.

GOALS ATTAINED
IN APPLICATION
OF WORK PLAN

Building Modernizing Appeal
at Muncie Brought Three
Results.

Editor's Note—This is the last of a series of articles by William E. Price, director of the Muncie plan of relief, on employment by modernization of buildings.

BY WILLIAM E. PRICE
Written for United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Work began increasing in Muncie as the modernization plan was sold to the public as one of the best means of alleviating economic conditions.

A short while after the campaign was started, a street by street canvass of the city revealed that 113 jobs already were under way. These consisted of painting, remodeling of store fronts, garages and other buildings, re-roofing, refinishing of porches, widows and doors, new chimneys, sidewalks and driveways and rebuilding of homes on modern lines. The survey did not indicate the amount of interior work being done as a result of the campaign, but it was learned that it was in proportion to the increase of exterior work.

Work Broadly Interpreted

Directors of the campaign explained to citizens that modernization merely is a term to include all such work that would improve the appearance, quality and usefulness of homes and other buildings.

Names of property owners with addresses and contractors doing improvement work were listed and published. Limitations of time and space prevented listing and inspection of interior jobs such as papering, installing of hardwood floors, electric, bath and kitchen equipment and other inside features.

Broze Marks, business representative of the local carpenters' union, estimated on May 1 that 80 per cent of all Muncie building industry labor was employed. He also estimated that if only Muncie labor was employed, the number would be 100 per cent. He noted that as the campaign progressed, workmen from other communities came here and found employment.

Preference Urged

When it became known that large numbers of outside workers were coming to Muncie, the publicity department of the campaign urged employment of Muncie workers in preference to others.

A brief summary of results obtained from the campaign indicate that its original objectives were reached.

The objectives were:

Employment of idle Muncie labor; increasing business of the building industry as a whole; beautifying the city; bringing money up to date many homes and other buildings in Muncie.

Results obtained throughout the last six months have convinced campaign officials of the necessity for indefinitely continuing the work. Upon the premise that "we owe every man and woman an opportunity to make a living," the Muncie Chamber of Commerce expects to include modernizing of homes and other buildings in its annual programs hereafter.

TAXICAB HELD PUBLIC

Two Muncie Women Connected in
Intoxication Case.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5.—A taxicab is a public place by Judge L. A. Alexander said in the case of Miss Helen Jones and Miss May Lawrence, convicted on charge of public intoxication.

Attorneys for the women filed pleas in abatement on the corollary case, a private case, in which a taxicab driver, a person intoxicated in a cab is not publicly intoxicated. Judge Guthrie overruled the pleas.

Accident Means Food

FRANKFORT, Ind., Dec. 5.—Somewhere in Clinton county some one is feasting on Swiss and T-bone steaks cut from a hind quarter of one of seven choice steers owned by the Milner Provision Company, east of here, which were killed when they were run down by a Northern Indiana Power Company traction car during a fog. At daylight the next day when a truck from a rendering company came to carry away the dead animals, it was found that the hind quarter was missing from one. It had been skillfully sliced and carted away.

Veterans To Be Honored

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Two recently retired Michigan division locomotive engineers, who have reached the 70-year-old age limit, are honored at a banquet of the Veterans Association of the Big Four railroad here Dec. 8. They are David Garretson, Wabash, and Joseph Schaff, North Vernon.

School Plans Approved

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Approval of the Indiana state board of health and the state department of public instruction has been given plans for a new twenty-one-room school designed to replace the Washington grade building, which was destroyed by fire in August. As planned, the building will cost \$150,000. Construction work will be started next spring.

New Road Proposed

POLAND, Ind., Dec. 5.—H. C. Segare of Mooreville was named chairman of an executive committee appointed at a meeting here to campaign for a freight diversion highway between Terre Haute and Mooreville to relieve congestion on the National road.

Liquor Plan to Be Topic

MARION, Ind., Dec. 5.—"The Canadian System of Liquor Control" will be the subject of an address here Dec. 13 by Ben H. Spence, journalist and lecturer of Toronto, Canada, before the Marion Ministerial Association. Spence also will address students of Marion college at the chapel hour, Dec. 14.

Back in Those Gay 90's



Prior to its destruction by fire in 1899, this store building at Michigan town was a community gathering place in the days when a rubber-tired buggy was the highest type of transportation. The second floor was the scene of many square dances.

MOST OF STUDENTS
WILL BE TEACHERS

De Pauw Freshmen Give
Choice for Life
Occupation.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—The ranks of those engaged in the teaching profession will be swelled considerably about four years from now if every college freshman class is like the one at De Pauw university. A survey of freshmen men at De Pauw by Dean L. H. Dirks shows that more are preparing to teach than to enter any other profession.

That the freshmen know what he intends to do when he gets out of college was shown by the fact that only twelve indicated that they were undecided about their life occupation.

While pedagogy received a plurality vote, the profession of law came second; business, third; journalism, fourth; engineering, fifth; medicine, sixth; chemistry, seventh, and accounting, eighth.

Other pursuits which received consideration included the ministry, music, advertising, science, agriculture, authorship, art, architecture, dramatics, personnel work, civil service, dentistry, military, coaching, aviation, forestry and supervision work.

More than half the freshmen men prefer either teaching, business, law, journalism or medicine.

NOVEL LIQUOR
EXCUSE FAILS

Peru Man Said Bottle Was
Left in His Room.

PERU, Ind., Dec. 5.—Mayor John E. Yarling, who presides over the Peru city court, is making a collection of unusual pleas of defendants in intoxication cases as to how they obtained the liquor.

Frank Norman, 44, made the latest addition of the mayor's collection.

"Some friend, I don't know his name," Norman told the court, "walked into my room at a West Third street boarding house and left a bottle of red liquor on the dresser. I walked in and saw the booze and after sampling a little, decided to drink it, and that's how I got drunk. Liquor was left on my dresser like that twice before during the summer."

Norman was fined \$10 and costs, a total of \$40.

The mayor expressed a belief that liquor was delivered to Norman's room after orders were placed.

BONE DRY LAW UPHELD
BY SOUTH BEND JUDGE

Beer for Personal Use Only Held
Violation of Statute.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 5.—Pete Heyvert, whose trial in Superior Judge J. Elmer Peak's court involved the constitutionality of the Indiana bone-dry law, was found guilty on three counts, and was fined \$100 and costs on each. In addition, Heyvert was sentenced to thirty days on each count, the terms to run concurrently.

Heyvert was charged with possession, sale and manufacture of liquor. It was the possession charge that involved the bone-dry law constitutionality. The point provoked discussion concerning sale of wine bricks and cider.

Defense counsel contended that beer found in Heyvert's possession was for his own use. The bone-dry law was assailed on the ground that it was too general.

In convicting the defendant, Judge Peak said the validity of the dry law was apparent from Indiana supreme court decisions.

Banished From South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 5.—Two Niles (Mich.) men will have to find some place except South Bend to do their imbibing hereafter. Charles Bort, 46, and Kazmier Klemek, 36, both of Niles, were in city court here on intoxication charges. They were both given three months' sentences in the Indiana state farm, but the sentences were suspended if they promised to remain on the other side of the Michigan line for one year.

Corner Stone to Be Laid

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Arrangements have been completed for laying the corner stone of the new postoffice building here about Dec. 15. The Masonic order will have charge of the ceremonies and an address will be made by Ira H. Church, Elkhardt, grand master. The new structure is located at the corner of Ninth street and Maple avenue. It will cost \$60,000.

Culver Club Formed

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Thirteen Indiana university students who are graduates or former students of the Culver Military Academy, have organized a club for the purpose of promoting a closer association among Culver men and to stimulate their support of the academy. Albert Martindale, Bloomington, is president of the club; Perry Williamson, Columbia City, secretary-treasurer, and John Bereman, Indianapolis, vice-president.

Muncie Woman Chosen

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Mrs. George A. Ball, Muncie, has been named Delaware county chairman in the newly organized "Forward Indiana" movement. The purpose of the organization is to give publicity to Indiana and its resources.

PROLIFIC COW

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 5.—A 7-year-old Shorthorn cow owned by Lina Muhlenkamp of Wabash township has given birth to three sets of twin calves in twenty-two months.

\$57,400 for Christmas

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Christmas club checks in amounts from m\$25 to \$1,000, a total of \$57,400, will be distributed by Crawfordsvillians here.

FARM BUREAU
HONOR WON BY
29 TOWNSHIPS

Winners Announced as First
Year for Project
Closes.

Twenty-nine townships in Indiana have received awards of honor for having attained a standard of perfection set up by the social and educational department of the Indiana Farm Bureau this year. It was the first year for the project, and although the requirements are high, a sufficient number attained them to give assurance to the popularity of the movement throughout the state, bureau officials state.

The principal requirement for a township unit to attain a standard of perfection is to obtain a 60 per cent enrollment of the eligible farm families in the township. Other requirements consist of the developing of a certain number of farm bureau services and co-operating with the county agricultural agent in the promotion of his program during the year.

It is expected that a large number of townships will reach the goal required for awards of honor in 1932, according to Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, Otterbein, chairman of the social and educational department.

Campaign Opens

The campaign for the 1932 farm bureau membership is now under way in several counties of the state. A majority of the county units have completed their drives and report increased membership lists. "Many township leaders are making an effort to obtain 60 per cent enrollment of the eligible farm families in their respective units as a basis on which to work in reaching a standard of perfection by the end of the coming year," states Mrs. Sewell.

The drive for new members will reach every county of the state by mid-winter and officials of the state bureau are expecting the total enrollment for next year to surpass the record of this year by several thousands.

Winners Listed

The following townships were honored this year, having received their certificates at the recent state farm bureau convention for attainment of standard township qualifications: Rochester, Richmond, Liberty, Henry and Newcastle, Fulton county; Aichland, Noble and Jackson, Rush county; Bath, Blooming Grove and Springfield, Franklin county; Noble and Addison, Shelby county; Harrison and Posey, Posey county; Buck Creek and Jackson, Hancock county; Washington and Irigoien, Newton county; Johnson, LaPorte county; Carroll, Clay county; Wayne, Bartholomew county; Caesar, Dearborn county; LaGrange, Ripley county; Guilford, Hendricks county; Clay, Decatur county; Washington, Carroll county; and Jeffersonville and Utica, Clark county.

EIGHT FACE TRIAL IN
MINE DISORDER CASE

Accused of Beating Seventeen
Employees of Co-Operative Pit.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Attorneys here are preparing for the trial of eight Bicknell men on charges of conspiracy to commit a felony as a result of the alleged beating of seventeen employees of the Liberty co-operative mine.

Seven of the defendants were returned today from the Indiana state farm, where they were incarcerated after convictions on charges of riot growing out of the mine disorder. Leon Carnahan, another defendant, has been in the county jail.

It was understood that a charge of second degree murder would be faced by the men as a result of the death of Milburn Littell, 62.

Farmers Held Fortunate

ECONOMY, Ind., Dec. 5.—"Farmers should congratulate themselves on their condition," William H. Settle, president of the Indiana farm bureau, told the Indiana state federation at a meeting here, "for with 7,000,000 out of work and in need of food and clothing, the farmer is assured of comfort with a well filled cellar and a comfortable home for the winter." Settle declared that taxation must fall equally upon all and added that if the marketing act is to be revised it must be changed by its friends.

Old Poacher Caught

GOSHEN, Ind., Dec. 5.—After six months' effort, game wardens have succeeded in convicting William Maynard, 64, described as a veteran poacher. Donald Hughes and Clarence Gayer, game wardens, caught Maynard with a trammel net and a sack party filled with fish, including four black bass. In Goshen city court, he was fined \$215 and sentenced to the penal farm for six months.

Teaches in Prison

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5.—George Hawkins, former trustee of Center township, who is serving a term in the Indiana state prison for embezzling public funds, teaches school four and one-half hours daily, according to Fred Morin, who visited him. He asked Morin to visit the people of Muncie "I'm still smiling."

George Ade Travels

BROOK, Ind., Dec. 5.—George Ade, author, plans to start on a motor trip to Miami, Fla., Monday. Spry, Ade's dog, will accompany him.

No Bath; No Wife

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Because her husband refused to take a bath for four months, Mrs. Frances Mae Rauley was awarded a divorce by Judge Travis B. Williams on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

3%
Paid on Savings
Security Trust Co.

111 North Pennsylvania Street

Liberty at
\$210 Result
of Leniency

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Casimir M. Potocki is \$210 poorer as an indirect result of leniency granted him by Judge Clarence R. McNabb of Allen circuit court.

After being fined \$100 and sentenced to jail for thirty days on a liquor charge, Potocki was granted liberty for a few days to place his business affairs in order preparatory to going to jail. A few hours after he was released two bandits robbed him of \$210.

TAX SEIZURE
BEING PROBED

Gary Merchant Complains
to Prosecutor.

GARY, Ind., Dec. 5.—Prosecutor Robert G. Estill is making an investigation following a report by William Tropp that two men who said they were agents from the Lake county treasurer's office removed a cash register and twenty pairs of trousers from his store here as a means of obtaining delinquent taxes.

According to Tropp, the men presented notices signed by Henry Behrman, professional tax collector. He is at liberty under bond awaiting trial on extortion charges as a result of the activities of his agents.

YOUTH GIVEN
ARSON TERM

Former Delaware County
Ward Admits Setting Fires.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Roy Thomas, 17, who as a child was a ward of Delaware county, is under sentence of one to ten years in the Indiana reformatory for arson. He confessed setting fire to a house and barn on the farm of Henry C. Kuhner and to firing a calf barn at White's institute, to which he was committed after the Kuhner fire.

The youth said he started the fire at the institute because "I did not like James Johnson, the farm boss, because he was a hard man to work for and was hard on the boys under him, so I decided I would get even with him by setting the calf barn on fire."

CITY NEAR BOND LIMIT

Shelbyville Lacks Funds to Acquire
Utility Plants.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Although it is claimed that the 4,117 persons who signed petitions asking municipal ownership or leasing of electric gas and water plants here constitute 85 per cent of the city's voters, it is not likely action toward acquiring the plants will be taken, as the city is near the limit of bonded indebtedness.

After the petitions had been filed with the city council, City Attorney Elmer Basset pointed out that only \$120,000 in bonds can be issued, a sum far below what it is estimated would be needed to obtain the utilities.

Indiana Third at N. D.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 5.—Proof that the University of Notre Dame is an international institution rather than a state is afforded by an enrollment report that shows Indiana's representation in third place. Illinois is first and New York second. The report, published by the Rev. J. Leonard Carrio, C. S. C. shows that every state in the Union and fourteen foreign countries are represented in the student body.

Auto Accident Fatal

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Loss of blood from a severed artery caused the death of Mrs. George Hinkle, 39, who was injured a few hours earlier in an automobile accident near Glen's Valley. Other occupants of the machine suffered only minor injuries.

Bank Teller Sentenced

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 5.—Claire Amburn, Ft. Wayne bank teller, who "needed money to keep up with the younger crowd" was sentenced to the Chillicothe (O.) juvenile reformatory for two years on charges of embezzling \$1,100. Sentence was pronounced by Federal Judge Thomas W. Slick.

Truck Kills Child

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Four-year-old Charles Dillard is dead of injuries received when struck by a truck driven by P. F. Mason.

SPECIAL JUDGE
DECLARES PLOT
CHARGE FAULTY

Executives of Indianapolis
Company Victors in
Anderson Case.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 5.—A motion to quash an affidavit charging Carl Kreis and Gilbert Harries, Indianapolis contractors, with conspiracy to commit a felony was sustained in Madison circuit court here by Special Judge Alonzo L. Bala, Winchester. The affidavit was held to be without legal standing because of technical defects.

Harry Muller, local theater manager, signed the affidavit, alleging Kreis and Harries were parties to a fraudulent theater enterprise in which he lost \$16,000 of the \$25,000 he invested. The Krebay Construction Company, of which Kreis and Harries are executives, was engaged to erect the proposed theater, but construction work was abandoned after the foundation was laid.

It was charged that Muller, relying on statements of the contractors to the effect that they had received partial payment under their contract, was led to invest in the project, which in truth the original promoters had made no payments to the contractors.

Quashing of the affidavit ended the second effort to prosecute the Indianapolis men. Previously a grand jury indictment charging them with false pretense was dismissed.

Harry Goldberg, Detroit, who promoted the project, is serving a sentence at the Indiana reformatory following conviction in circuit court here. His partner, Joseph Cosco, successfully fought extradition from Michigan and was never brought to trial.

Muller announced he would continue his effort to make charges hold against Kreis and Harries.

Suit of Muller seeking to recover the remaining \$9,000 of his \$25,000 investment is being contested by the Krebay company.

RULES FOR FARMERS
ON GAS TAX REFUND

Ogden Holds Rebate May Be Made
Before Fuel Is Consumed.

Farmers can continue to collect gasoline tax refunds on gas they "intend" to use in tractors and other farm machinery, according to a ruling given Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, Friday by Attorney-General James M. Ogden.

In a letter to the attorney general, Williamson cited the ever-increasing refunds to farmers and wanted to know whether, under the law, refunds should be made only after the gasoline is used.

Ogden ruled that the farmer increased \$4,230 from Dec. 1, 1930, to Dec. 1, 1931, Williamson's first year in office. Total refunds for the year were \$1,219,641.84, an increase of \$174,033.33.

MOTHER OF 10 GUILTY

Bloomington Woman Confesses to
Child Neglect.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Minnie Stevens, mother of ten children ranging in age from 4 to 15 years of age, is awaiting sentence on a child neglect charge to which she pleaded guilty in Monroe circuit court. She is the widow of "Big Jim" Stevens, who was fatally stabbed during a fight with his cousin, Raymond Stevens.

The mother's arrest followed conviction of Frank Hardin, her companion, at a drinking party, who attacked a 16-year-old girl.