

10-CENT HOURLY WAGE IS PAID ON REMODELING

Employer Defends Scale as
'Made Work' for
Jobless.

Carpenters' hammers pound at 15 cents an hour. Laborers shoulder boards and help "rough in" repairs on a roof at 10 cents an hour.

The carpenters and the laborers, with hammer and muscles, are working in the Indianapolis Casting Company's empty building, 131 South Harding street.

With NRA going into effect, the men working there may be thrown out of jobs.

"It wouldn't be profitable to work them at the minimum wage of 30 cents an hour under the recovery act," said F. W. Cornelius, owner of the building, and in charge of remodeling of the vacant building's roof.

"I'll probably have to quit the work," he added.

Cornelius admits that he has employed labor to remodel the roof of the casting company's structure at wages which he says "range from \$1 to \$3 a day."

Better Than Charity

Laborers on the project say they have been getting 10 cents an hour, while others who handled saw and hammer and were listed as doing carpentry work received 15 cents an hour.

Cornelius protests that the project is a "made work."

"The men were around the place and wanted work and I gave it to them. They figured it was better than living off the county. There was nothing holding them there. They didn't have to work for it unless they wanted to. They could quit at any time," he said.

He cited the fact that he was permitting one family to live in two rooms of the casting company building.

Asked if he didn't believe that the desire to obtain a weekly wage, regardless of how small, forced the men to hire themselves at that rate in preference to being idle, he said: "Maybe so—but I worked at a lower wage when I was a boy. Why, I've worked for \$4 a week."

Threatens Shutdown

"Does The Indianapolis Times want to hire these men? I'll close this work down if there's going to be so much to do about it," he retorted.

Cornelius admitted that he had been remodeling the roof without a building permit for more than a month's time.

"If I'm wrong there, I'm willing to do what's right. But when we started out to fix the building and leak in the roof, it was no more than a job of just cleaning up. Then in patching a board would come loose and we'd nail it down. I don't know for what part of the work I should get a building permit," he said.

Complaints Are Received

After a conference with the city building commissioner, a fee of \$7 was paid by Cornelius for the work already done on the casting company. It was agreed that other work would be paid for at the conclusion of the job.

Complaints have been received by The Times that the Frank M. Dell-Coal Company, of which Cornelius is general manager, has employees working at as low a wage as those employed on the roof of the casting building.

One workman told The Times that the largest pay he had received for one week's work was \$5.31.

"Some men working for me at the coal company work just part time. They're paid for their actual work," Cornelius defended.

"But we have to stay around here and wait for coal cars to unload," said one of the workmen.

Cornelius said workmen of the coal company under NRA would be paid the minimum scale of 30 cents an hour for the actual work. He praised the recovery act.

PLAN FIGHT ON T. B.

Renewed Attack on Disease Will Be
Made in Louisiana.

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS July 29.—Louisiana, with the assistance of the federal government, is preparing to launch renewed attack against tuberculosis through the state's health, welfare and tuberculosis agencies.

Dr. L. Lumsden, director of the United States Public Health Service of District No. 4, stationed here, is preparing a survey of the state's needs for combating the plague, and will deliver a report to the state and city board of health and other public health agencies regarding the methods of attack.

WILLIAMS TO PRACTICE

Democratic Committee Aid to Open
Law Offices.

Marshall Williams, secretary of the Democratic committee with headquarters at the Claypool, announced today that he is entering law practice with offices in the Illinois building.

He will take charge of the committee secretarial part-time until a successor is chosen at the reorganization of the committee next spring, he said.

SOUTH REUNION SUNDAY

Several Hundred to Attend Annual
Affair at Riverside.

Several hundred people are expected to attend the fifth annual reunion of the South family at Riverside park Sunday afternoon.

In charge of the programs are the officers of the South family club. J. Albert South, Indianapolis, president; Charles South, Hamilton, O. vice-president, and Mrs. Hattie M. Hopkins, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

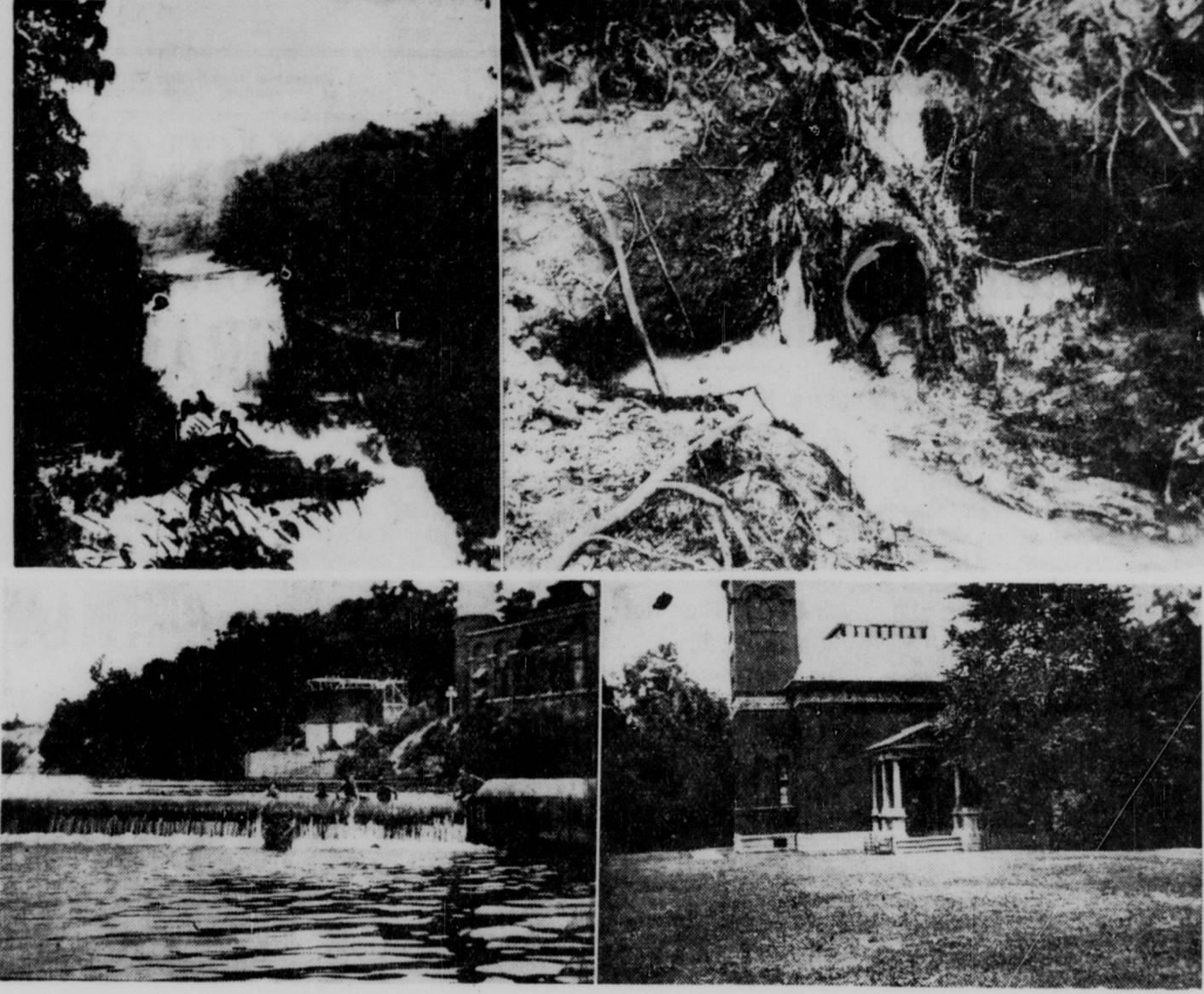
REUNION DATE IS SET

Davies, Martin County Residents to
Gather Here Aug. 13.

Annual reunion of former residents of Davies and Martin counties will be held Aug. 13 at Garfield park with a program arranged for the entire day.

Officers in charge are Thomas Nugent, president, and Miss Emma McNamey, secretary-treasurer.

Pollution Is Ruining Big Sugar Creek Fishing Grounds Loved by Gen. Wallace



Spawning Spots Being Blighted by Wastes of Industrialism.

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water tested 100,000 B. coli per one hundred cubic centimeters and 200,000 bacteria for one cubic centimeter.

It was heavily polluted water. Crawfordsville wastes dump into Big Sugar.

The city is figuring on doing something about it, but the same old depression has acted as either on the plans and ideas.

The optimistic fisherman who fished his line at this section of Big Sugar had as much chance of getting bass as he would if he'd dropped his line in a goldfish bowl.

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