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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES JOIN IN RECOVERY DRIVE

New Edifice Will Rise as Congregation's Contribution to President's Campaign for Prosperity Restoration.

STEADY MEMBERSHIP GAIN SHOWN

National Leader Cites Great Advance Made in City in Recent Years, Looks Optimistically Into Future.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN
Times Church Editor

Out of right thinking develop great works. Members of the Indianapolis cavalcade of the Church of Christ, Scientist, have aided in the national as well as the world-wide growth of Christian Science.

Out of this has developed also a co-operation with the campaign for prosperity all over the nation, with the announcement that the Fourth Church plans a new \$125,000 edifice at Butler and Pleasant Run boulevard in Irvington.

To give employment to as many people as possible, the five local churches contributed, as did all other Christian Science churches, to a \$4,000,000 plant for the Christian Science Publishing Society in Boston.

The program of President Roosevelt for national prosperity has the complete support of Christian Scientists.

There are five Christian Science Churches in Indianapolis, with an estimated total of 10,000 students of Christian Science.

Largest in History

QUIZ EX-WIFE IN TORCH DEATH

Industrial Executive's Body, Charred by Blaze, Found by Burning Car.

By United Press

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 15.—The divorced wife of an industrial executive was questioned by authorities today as they sought to substantiate a theory that the husband was the victim of a torch murder plot.

From Mrs. Mary Hanson, police said, they had learned she was visiting a relative's home, four blocks distant, until early today and were returning home, when they witnessed the house go up in smoke and fire.

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SUBSIDIZING OF WHEAT EXPORTS THREATENED

Wallace to Take Step If Other Nations Fail to Co-operate.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace today announced that if world wheat producing nations refuse to co-operate further in reducing crops the United States will make "subsidized exports."

"Hence, she says further, in defining Church: 'The Church is that institution which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to spiritual life.'

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COPS MINUS CLEWS IN THREAT CASES

Mother, Four Children Are Latest Victims.

New York Attorney Makes Charge in Crime Probe.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Gangsters and racketeers "are part of the machine" of municipal control, United States Attorney George Z. Medalie of New York, charged today before the senate racket committee.

"So long as patronage exists in municipal politics—so long as the people keep countenancing that power—in New York, Chicago or any other large city, you will have that alliance with crime," said Medalie.

The residence recently had been repaired before the Phillips occupied it.

TAXICAB MAKES NEW DOOR IN DRUG STORE

Rowson Pharmacy Is Magnet for All Flying Objects.

By United Press

THE front door of the pharmacy of Norman Rowson, 1102 North Illinois street, apparently is a magnet for various objects, ranging from bullets to taxis.

This morning, Rowson came to work to find the front of his store altered. Early today Harry Epley, taxi driver, lost control of his auto, which crashed into the building. Bricks were knocked out, and the door ripped from its hinges. Rowson estimated loss at \$500.

Several weeks ago, during the lunch hour at the place, a bullet fired by gunner went through the front window, narrowly missing employee and customers.

MINOR TRIAL TAKES DAY

Traffic Offender's Case Costs County \$40 for \$2.50 Fine.

By United Press

RED BLUFF, Cal., Aug. 15.—An all-day court battle over a minor traffic infraction which usually brings a \$2.50 fine, cost Tahama county \$40 recently.

The case in which the defendant claimed he was innocent, took three attorneys, a state traffic officer and members of the jury from their work for the entire day. The jury disagreed.

BANK PROMOTION MADE

McNutt Names H. B. Wells as State Division Head.

By United Press

PROMOTION of H. B. Wells to head the division of banks in the state department of financial institutions was announced today by Governor Paul V. McNutt.

Wells has been in charge of research for the department.

He is on leave of absence from his teaching position on the staff at Indiana University.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 63 10 a. m. 75

7 a. m. 64 11 a. m. 77

8 a. m. 70 12 (noon) 80

9 a. m. 73 1 p. m. 81

MR. BUSINESS MAN:

This is an open letter to you from The Indianapolis Times. These days of adjustment to the President's recovery plans are trying ones for you. Since the announcement of the blanket code this newspaper has made every effort to keep you fully informed about all its developments.

Because we are independent politically and financially, we have been able to give you complete and unbiased reports of this great social movement—the greatest, perhaps, since the adoption of the Constitution.

The Times does not feel that a newspaper should give merely ordinary service to you in such extraordinary times. It wants to give you direct assistance in working out your problems under the NRA. It is anxious to come right into your store, office or factory and give you specific and authoritative advice.

So on Monday this newspaper, at considerable expense, retained a staff of experts in Washington to answer your questions. Their services are available to you at no charge. All you need do is write or telephone (Riley 5551) The Times your questions and we shall try to print the answers within two days. Your name will be withheld if you request it.

HOME RAZED BY GAS BLAST

Lives of Two Are Periled as Explosion Rocks East Side.

At least two persons narrowly escaped death early today when a terrific explosion, that rocked the suburban east side for several miles, destroyed a residence at Devon and Michigan streets.

The house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips, was razed by the blast that tore out the walls and hurled fragments of the building and furniture for many yards. Fire that followed completed destruction of the building.

Celluloid Is Blamed

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