

U. S. STARTING EXPERIMENT IN HOMESTEADING

Decatur, Ind., Chosen for Subsistence Colony Project.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Uncle Sam will point the way toward a measure of independence from pay roll serfdom by establishing an experimental subsistence homestead colony on the outskirts of Decatur, Ind.

By placing from forty to forty-eight families of Decatur workingmen on subsistence homestead plots, it is hoped to demonstrate how workers can improve their standards of living by producing in spare hours a substantial part of the food they eat.

The homestead plots will be small, from one to two acres each, but each one will be large enough to provide a site for a comfortable home and a sizable vegetable garden.

The project is to be financed out of the \$25,000,000 revolving fund administered by the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the department of interior.

Land Options Obtained

Options have been obtained on eighty acres of land which adjoins the Decatur city limits. A loan of \$125,000 will be made to a subsidiary of the Federal Subsistence Homestead Corporation, which will be organized in Decatur by leading citizens.

The local corporation will be responsible for constructing the homes, selecting the occupants and insuring, as far as possible, repayment of the loans by the individual families. The homes to be constructed will be small, low-cost houses, but equipped with modern conveniences.

The cost of each homestead, including the land and the house, will range from \$2,000 to \$2,600, and the occupants will purchase by contract and gain title by small monthly payments. The loans will be extended at 3 per cent, with provisions for retirement of the principal in twenty years.

Decatur was chosen as the place for the experiment because it is considered a typical small industrial city. It has a population of about 5,500.

Not Separate Community

The homesteaders will be chosen from workers ordinarily engaged in a large variety of occupations. Some of these will be from the ranks of the unemployed, some from among those working on a part-time basis, and some from among those who have returned to full-time employment.

"It is intended," said this year's announcement of the Subsistence Homesteads Division, "that they shall represent a fair cross section of the low-income working group. . . . They will have an opportunity to produce garden food-stuffs for their own use. Most of those in the group from whom selections will be made have been financially unable to buy enough food to fill the need of their families."

Unlike several other homestead colonies planned in various sections of the country, the Decatur colony will not be set up as a separate community, but instead will be a part of the community of Decatur. A schoolhouse and a playground is located within two blocks of the site on which options have been obtained.

Project a Test

"The project," said M. L. Wilson, director of the subsistence homesteads division, "will furnish a test and demonstration of the opportunities of workers in small cities to increase their standard of living by reducing their complete dependence on pay envelopes to achieve a satisfactory livelihood."

"Many of the workers of Decatur," he said, "have an agricultural background, and it is from that group that the occupants will be selected. A large number of them are members of that extensive group who migrated from farms to cities both large and small in the last fifteen years, attracted by opportunities for industrial employment."

"Decatur is in many ways typical of the small industrial city of from four to fifteen thousand, but their housing facilities are now especially inadequate with the result that many of the workers, with their incomes sharply reduced during the depression, have been unable to meet rental charges, which in many instances have been above normal there."

BAN ON SMOKING ENDS

More Liberty Granted 1,200 Girls at Simmons College

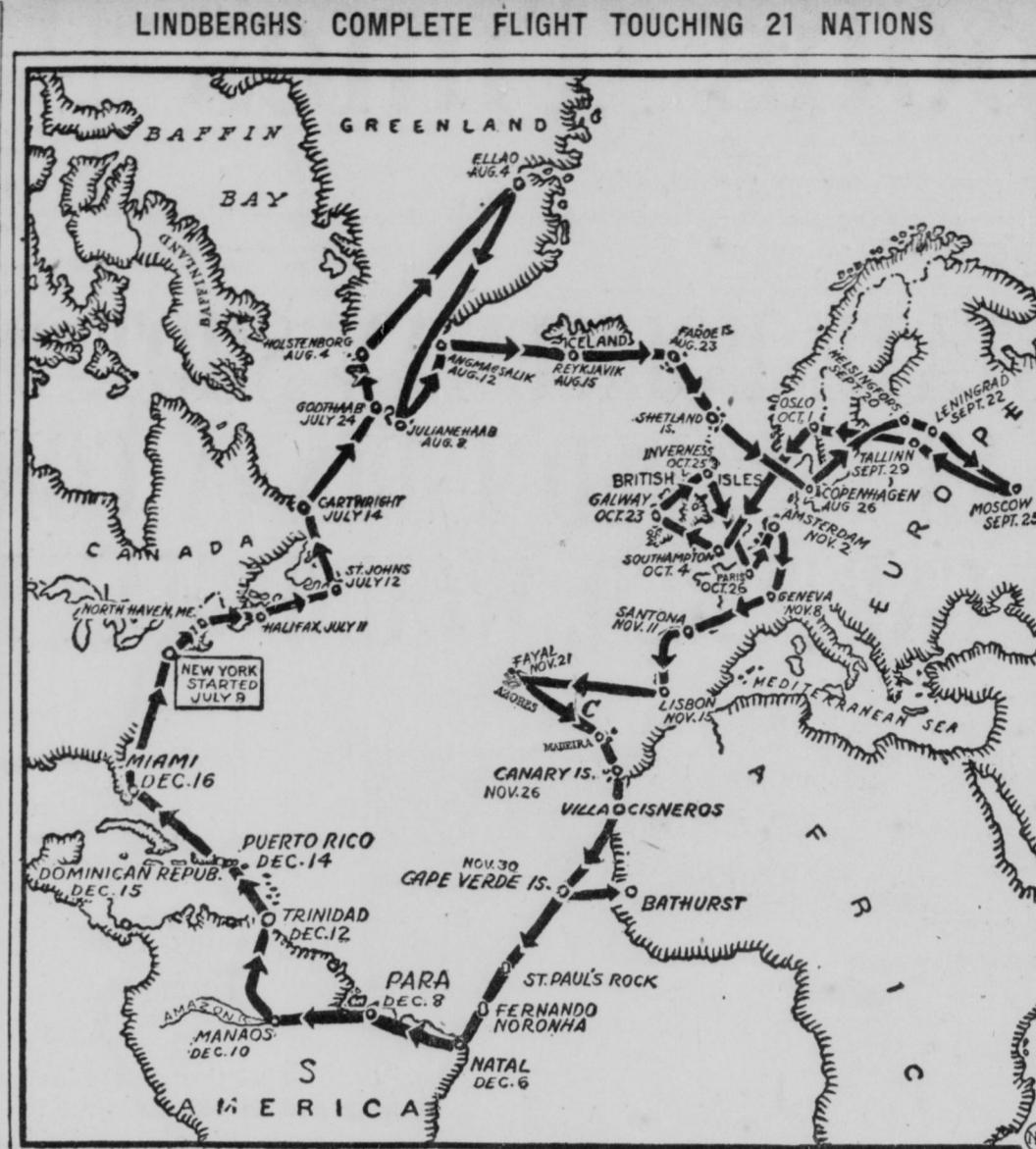
BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Simmons college's 1,200 girl students are celebrating repeal—and of a no-smoking repeal. For the first time since the institution was founded in 1899, a smoking room has been opened.

Look for the TRADE MARK

Jeweler Accused of Receiving Stolen Goods.

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Journal Baker, 52, Negro, 311 West Sixteenth street, an employee of the company, and Ed Duncan, 49, Negro, 118 West Eleventh street, were charged with grand larceny, while Louis Marino, 607½ East Sixteenth street, jeweler, was charged with receiving stolen goods.



New City Retail Code Divisions to Organize

Nine Groups Will Select Representatives for NRA Council.

Sixty representatives of the nine divisions of retail trade, recently organized for participation in the council known as the Indianapolis Retail Code Authority, met yesterday at the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

From this group of sixty, a representative of each division will be elected and will meet at the office of the Indianapolis Better Business Bureau, 711 Majestic building, at 10 next Wednesday.

The new divisions comprise book and stationery stores; paint, wallpaper and glass stores; luggage and leather goods stores; news and magazine stands; opticians; pawn shops; pet stores, dealing in animals, fish and birds, and athletic goods stores.

Representatives of the different groups will meet at regular intervals to settle trade problems and to pass upon code violations.

Theodore B. Griffith, second vice-president of L. S. Ayres X Co., is chairman of the code authority group. Toner M. Overly, manager of the Better Business Bureau, is secretary.

Manders on Honeymoon

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Jack Manders, full back of the champion Chicago Bears professional football team, and Miss Virginia Grimes of Minneapolis, were married yesterday. After a brief honeymoon Manders will return to the team for a national tour.

Carolers Serenade Department Store Crowds Daily.

Christmas shoppers at Block's will have the pleasure of listening to a quartet of Christmas carolers at 11:30 in the morning and 1:30 in the afternoon. The program, starting today, will continue through Saturday. The old-fashioned Christmas spirit which has been somewhat dampened the last few years is abroad again as the result of the better times which every one has been waiting for. The anthems which tradition associates with Christmas fit in the picture so well that the William H. Block Company engaged the Temple quartet to provide music for its customers and employees.

The singers will be led by Mrs. Ruth Spencer, soprano and director. Other members of the quartet are Mrs. Gladys Blake, contralto, Farrell Scott, tenor, and Virgil Phenister, bass. Mrs. Dorothy Green is accompanist.

The carolers will begin on the main floor and wind their way upward, serenading shoppers on each floor for ten minutes. Their first tour will start on the main floor at 11:30 a. m. while their second tour will commence at 1:30 p. m. daily.

CITY BRIDGE TEAM TO PLAY IN NATIONAL TILT

Indianapolis Athletic Club Men to Represent Section.

Men's contract bridge team of the Indianapolis Athletic Club will represent region No. 6 in the United States Bridge Association national championship matches beginning Jan. 8 in New York, according to an announcement from association headquarters.

Team members are Walter J. Pray, William M. Zellar, F. R. Buck and Lawrence J. Welch. In New York, they will compete with teams from ten other regions in grand national pair and team-of-four championships.

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FAIL TO OPEN SAFES

Yeggmen Steal Adding Machine and Typewriter.

Yeggmen broke into the Phoenix Lumber Company, 1319 North Capitol avenue, last night, broke the combination on one safe and removed another outside the building, without opening them. A \$50 adding machine and typewriter valued at \$10 were missing. Police were notified today.

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FUNERAL RITES TOMORROW FOR HANOVER NATIVE

Mrs. Anna C. Stilz Dies; Retired Railway Man Succumbs.

Last rites for Mrs. Anna C. Stilz, 81, of 436 North DeQuincy street, who died in her home yesterday after a six week's illness, will be held in the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary tomorrow afternoon at 2. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

She was a charter member of the Prospect Street M. E. church and was the wife of the late Gottlieb Stilz, a native of Germany. She was born in Hanover, and came to this city when she was 10. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Walter C. Stork, with whom she lived, and Mrs. H. E. Denzer, Scottsburg, and six grandchildren.

Charles M. Starr, 70, of 3442 North Capitol avenue, died at his home early this morning. He had been employed in the Big Four Railroad Company offices, retiring last October. He was born in Delaware, O., and had been a resident here forty years. He was a member of the First Congregational church.

Funeral services will be held at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary Friday morning at 10. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Fannie R. Starr; two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Bringle and Mrs. Donald Mooney, and a sister, Miss Henrietta Starr, Bradenton, Fla.

Following an illness of three weeks Thomas Maloy, 74, of 474 South Meridian street, a former employee of the Central State hospital, died yesterday in St. Francis hospital. Mr. Maloy was born in Clyde, N. Y., and had been a resident of Indianapolis thirty-four years.

Funeral services will be held in the A. J. Vogel funeral home, 1632 South Meridian street, tomorrow morning at 8:30 and in St. John's Catholic church at 9. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery. He is survived by a sister, Miss Margaret Maloy, Syracuse, N. Y.

Last rites for Mrs. Maude M. Pollard, 61, East Thirtieth street and the Post road, who died Monday in her home, will be held in the New Bethel Baptist church, one of which she was a member, tomorrow morning at 10. Burial will be in New Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Pollard was born in New Bethel. Surviving her are the husband, three sons, Kenneth L. Pollard, George D. Pollard and Otis T. Pollard; a sister, Mrs. Will Denker; a brother, Oliver Leonard, and two grandchildren.

Following a long illness, Mrs. Tryphena Edmondson Power, 60, of 262 West Ray street, died yesterday in her home. Mrs. Power, resident of this city for thirty-seven years, was born in Scott county, Kentucky. She was a member of the Morris Street M. E. church. Last rites will be held in the home tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 and in

Holding his hand in a side pocket, as though he were clutching a revolver, a masked bandit wearing rubber gloves held up Isadore Rosen, at the Rosen Brothers' filling station, Eleventh and Pennsylvania streets, last night, obtaining \$3.

Police were told by Caroline Conrad, 2258 North Meridian street, manager, that the bandits entered as she was telephoning, and announced: "This is a holdup." Two other employees were in the store.

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Nearly 9,000 different types and sizes of electric light bulbs are made by one American manufacturer.

HE'S 'CONDITIONED'—LOOK WHAT HE DOES



Crawling is passe for 19-months-old Johnny. He skims about on roller skates, for he's a "conditioned" baby. Heights that would alarm an ordinary infant mean nothing to him, as he poses in the picture at the left for a sixty-three-inch drop. Johnny amazed onlookers by his feats in the Columbia-Presbyterian medical center, New York, where he has been scientifically trained. His twin brother, reared by ordinary methods, showed no aptitude or inclination for any of Johnny's stunts.

WERNEKE GETS HIGH FEDERAL POST IN STATE

Terre Haute Man to Direct Co-ordination of Agencies.

The new head of the national emergency council for Indiana is Richard A. Werneke, Terre Haute, who will direct co-ordination of the numerous field agencies of the government such as NRA.

Recommended for the important federal position by Senator Frederick Van Nuys, Mr. Werneke will serve under Frank C. Walker of New York, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, who is to be national executive director of the national emergency council.

Mr. Werneke will name a director for each of Indiana's ninety-two counties. Although it was at first said that the office to be filled by Mr. Werneke was to be merely honorary, from other sources it became known that a salary of approximately \$5,000 is to be paid to state directors.

The appointment came as a surprise to him, Mr. Werneke said. Some observers saw in the appointment an effort to keep Werneke in line when it comes to the election of a United States senator next year.

Mr. Werneke has protested publicly that the McNutt administration was neglecting Terre Haute and Vigo county and at the same time praised R. Earl Peters, who has announced his candidacy for the senatorial nomination.

The secretary bird feeds largely on reptiles.

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