

U. S. STARTING EXPERIMENT IN HOMESTEADING

Decatur, Ind., Chosen for Subsistence Colony Project.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Uncle Sam will pilot 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 fifty-eight families of Decatur workmen 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 farm land which adjoins the Decatur city limits. A loan of \$125,000 will be made to a subsidiary of the Federal Subsistence Homesteads 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 today'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."

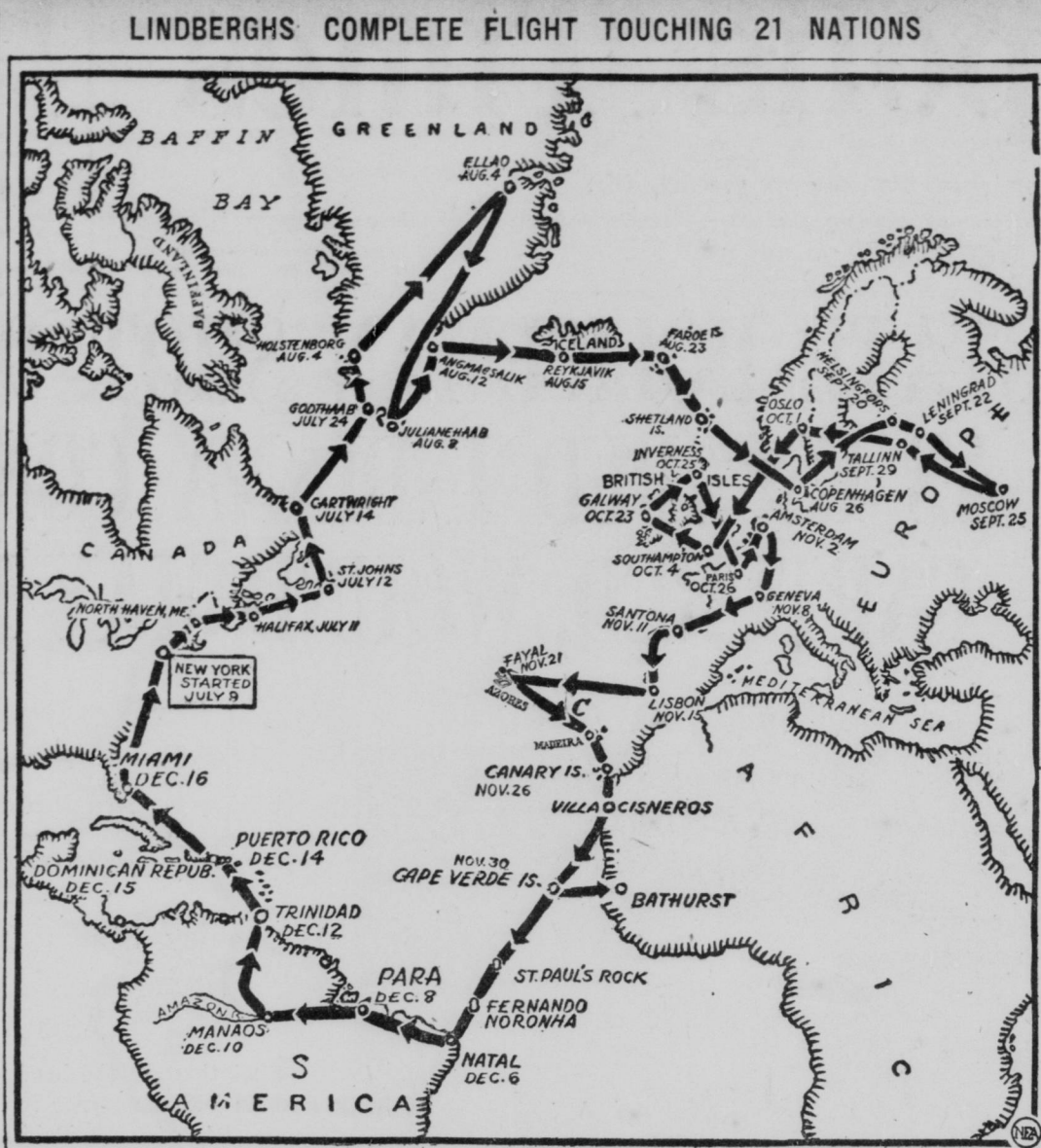
BAN ON SMOKING ENDS

More Liberty Granted 1,200 Girls at Simmons College

By United Press.

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

Look for the TRADE MARK



The aerial loop with which Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh tied four continents in their unprecedented tour of twenty-one nations from the arctic to the tropics, is shown at a glance in this map of their far flung travels. The return of the famous flying couple from their five-month aerial tour completed the first aerial circumnavigation of the North and South Atlantic oceans.

FAIRVIEW CIVIC CLUB ELECTS

Joseph M. Milner Chosen New President at Meeting.

Joseph M. Milner, attorney, today was the new president of the Fairview Civic Club as result of election held last night at the Fairview Presbyterian church.

Dr. Edward Haines Kistler, the other nominee, refused to accept the nomination. The retiring president is Ross S. Ludlow.

Other new officers are Mrs. A. H. Hart, vice-president; Mrs. Emma K. Van Osdel, secretary, and George F. Leonard, treasurer.

QUARTET SINGING FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Carriers 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 Phemister, bass. Mrs. Dorothy Green is accompanist.

The carolers will begin on the main floor and wend 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. Zeller, 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.

CHARGE THREE MEN WITH GOLD THEFT

Jeweler Accused of Receiving Stolen Goods.

Three men were under arrest today in connection with the alleged theft of gold valued at \$300 from the Herff-Jones Company, 1411 North Capitol avenue, jewelry manufacturers.

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, 60 1/2, East Sixty-third street, jeweler, was charged with receiving stolen goods.

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.

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, wall paper 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 & Co., is chairman of the code authority group. Tomer M. Overly, manager of the Better Business Bureau, is secretary.

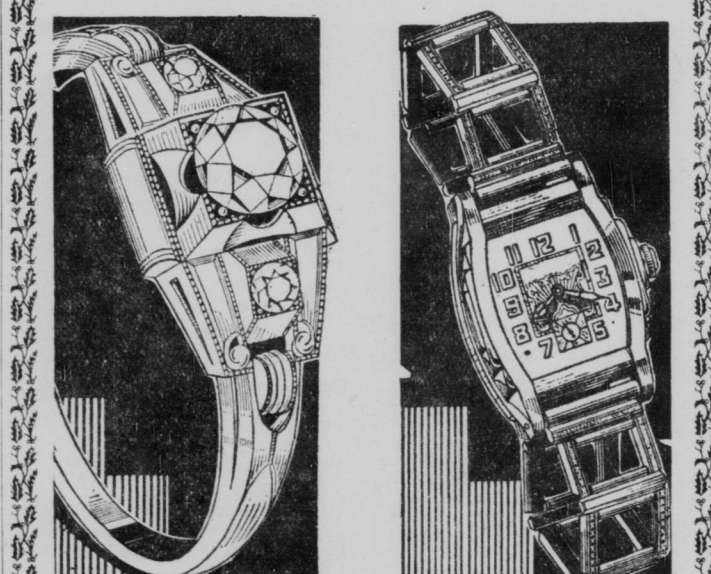
Manders on Honeymoon

By United Press.

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.

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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. Denzler, 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. Voight 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, 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 the church at 2. Burial will be in Floral Park cemetery.

Surviving her are the husband, James L. Power; three sons, Gerald Power, Adrian S. Power and Derward L. Power, all of Indianapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Locke, Kentucky, and Mrs. Joseph Hodson, Indianapolis; two brothers, Henry Edmondson and Will Edmondson, Kentucky, and five grandchildren.

Apoplexy caused the death of Milton L. Harold, 78, of 3732 North Illinois street, who died unexpectedly in his home yesterday. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. W. W. Wiant, pastor of the North M. E. church in the home tomorrow afternoon at 1:30. Burial will be in Carmel.

Mr. Harold was born in Richmond and had been a carpenter until he retired about four years ago. He was a member of the North M. E. church. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mary E. Harold; a daughter, Mrs. Abbie B. Roempe, Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Stutsman, Indianapolis, and two grandsons, Harold Roempe, Indianapolis, and Jack Roempe, San Diego, Cal.

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DECEMBER 21st

HE'S 'CONDITIONED'—LOOK WHAT HE DOES



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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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