

WORST PART OF SLUMP IS OVER, SLOAN REPORTS

Business Gain Is Visible, Says President of General Motors.

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over to Japanese big business. We took it for the rank and file of the Japanese people."

Representatives of the big concerns who went to Manchuria to investigate opportunities complained that they were treated by the army as if they were foreign spies and had no business there.

"Japanese political parties are rotten to the core," Yosuke Matsuo, Japan's famed Geneva spokesman, told me. "I am trying to do away with all of them."

Hailed as a hero after his return from Geneva as chief of the delegation to the League of Nations' Manchurian debate, Matsuo's first public act after his arrival in Tokyo was to resign from the diet and form his own party, to stomp the automobile industry, avowed only by last minute action of President Roosevelt.

Foresees Steady Improvement

Mr. Sloan also opposed any sudden or radical reduction in working hours as certain to have "a highly objectionable effect."

"The rate of improvement may be accelerated or retarded by injected into the picture abnormal influences," Mr. Sloan said, "but the general trend will not be affected for the reason that an industrial recovery, like an industrial depression, is in a practical sense of the word, an irresistible force. It seems reasonable, therefore, to expect a still further betterment of conditions."

Report Shows Profit

Turning to a financial review of 1933, Mr. Sloan reported that net income of General Motors for the year was \$74,034,831, equivalent to \$17.2 a share on common stock, contrasted with a net loss of \$9,041,408 in 1932. Before preferred dividends, net earnings last year aggregated \$83,213,676, against \$164,479 in the preceding twelve months.

Current assets of the company at the close of 1933 totaled \$320,015,606. Current liabilities were \$16,182,710. A year earlier, current assets were \$283,258,874 and current liabilities \$57,821,690. Current assets in 1933, compared with \$151,152,747 at the close of 1932. Holdings of U. S. government securities were \$26,141,791, compared with \$19,327,083. Inventories totaled \$115,584,599, compared with \$75,478,611. Total assets were \$1,183,674,005, compared with \$1,115,228,641 at the close of the preceding year.

Net Sales Increase

Net sales last year aggregated \$569,010,542, compared with \$332,211,863 in 1932, a gain of 31.6 per cent. Sales to dealers were \$69,035 units, compared with 562,970 units in 1932, an increase of 54.4 per cent.

Reviewing labor conditions and effect of the NRA codes on the automobile industry, Mr. Sloan told stockholders that an immediate clarification of the much disputed Section 7-A of the national industrial recovery act is essential.

"Second," he continued, "if industrial co-operation within any industry is to be permitted, reducing in whole or in part the competitive influence, ultimately affecting the price to the consumer, it is highly essential that the industry, whatever form it may take, should be predicated upon the most efficient set of circumstances even if it means through evolution the elimination of the less efficient."

Against Sudden Hours Cut

"Third, no greater fallacy exists today than the viewpoint held by so many—that the number of man-hours of employment is definitely fixed and, assuming the number of workers is known, the problem of unemployment is solved by dividing the amount of work by the number of workers. Around this thinking comes the agitation for the mandatory thirty-hour week.

"The average hours of employment over the decade may perhaps be gradually reduced but from an economic standpoint, an immediate radical adjustment is bound to exert a highly deflationary influence and at a time of improving conditions will surely inject into the picture a highly objectionable effect. It is to be hoped that wiser counsels will prevail."

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PUT OBSTACLES ASIDE Englewood Masons Storm Losers

This is the thirteenth of a series of histories of Marion county Masonic blue lodges which have been appearing each Monday in The Times. Next week a history of Logan lodge will be published.

SOME eight years before it was chartered, Englewood lodge No. 715, Free and Accepted Masons, was conceived, early in 1912, in the mind of Roy Mawson, real founder of Englewood and then a young man who had just received degrees from Logan lodge.

Mr. Mawson and his instructor, the late Benjamin F. Frey, often discussed the possibility of founding a blue lodge in the vicinity of Rural and East Washington streets which they considered a location ideal for such an organization.

In due course a considerable group was won over to the idea and a building was erected, the second floor of which was to be used by the lodge.

After a disheartening struggle, however, the idea was temporarily abandoned when it proved impossible to obtain a dispensation for a charter. But the spirit that had carried the first movement so far never died and again in 1919 the same group reinforced by others including, notably, the Rev. E. E. Moorman, then pastor of Englewood Christian church, started proceedings with a view to petitioning once more for a dispensation.

Indispensable to this group was John E. Bayless, past master of Newport lodge and first master of Englewood, for before a dispensation can be issued the petitioning group must contain a past master. Dispensation was granted Nov. 19, 1919, by Charles Orblison, most worshipful grand master of Indiana, who at that time appointed Mr. Bayless, worshipful master; Mr. Mawson, senior warden, and Mr. Frey, junior warden. They selected Ralph E. Lund as secretary and Jacob J. Hasseld as treasurer. At this time Englewood was selected as the lodge name.

At the first regular meeting, which was held in the hall of Irvington lodge, no less than thirty-four petitions for membership were presented. At this same meeting Dr. Homer W. Cox, William A. Moore and Edward C. Gottman were elected trustees.

The building which the tentative lodge had built in 1914 was long since occupied, so at this time Englewood was forced to look for new quarters somewhere "in the vicinity of Rural and East Washington streets" as the dispensation specified.

The building at 2215 East Washington street was selected, purchased on Dec. 29, 1919, remodeled and furnished for a lodge hall, and on Jan. 29, 1920, Englewood held its first meeting in its new home.

Englewood performed its first work that same night when it conferred the entered apprentice degree on Alfred V. Hollingsworth, Russell M. Asher, George F. Simmons and Elmer M. Peterson. Although these four were the first to receive degree work from Englewood, William Y. Hinkle, on March 5, 1920, was the first man to be initiated into the master Mason degree by the new blue lodge. He won this honor on the toss of a coin from a fellow petitioner who also received the third degree that night.

The first official staff of officers was named April 20, 1920, and sufficient members had signed the charter when it was presented to the grand lodge of Indiana, May 12, 1920.

Charter members were Victor J. Armthorst, John C. Baker, John E. Bayless, Harry H. Boles, James P. Carter, Herman R. Corbin, Homer W. Cox, Patrick H. Craig, James O. Dawson, Benjamin F. Frey, Edward C. Gottman, John M. Gray, Charles Hacker, Frank Hasseld, Jacob J. Hasseld, Harvey Hiatt, Ray T. Holland, Alfred B. Hollingsworth, Murry H. Hollingsworth, Peter S. Kelly, Ralph E. Lund, John L. Manson, Roy Mawson, Raymond H. Mitchell, Charles A. Penny, Fred W. Shigley, Leroy Shilket, Frank Swarthout, Thomas L. Sharp, Lloyd M. Thompson, Chris Vossler and Leo Whitley. Bfeyn-SyMmC shrdln bmb

ENGLEWOOD received its charter on May 25, 1920, but because of the crowded schedule of the grand lodge it was not officially instituted until July 15 at ceremonies at which Mr. Orblison, past grand master, assisted by Mr. Frey, presided.

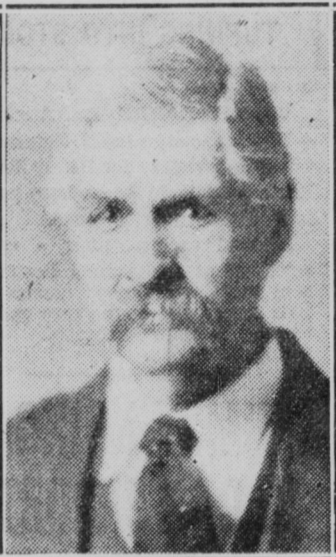
First officers of the lodge under charter were: Mr. Bayless, worshipful master; Mr. Mawson, senior warden; Mr. Carter, junior warden; Mr. Hasseld, treasurer; Mr. Lund, secretary; Mr. Thompson, senior deacon; Mr. Hinkle, junior deacon; Mr. Christie, senior steward; Mr.



Roy Mawson



Lloyd M. Thompson



John E. Bayless



Chester Ward

Kinder, junior steward, and Mr. Tharp, tyler.

The three original trustees were continued in office. Following the installation ceremonies Mr. Orblison was elected an honorary member.

Among the notable events in Englewood's history was the meeting at which former Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank was raised to the master Mason degree. On this occasion the lodge had 148 visitors and more than 200 were turned away for want of space.

The lodge had many ups and downs in its early days, but was progressing nicely with the mortgage on the building paid and the lodge hall remodeled and furnished; when on May 18, 1927, the building in which the members took such pride was demolished by a tornado which swept the east side of the city. The lodge paraphernalia was all that was salvaged.

The only life lost in the storm was that of a young man who, taking shelter in the lee of the building, was pinned beneath it when it collapsed.

THE lodge, like most property owners, was caught with insufficient tornado insurance, and when the members met on May 24 in the rooms of Monument lodge at the Masonic temple to discuss the future it was faced with the fact that from a financial standpoint it was starting all over again. Undaunted, however, Englewood instructed its trustees to submit plans for rebuilding the old or purchasing a new building.

Meetings during June, July and August were held in the Irvington Masonic temple. During this time the trustees had submitted several possible alternatives to the lodge, and they finally were instructed to purchase the property at 2714 East Washington street, the present location of the lodge.

This was the original building which had been erected for Englewood in 1914. Funds soon were found for remodeling and furnishing the new home, and on Sept. 6, 1927, the lodge held its first meeting there.

During the same month Englewood conducted what was probably the largest Masonic funeral in the history of Indianapolis when it administered the last rites for Samuel Lewis Shank, former mayor.

It is the boast of Englewood lodge that never member or child of a member has sought succor from the Indiana Masonic home at Franklin.

OLDEST member of the lodge is Mr. Bayless, who is 82 and for fifty-three years has been a Mason. Despite his age he is active in lodge affairs and takes pride in his proficiency in ritualistic work.

Present officers are: Lloyd M. Thompson, worshipful master; Charles F. Baier, senior warden; Lee P. Hargson, junior warden; Carl T. Hawkins, treasurer; Chester Ward, secretary; Harry E. Mavitt, senior deacon; James E. McClure, junior deacon; Richard R. Speitel, chaplain; James McCormick, senior steward; Ralph E. Oliver, junior steward; Virgil V. Hamilton, marshal; William P. Hargson, tyler; Roy W. Allred, Edward Hinton and Richard R. Speitel, trustees.

The fourteen past masters all living are: John E. Baless, James P. Carter, Roy Mawson, Lloyd M. Thompson, Donald E. Christie, John S. Cross, Chester Ward, Clarence Ward, Fred W. Kain, Richard R. Speitel, Virgil V. Hamilton, Robert L. Treon, Roy W. Allred and Benjamin F. Blake.

Present committees members are: Masonic relief board representative, Richard R. Speitel; relief committee, Lloyd M. Thompson, Charles F. Baier and Lee P. Hargson; Masonic home committee, Lloyd M. Thompson, Chester Ward and Benjamin F. Blake; finance committee, Virgil V. Hamilton, Chester Dickerson and Harry E. Mavitt; unemployment committee, Richard R. Speitel, Charles F. Baier and Roy Mawson; examination of visitors, Benjamin F. Blake, Robert L. Treon and John E. Bayless; examination of candidates, James A. McCormick and Ralph F. Oliver.

Refreshment committee, Carl T. Hawkins, chairman; Percy E. Shipman, James Holland, Claude King and Chester Dickerson; entertainment committee, Roy W. Allred, chairman; Edward Hinton, Clarence McPherson, Benjamin F. Blake and James E. McClure; publicity committee, Lloyd M. Thompson, Roy W.

Allred, Chester Ward and Roy Mawson; hospitality committee, Roy W. Allred, William P. Hargson and Edward Hinton; sick committee, Roy Pavey, William Kern, Virgil V. Hamilton, William Shoddy, Benjamin Bogard, Edward Hinton, Eldora Wade, Jesse F. Crisp, John L. Smith, Dale Smith and all installed officers.

CONTEST FOR MODEL PLANES TO BE HELD

Exhibition at Stout Field to Be May 25.

Stout field, the national guard airport, has been selected as the site of the third annual exhibition of scale model airplanes, non-flying, to be held the night of May 25, under auspices of Aviation Post 41, American Legion.

The guard observation squadron will be host to the boys. The competition is open to any boy in Indiana, in two classes, one for boys up to 15 years of age, and the other for those between 16 and 21.

The models must be made to scale, but there is no limit on size or type of plane. National Aeronautical Association rules will be used. Prizes will be provided by merchants. No entrance fee will be charged. Boys may obtain information by writing C. R. Spain, chairman, at Stout field.

DELIVERY BOY ROBBED, BEATEN BY 5 NEGROES

Cash and Check Stolen; Suspects Are Arrested.

William Fox, 19, delivery boy for the New Orleans market, 445 North Illinois street, reported to police that while making a delivery in the rear of 722 North West street Saturday night he was beaten and robbed of \$28.98 cash and a check for \$11 by five Negro men.

Returning to the place with police, Fox pointed out James Durson, 22, Negro, of 2408 North Capitol avenue, as one of his assailants. Police arrested Durson and also the following other Negroes: Walter Webster, McKinley Webster, and William Webster, 722 North West street, rear; Harold Dickerson, 719½ Fayette street; Ish Earthman, 501 West Twenty-sixth street; Arthur Bowman, 501 West Twenty-sixth street; and Nathaniel Moore, 929 Fayette street. All were charged with vagrancy.

CITY MEDICS TO MEET

Society Will Hear Address by Cleveland Clinic Head.

Dr. Russell L. Hadden, head of the department of medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, will address members of the Indianapolis Medical Society at 8:15 p. m. Tuesday, at the Athenaeum. Dr. Hadden will hold a clinic at City hospital auditorium preceding the evening meeting.

Butler Alumni to Hear Speaker

"Consular Experiences" will be the subject of Sam H. Shank, Butler '32, and long time member of the United States foreign service, when he speaks to the Butler university Alumni Luncheon Club Friday noon in the Columbia Club.

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—Conservatism— STATE TO GAIN IN RESTORATION OF KANKAKEE

Refuge for Wild Life to Be Set Up in Swamp Unfit for Farming.

BY WILLIAM F. COLLINS
Times Special Writer

Last week we reviewed the national program of conservation. Now let us look at the state program to see how it gears in with the work outlined by the nation under the three bills passed by congress and about to become a law with the President's signature. We are anticipating these bills will become laws as the President already has given them his indorsement.

Under the allotment provided for game refuges, Indiana has had accepted by the Biological Survey under J. N. Darling, our beloved cartoonist known as Ding, the restoration of the old marsh land in the Kankakee drainage area.

Ask any one of the old time duck hunters of your acquaintance about his recollection of English lake and the immense swamp that extended from North Judson southwesterly to the Illinois line nearly to Momence.

Era of Slaughter

This swamp was not only a resting place for ducks, but the breeding grounds of the more southern nesting varieties. I grant you that the idea of conserving anything had not entered the minds of the sportsman of that day, most of them were destructionists of the first water and prided themselves in their ability to slaughter.

But they grew up and divorced themselves from the idea that to be a duck hunter one must fill a wagon with dead birds every hunt. They grew up and taught us kids that to have hunting we must create the natural conditions for it or create them if they had been destroyed.

Most of you are familiar with the old Kankakee marsh. In the nineties it was a sportsman's paradise ranking at the top of the list with such famous hunting grounds as Thief river, St. Francis overflow, Illinois River flats, Currituck and Albermarle sounds and to it came the annual migration of millions of waterfowl.

The drainage level was good and the water followed the dredge boats down the channels and the marsh went dry, dry dust and the wild life left with the water.

Drainage Took Wild Life

That is what happened to the Kankakee. The old marsh was destroyed in the name of agriculture. Land hungry persons, engineers and more vision than foresight and lawless with fat purses, the offing filed drainage petitions and a huge series of dredged ditches appeared on the face of the marsh.

It would have been all right if the uncovered land was fertile, but it was not. In the drainage prism 90 per cent of the soil was chaffy and sandy, with no supporting subsoil. In a few years of cultivation the humus of the water borne vegetation was plowed under and leached out. With the removal of the swamp cover the winds of adversity mournfully swept over the land and its owners.

Farmers Lost All

The heavy drain tax went delinquent, the mortgage loans fell due, farms were abandoned and those that were not, became yearly more difficult to farm profitably. Finally, more than 75,000 acres became distinctly submarginal and the owners subdued.

To visualize this picture, scan the countryside as you travel to Chicago over route 41, beginning at Enos, thence north to the Kankakee bridge. Can you imagine any one spending money to drain the land around Bogus Island?

I have maintained that as a swamp, the Kankakee would have returned to the state in profit and recreation treble its value as plowed land. We will now have the chance to prove the theory under the federal allotment of \$2,500,000 to restore the old marsh.

It will be used principally as a wild life reservoir protected at all times and from which there will be annually a sufficient amount of game to satisfy the demands of the hunter.

Fish May Return

The old swamp was full of fish. I believe that with the return of water, the fish will come back and

ENGINEER ENDS 48 YEARS OF SERVICE



Forty-eight years' service with the Big Four railroad was ended Saturday when Frank M. Murphy, 22 North Euclid avenue, engineer, pulled his "big-wheeler" into the yards. Mr. Murphy is shown in the above photo as he quit his cab on his last run.

D. A. R. Chapter Marks Anniversary of St. Clair

Tribute Paid to Patriot in Program Today at Krull Home.

Two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Major-General Arthur St. Clair, Revolutionary war leader and first Governor of the northwest territory, was observed today by St. Clair chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in a meeting with Mrs. Frederic Krull, 4732 North Pennsylvania street.

Feature of the program was an address by Dr. Fletcher Hodges, direct descendant of Dr. Samuel Holden Parsons, one of the three judges who with St. Clair was chosen to set up a government in the northwest territory, the vast area destined to give the nation Indiana and surrounding states.

St. Clair's chapter program was the first held in Indiana in observance of the bicentennial. The chapter is believed to be the first organization to urge a national observance and is the leader in a movement for the erection of a St. Clair memorial and the issuance of a St. Clair stamp. The memorial suggested is a bronze tablet to be placed in Indianapolis.

The stamp issue proposal has the indorsement of the Indiana organization of the D. A. R., Indiana Sons of the American Revolution, Indiana Colonial Domes, Indiana Historical Society, the Indianapolis Stamp Club and organizations in other states.

that this place will be open to the fishermen within the reservation just as you can now fish in Yellowstone park to your heart's content. The old swamp was the breeding ground of millions of bass just as Reelfoot lake and the St. Francis overflow is now. It will again become the Indiana paradise for the bass fisherman.

Finally, the restoration program will fit in to the nation's demand to reduce farming land surplus. There is no advantage to any one, especially to the man behind the plow, to produce crops on land that will not pay the producer a surplus. If it takes all the man can produce to pay the cost of production and the overhead of drainage taxes the public obtains no benefit from that production.

It took years to learn this and the conversion of the Kankakee back to the purpose for which it was created is an answer to a part of the question at least.

The whole plan fits in with the nation's demand to limit production, to create new forests and swamps, to prevent floods, to provide more space for outdoor persons in which the increased number of leisure hours may be spent healthfully and to bring back wild life that is nearly to the point of extinction.

HOUSE VETERAN DIES; CONGRESS IS ADJOURNED

Edward W. Pou, 71, Rules Committee Chairman, Succumbs.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Death of Representative Edward W. Pou, 71, North Carolina Democrat, early yesterday today brought adjournment of legislative business in the house and senate as tribute was paid to the veteran legislator, oldest member of the house in point of service.

Legislation was sidetracked in order that funeral services for the dean of the house might be held. Mr. Pou, chairman of the powerful rules committee, died of a complication of diseases. He had been ill for several years, but his condition did not become serious until a few days ago.

Mr. Pou served his first term in the house in the fifty-eighth congress. He was born in Tuskegee, Ala., on Sept. 9, 1863, educated at the Horner Military Academy and the University of North Carolina. He was elected chairman of the Democratic executive committee of his county in 1886. From that time on Mr. Pou was in the service of the nation.

Tall, spare and bespectacled, he was a silent, but important, factor in the proceedings of the house. His rules committee many times decided the fate of important legislation long before it reached the floor.

His death brought expressions of regret from many members who served with him through the years. "I have lost a warm friend and a good colleague," said Speaker Henry T. Rainey.

PARKED CAR THIEVES BUSY OVER WEEK-END

Keys, Auto Radio and Clothing Form Bulk of Loot.

Keys, an auto radio and clothing formed the bulk of the loot taken over the week-end from parked cars by thieves.

F. W. Bannister, 1850 Goodlett avenue, lost 150 keys. Other thefts were, O. C. Shirley, Knightstown, overcoat, valued at \$50; Noble Graham, 1142 North Pennsylvania street, \$35 suit; Clarence L. Roberts, Greenwood, clothing, \$25; Morton B. Sternfels, 4404 Park avenue, auto radio, \$62.50.

MRS. HITCHCOCK DEAD

Impressive Funeral Held for Dean of U. S. Horsewomen.

By United Press

AIKEN, S. C., April 2.—Impressive funeral services for Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock Sr., 67, dean of American horsewomen and founder of the American school of hard-riding polo, were held at St. Mary's Catholic church here today.

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