

## PRESERVE U. S. PUBLIC LANDS, URGES ICKES

Taylor Bill Will Safeguard 173,000,000 Acres From Ruin.

BY HAROLD L. ICKES

Secretary of the Interior  
(Written for the Scripps-Howard News Service)

WASHINGTON, April 24—Approximately 17,000,000 acres of public land will be saved from destruction by passage of the administration's grazing bill. This measure introduced in the house by Representative Edward T. Taylor of Colorado already has passed that body and now is before the senate public lands committee for action.

The acreage represents unreserved, unappropriated public lands still held by the federal government, situated almost wholly in eleven western states, the chief value of which is for grazing. This vast area, larger than all of France, is in the process of rapid deterioration and heading toward certain complete destruction because of overgrazing. There has been no charge and no restriction in the past, and there is none now. The result is that the land is badly overgrazed.

Deterioration of such land is progressive. Removal or considerable reduction of the covering forage crop makes the land a ready prey to wind and water erosion, which in time reduces land to a desert status from which it can not recover for many centuries, if ever.

Grave National Problem

The situation facing my department as custodian of the public domain should be a source of grave national concern. Certain stockmen are seeking assured grazing privileges, regardless of the ultimate result, while the federal government is working for the conservation and wise development of this valuable natural resource. The bill, which has my full endorsement as well as that of Agriculture Secretary Henry A. Wallace, addresses itself to a more orderly use of the grazing resources.

The Taylor bill makes no disposition of this public domain. It provides for creation of grazing districts to be administered by the interior department in co-operation with interested local stockmen's associations.

Specifically, the measure seeks to stop injury to the public domain, provide for its orderly use, improvement and development, and to stabilize the livestock industry. Mineral resources are fully protected by extension of mineral laws to areas that may be included in grazing districts. Rights-of-way through grazing districts for railroads, highways, canals, power lines, and the like, are protected in the Taylor measure. Also authority is contained in the bill for continuation of 160 and 320-acre homesteads for lands within contemplated grazing districts where the land may be found to be more valuable for agriculture than for its native forage crop.

Plan Has Wide Support

The bill in substantially its present form was supported by some of my predecessors in office, and has the unqualified endorsement of the national land use planning committee, the American Game Association, the American Civic Association, the American Forestry Association, the American Farm Bureau Federation, as well as that of numerous grazing associations and individual cattle and sheep men.

Two grazing districts such as the Taylor bill contemplates are now being successfully and satisfactorily operated by the interior department—one in Montana known as the Mizpah-Pumpkin creek grazing district, the other in California known as the Owen River Valley grazing district. The success there in itself justifies the conclusion that regulated grazing on the remaining public lands will prove a decided advantage to the grazing industry and to the public generally. Grazing on national forest lands has been regulated since creation of such reserves, and has proven a complete success.

Grazing on public lands is primarily for winter forage, whereas the national forest lands, national forests grazing lands are essentially for summer grazing. Passage of the Taylor measure will co-ordinate the grazing use of both areas.

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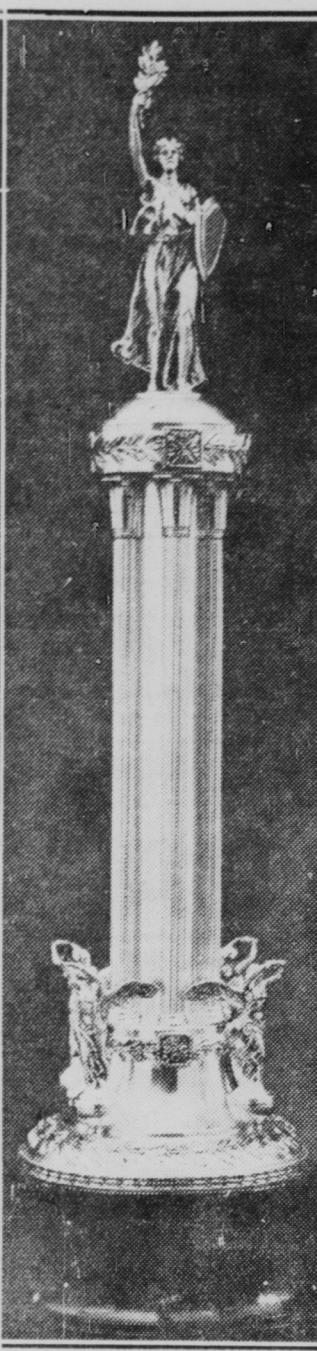
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### NEW SPEED TROPHY



## CHURCH SCHOOL GROUP TO MEET

Director of Vacation Body to Gather Saturday Afternoon.

Directors of Indianapolis vacation church schools will meet at 2 Saturday in the Central Christian church. The Rev. Olive McGuire, executive secretary of the Federated Baptist Churches of Indianapolis, will preside.

Devotions will be led by Dr. A. H. Backus, area director of religious education of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### The Theatrical World

## Devito and Denny Spend \$5,000 a Year on Fiddles

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

STAGE comedians often spend a fortune in getting laughs, and DeVito and Denny are no exception to the rule.

They spend about \$5,000 a year for violins and neither play a single note. They buy the violins in wholesale lots and when they get through with them there isn't much left.

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Club Gets Its Charter

THE Variety Club of Indianapolis today is in possession of its charter. I was personally delivered to the club yesterday by John H. Harris, national president of Pittsburgh.

The presentation was made at a luncheon in the Florentine room at the Claypool. The club soon will open permanent quarters at the Claypool. Three rooms have been reserved.

Movie and legitimate theater managers, critics, movie exchange men and employees are members of the club.

Mr. Harris traced the history of the Variety Club and showed the splendid charitable and good fellowship work that the eleven clubs in this country are accomplishing.

Each violin for comedy purposes alone costs them \$5. But the way these two get laughs proves that they are wise in being the champion fiddle buyers of the year.

Recently when they claimed tax exemption for the price of their 1,000 fiddles, some expert in the treasury department in Washington thought they were trying to kid Uncle Sam and threatened to have them haled into court.

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On View Here Today

INDIANAPOLIS theaters today offer: "The Devil Passes," a Civic theater production, at the Playhouse; Dave Apollon on the

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## BOWLING EQUIPMENT, GOLF CLUBS STOLEN

Sporting Goods Taken From Doctor's Parked Car.

A thief, apparently interested in sports, broke into the car of Dr. Herman H. Glick, 451 Eastern avenue, and stole a bowling ball, bowling shoes and eleven golf clubs, valued at \$64, police were notified early today.

The car was parked on Washington street between Meridian and Illinois streets.

A \$40 overcoat and other articles were stolen from the car of C. N. Stepp, Terre Haute, and a \$15 fur jacket from the car of E. F. Bergen, 1649 North Alabama street, during the night.

Hoke to Speak Over Radio

"Public Employment Service" will be discussed by Fred Hoke, Indiana director of the National Emergency Council, in a talk over radio station WFBM at 6:10 tonight.



### WEST POINT EAGER FOR PAINTING WHICH SHOCKED ADMIRALS

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 24—Found, a home for "The Fleet's In."

This famous public work of art painting, depicting sailors on shore leave with their girl friends, in what navy officers termed a "most disgraceful, sordid, disreputable brawl," will be welcomed as a decoration in the mess hall of the future generals at the West Point military academy.

In fact, the "generals" have forwarded a request to the P. W. A. P. committee here for the painting, which was banished from the navy department a few days ago.

But the committee is a bit worried. It hasn't the custody of Paul Cadmus' picture any more. It is at the home of Assistant Navy Secretary Henry Lathrobe Roosevelt, who has hidden it from view.

### PYGMY PRECINCT TO RETURN FIRST VOTE

Twenty-one Registered Citizens Ready for Primary.

The first vote returns in the primary on May 8 will be brought in by the Third precinct, Center outside.

This is foregone providing the precinct distributes ballots on primary day to its twenty-one registered voters.

But it's questionable whether a legal vote can be held in the precinct for seven members are needed for the election board and obtaining those seven voters to serve as canvassers of the vote is doubtful.

The precinct, with its pygmy registration, is located south of Massachusetts avenue, from Emerson avenue to Sheridan road and south to Twenty-first street.

### NEW V. F. W. POST TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Eleventh Infantry Commander Will Speak at Ceremonies.

Colonel O. P. Robinson, commanding officer of the Eleventh infantry, Ft. Harrison, will speak at formal installation of officers of Burns-West-Striebeck post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at 2 Sunday in the Brookside community house.

Officers to be inducted into office are Charles N. Herman, commander; Harry R. Crooke, senior vice-commander; Russell H. Wrenick, junior vice-commander; Archie J. Everett, quartermaster; Hugh H. Myers, chaplain; Thomas E. Miller, officer of the day, and Leslie Ashby, John P. Wheat and Sidney F. Scarborough, trustees.

JERRY S. ROBERTS, 84, DIES IN OAKLAND, CAL.

Body of Former Resident to Be Returned Here for Burial.

Jerry S. Roberts, 84, retired business man, is dead at Oakland, Calif., it was learned here today. Mr. Roberts was formerly a resident of Indianapolis and was employed by the Acme-Evans Milling Company.

The body will be returned here to the home of his brother, Sherman Roberts, 32 North Belmont street. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Club Federation to Meet

Club of civic interest will be discussed at a meeting of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs in the Washington at 8 Friday, Paul C. Wetter, president. The meeting will be public.

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