

## FAMILIES RESENT NEED FOR RELIEF, BUT ARE GRATEFUL AND HAVE FAITH IN FUTURE

Food Is Ample and Big Improvement Over Basket System, Is Consensus; Lucky Ones on Work Projects Envid.

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WANTED—A job, warmer and better clothing, more food, a bigger chance for education and work for our growing children, the right to work out a destiny without interference from social agencies, and with some degree of certainty where the next meal will come from.

If this want ad were published as such, nine out of 10 of the 67,000 persons on relief in Marion County could subscribe to its plea.

The Indianapolis Times in its survey of the relief conditions of the county, township and the state picked out 20 representative families on direct and work relief and its representative visited those families in their homes to hear their story of what they get from the state and Federal government, what they want, and what they would do if their wants were fulfilled.

The families were not hand-picked by social workers, private relief agencies, or any one connected with township, county or state relief.

The families were in every section of the city, of several races and sectional characteristics.

Negroes, a representative family from the South Side where many former Kentuckians live, and the foreign-born were quizzed for their attitude on the State's system of relief under the Governor's Unemployment Relief Commission.

### Resent Need of Relief

The families with one accord resent the necessity of supervised relief but admit in the same breath that they are receiving more and better food under present direct relief than they did when a basket system or food distribution by the township trustee was in effect.

If they are on direct relief they are jealous, in some cases, of their neighbor who receives a weekly wage on a work project.

They can not understand that they stand on their feet as a family on the relief rolls just as they were an entity and individual family when the head of the house worked in private industry.

### Children Need Clothing

They feel that their work relief wage is a bare subsistence and woefully insufficient in providing ample clothing.

Their statements are borne out by their appearances and by the clothing of their children. Pictures of President Roosevelt have supplanted the old dime-store mottoes of "Honor Thy Father and Mother," above their beds and dressers.

Strength and stamina of the family rests on the shoulders of the mother or wife.

Where two years ago some of those wives and mothers berated their husbands for failure to find jobs, today they have become more philosophical and buoy up their husbands.

Down-heartedness varies with individual temperaments.

### Morale Has Improved

Work relief for one-half of the county's families has raised the morale of fathers and mothers of those homes in almost an incalculable manner.

"Pay-day's coming. How'll we stretch this week? What extra little luxury can we have this week?" is the spirit of the knowledge that there is pay-day again in their home.

Youthful members of the family, the boy-men growing toward places at industry's wheel, alternately are resentful of conditions and then buoyed by hopes of receiving employment. They throw off the "blues" with more ease than their elders.

### Girls Pick Up Odd Jobs

Girls reaching womanhood feel what the least. Some are able to pick up part-time work in households or caring for children for shopping neighbors in order to replace bedraggled dresses with newer frocks and frills.

Knock at R's home on S. Missouri-st and seek the answer to whether relief is better under State control than it was in the days when his family got a basket of groceries.

R. is a big-bodied individual who found in wage relief also a relief from the wash tub. "I used to get tired of trying to do something to keep busy that I helped the wife with the washing. Now I've even got my radio to go on again on the \$34 I earn for me and the wife and five kids," says R. as he tunes the cheap radio set down better to explain how he feels about conditions.

### Unemployed Three Years

He has been out of a job since May, 1931, until work relief gave him an incentive and hope that times would get better.

"A fellow's bound to feel a little better now. We've been put on our own and that's what we want—just a chance to work and live. "I'm working," with an explanatory wave of the hand, "out at the Riverside Nursery on a public work project."

"Course it isn't enough to buy any clothes to speak of and there's a lot more we could have. But we'll get what we need if I ever get a good job that pays something," he added hopefully.

### Few Cents for Toys

"Now the wife is feeling a lot better about things too, and so are the children. We've got a little something so we can get them a few Christmas toys. Not much, but maybe a dime for something now and then," says R.

R.'s \$13.50 each week is budgeted out by him as follows: \$2 for rent, \$1 for insurance, 55 cents for gas, 25 cents for lights, \$7 for groceries, \$1 for incidentals; total, \$11.80. The \$1.70 left over is used to attempt to keep the family of seven in clothing.

"It won't do it. We're not expecting it to. And we're not com-

plaining. We're a lot's better off than we were," says R.

### Aged Woman Apathetic

Visit another home a few blocks from R.'s and apathy and hopelessness are the spotlight as a visitor enters and finds an aged woman sitting on a bed looking at the slivered floor.

Her husband, in the mountaineer twang of the hills of Kentucky, stands, hat on, with his back to an ill-smelling stove and greets the visitor with "Howdy."

His wife, both hands supporting her jaws, never looks up from the stare with which she fixes the slivered floor.

She talks to the visitor as if talking to the floor.

### Says Food Is Better

"I have been sick about four years now and I don't think I'm going to last the winter through. I have indigestion from those baskets. It was too much of the same thing. It's better now, but I might as well be in the river as be like this. Look at that wall-paper!" she commanded between hands that muffled her voice.

The wall-paper was in shreds and the plaster was falling off a bit at a time.

The place isn't fit to live in. You can see for yourself. They say they're going to move us or fix this up. They haven't done it, though," she said as she gave the floor an extra hard stare.

Her husband tried to jolly her with "Things might be worse than they are."

### Son Helps Family

"You see," he explained with an expert shot with his tobacco quid at the coal-bucket, "our son's working on the relief. He's getting \$9 a week, but it isn't enough to buy Ma all the medicine she needs. We get three quarts of milk a day for her, too, that we don't pay for."

"But the boy's good about bringing home all his money. He's only 18 but he always hands it right over to his Ma every week," the husband added.

The voice of the wife broke in, "They always say things about us Kentuckians. When I was well and able I always worked a lot. They say we can't work but I've worked lots in my time."

"Now, Ma!" interposed the husband with a new bulge on the coal-bucket.

### Hooverville Is Visited

"But I got to say this! That when I was working for the family and not nursing her last winter that I gained two to three pounds a month just working on relief," the husband added.

Wander down into Hooverville on the odoriferous banks of White River, in the lee of Kingman's Packing Company, and the belief that shacks of straw, "chickens on every pot" have gone fads as smoke swirls in lazy curls toward the skyline from crooked chimneys.

Negro couples and few white bachelors inhabit the bank's hutch-like shanties.

### 'Bean Days' Are Over

A Negro "Auntie" leans over her box state fence and to a query of how she and her husband are living, shakes her head in pretended woe.

"Poor relief. Work they call it. Mister, it's poor relief, too. A poor \$6 a week."

But pressed for opinion on whether she is in better condition under State and Federal control than under the township basket system, she says, "I can pick out what I want now in the grocery. The bean days are over. Thank the Lord."

Welfare workers long ago made Hooverville a childless village by moving out all families with babies or children of school age.

### Have No Rent to Pay

With no rent to pay, the couples and bachelors can make their direct relief on FERA wages spread bigger and better slices of bread.

Drive into another sector of the city and visit the Widow Roe with her five children.

The widow is one of the State control system's mistakes.

She has been on relief since 1931. One year ago this Thanksgiving, she'll tell you, "My man died."

Nine months after his death she received a card from the County relief office notifying her husband that work awaited him on a FERA project.

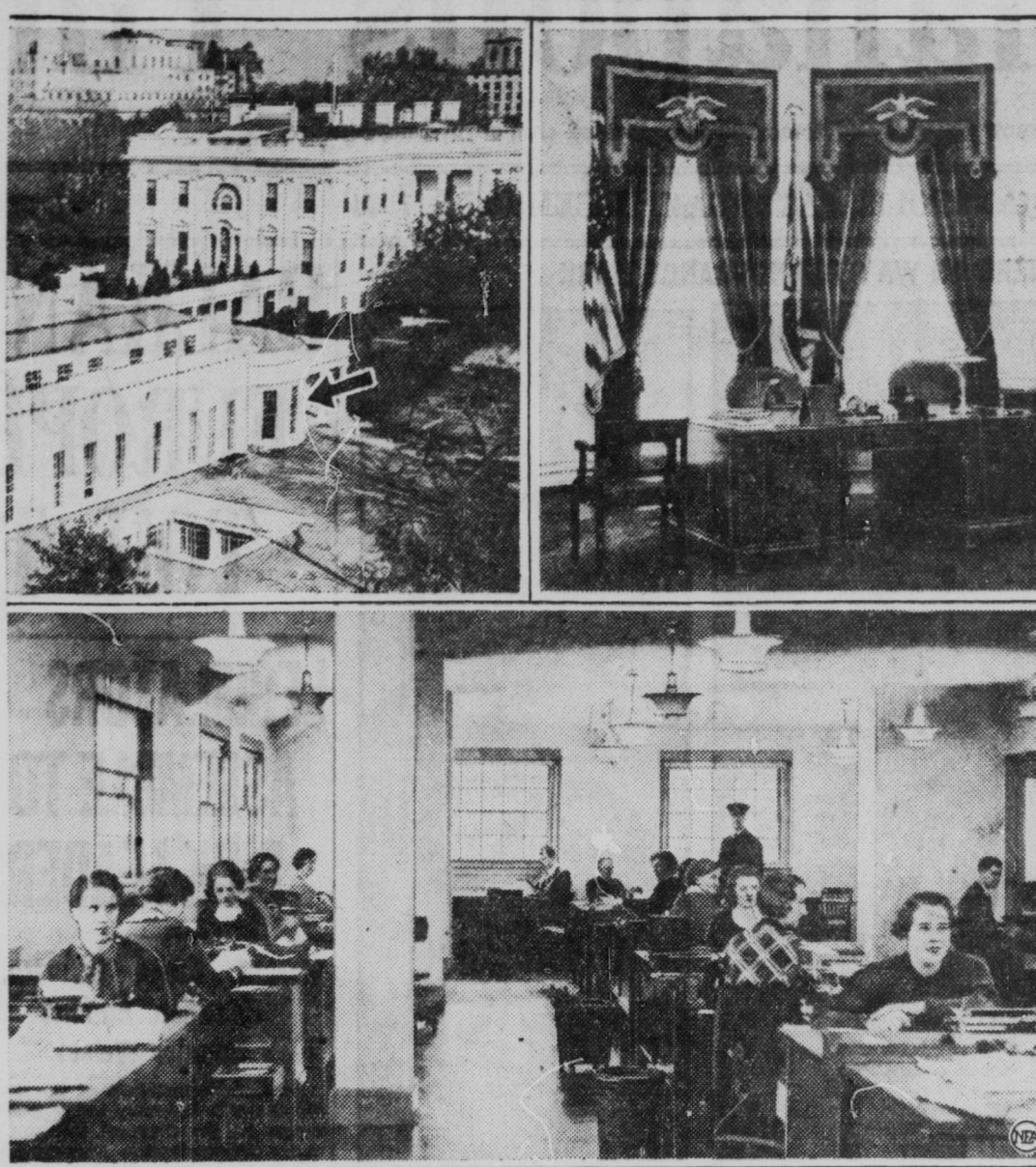
### Dead Husband 'Revived'

"It must have been a mistake. I never told him my husband was living. They took the card back. I'm still getting a grocery order. You have a better chance to pick what you want instead of taking what they give you under the basket system. Also I'd say the investigators come to see you oftener than they did when they had baskets," she explains.

A second widow who received a posthumous card placing her husband at work in May, said, "Why, he's been dead 14 years."

Next: The Taxpayers, Industrialists, Pedagogues & Co. Have Their Say.

## NEW OFFICES MAKE PRESIDENTIAL BURDEN LIGHTER



The new White House office plant for taking care of the increased burden of work and correspondence is now complete and running smoothly. At top right is the President's desk, moved into the pleasant room which is now his office, looking out on the south grounds of the White House through bay windows indicated by the arrow in the picture at left. Below is a group of the secretarial staff of the White House, now lodged in airier, more pleasant quarters than ever before.

## STATE OFFICERS TO HOLD DINNER

U. S. Head of Reserves to Speak at Banquet Here Tonight.

The brilliance of military and naval uniforms will glitter tonight at the Columbia Club where, at 7, the Reserve Officers of Indiana will hold their annual dinner.

The principal speaker at the dinner will be Lieut. Col. Frank E. Lowe, Field Artillery Reserve, Reserve Officers' Assn. national president.

Col. R. L. Moorhead, president, Department of Indiana Reserve Officers' Assn., will preside. The invocation will be delivered by Major William F. Smith, Field Artillery Reserve, Indiana Department.

Honorary guests will be introduced by Colonel Moorhead. The toastmaster will be introduced by Lieut. Col. Cleon B. Mount, Infantry Reserve.

Speakers besides Colonel Lowe will include Miss Bonnie Farwell, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution; Frank R. Kossa, American Legion state commander; Capt. R. L. Quesser, National Sojourners president; Col. T. L. Sherburne, Cavalry, Indiana Military Area Chief of Staff; Brig. Gen. William K. Naylor, Indiana Military Area commander; Capt. C. C. Baughman, Chief of Staff, Ninth Naval District, Reserve, secretary, and Lieut. K. I. Little, Infantry Reserve, treasurer.

Gen. Naylor and Colonel Sherburne will represent the United States Army Reserves at the banquet while the United States Army Reserves will be represented by Lieut. Com. Olo F. Heslar and Lieut. T. H. Escott.

Sponsors of the Indiana district of the association are Colonel Moorhead, president; Capt. W. S. Gundick, Infantry Reserve, senior vice-president; Capt. E. M. Gehl, Field Artillery Reserve, secretary, and Lieut. K. I. Little, Infantry Reserve, treasurer.

## INMATE OF ALCATRAZ FLEES FROM MARSHAL

Counterfeiter Escapes for Fourth Time Within a Year.

RICHMOND, Cal., Dec. 8.—John M. Stadig, convicted counterfeiter and an inmate of the Government's escape-prison at Alcatraz Island, was at large today in his fourth escape from custody within a year.

Stadig overpowered John Watson, a deputy United States marshal, of Portland and dove through a window on a train on which he was being returned to the American "Devil's Island" from Portland, where he had testified at a counterfeiting trial.

## Indiana in Brief

By Times Special

LEBANON, Dec. 8.—Appointments to six major city positions are announced as follows by Carl W. Dale, mayor-elect:

Water works superintendent, Thomas J. Burrin; police chief, William A. Smith; fire chief, R. C. Barker; street commissioner, John Mount; city attorney, Roscoe Hollingsworth, and health officer, Dr. O. C. Higgins.

Mr. Dale will appoint five firemen and three policemen, but has not yet decided on the men for the places.

Change in the water works superintendency is the first made in 21 years.

## Sues to Oust Needy

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Dec. 8.—Clark McKenney, trustee of Addison township, Shelby county, has filed suits in a justice of the peace court asking expulsion from the township of 74 persons whom he alleges have moved to the township within the past year, and who are public charges.

The 74 persons are included in families ranging from three to nine. One family is said to have moved from Anderson, Ind.; another from Walnut Ridge, Ark., a third from Johnson county and the others from Shelby county points.

## Wife Asks \$10,000

By Times Special

LOGANSPORT, Dec. 8.—Limited divorce for 10 years with \$10,000 for support money is asked in a suit

## Party Season

From now on, throughout the fall and winter months, the busy hostesses are planning and giving parties. Our Washington bureau has ready for you a group of its interesting and authoritative bulletins that will give welcome "first aid" to any hostess. The titles are:

1. Bridge parties.
2. Children's parties.
3. Indoor games.
4. Parties of all kinds.
5. Party menus, prizes, favors.
6. Unique shower parties.
7. Wedding anniversary parties.
8. Cakes and how to bake them.
9. Dainty delicacies.
10. Salads and dressings.
11. Sixty kinds of sandwiches.
12. Tea cakes and party pastries.

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## MASON RETRIAL AFTER HOLIDAYS

Foggy Dean to Get New Hearing-Afterwards, Discloses.

Willie Mason, one-legged hoodlum, accused of the submarine gun murder of Police Sgt. Lester Jones during a holdup Feb. 7, 1932, at the Peoples Motor Coach Co. garage, probably will be tried after the Christmas holidays, Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson said today.

Edward (Foggy) Dean, alleged accomplice of Mason's, who is charged with the same offense, will be retried following Mason. After many hours of deliberation a Criminal Court jury disagreed on Dean's fate last October.

Mason escaped from the Hamilton County Jail, Noblesville, last winter after his trial in the Hamilton County Court resulted in a hung jury. He was recaptured in a gun battle near Newport, Ky., Nov. 12.

Both are held in County Jail. Other members of the gang are serving sentences now at Indiana State Prison.

## Attack Trial Is Delayed

Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker has continued until January trial of Oswald Henry, 23, indicted on charges of attacking a 14-year-old high school girl. Defense attorneys asked the delay.

## Horses Rescued

By Times Special

LINTON, Dec. 8.—A team of horses which plunged 20 feet into an abandoned mine tunnel under water up to their necks was rescued after a six-hour struggle.

The accident occurred on the Oliver Beasley farm near here. Ground on the farm had been undermined several years ago when a mine was operated nearby. The team plunged through one foot of earth as Mr. Beasley was moving a load of hay.

The wagon did not fall into the pit, the driver escaping by remaining on the seat.

The horses were pulled to safety by a telephone company derrick.

## HISTORY GROUPS HELP DEDICATE STATE LIBRARY

Conference Ends Tonight; Sectional Sessions Held During Day.

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ness," and F. B. Yule, 2836 Carrollton-av., engineer, will describe the old Vincennes drawbridge.

Talcott Powell, The Indianapolis Times editor, was the speaker at the luncheon of the social studies section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association in the Florentine Room of the Claypool.

Mrs. Sadie Bacon Hatches, Ft. Wayne, presided. Mr. Powell discussed the relation of newspaper men to historians.

Today's program started at Indianapolis Athletic Club with a breakfast for college teachers. Albert L. Kohlmeier, Indiana University, presided.

At 10, the History Section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association heard Robert R. La Follette, Ball State Teachers College, discuss "The Riddle of Europe," and R. C. Buley, Indiana University, delivered an address on aspects of the cultural and social life among pioneers in the Middle West. At the same hour, Dr. George B. Uleay, director of Newberry Library, Chicago, discussed current work and problems at the genealogical round table discussion at the new State Library.

### Early History Recalled

Dr. James A. Woodburn, Bloomington, presided over the dinner meeting of the conference last night.

Theodore C. Pease, University of Illinois, history professor, recalled that Indiana formed one of the most important points of contention between France and England in the struggle for world empire during the French and Indian War.

"This phase of Indiana's history," Dr. Pease said, "is one which, for the most part, has escaped the attention of American historians."

He said it was largely a story of a particular map on which England, in the fruitless negotiations of 1761 with France, based her claims to the lands east of the Wabash.

He detailed the struggles for possession of the territory.

### Library Is Dedicated

The evening meeting was preceded by the annual dinner of the Indiana Historical Society, over which Mrs. W. W. Gaar, Richmond, presided. Stephen C. Noland, Indianapolis News editor, spoke on the history of the Indianapolis Literary Club.

The foyer of the new State Library was filled for the dedicatory ceremonies yesterday afternoon when Herbert P. Kenney, New Albany, Indiana State Library Commission president, officially turned over the building to Gov. Paul V. McNutt.

Governor McNutt, accepting the building and its equipment on behalf of the Public Works Department, recounted that the ceremonies occurred on the centennial of the building of the first Statehouse in Indianapolis and the bringing of the first State Library by the then Secretary of State. This library, the Governor said, consisted of a few books carried in a basket for use of members of the legislature.

### Makes Plea for Schools

Dr. Utley, the principal speaker, appealed for a vigilant public opinion to prevent unreasonable curtailment of public appropriations for schools and libraries.

Mr. Kenney, pointing out that the new building is constructed entirely of Indiana materials, declared the final cost of the structure is \$988,000. About \$1000 will be returned to the taxpayers, he said, together with approximately \$40,000 in tax advantages.

Indiana sand stone was used for the first time for interior decoration and finish. Mr. Kenney declared. Black walnut, cut in Indiana, was used for the interior wood finish.

### Lilly Sends Message

Mr. Thompson, Commission Vice-President since 1930, presided. Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City brought the greetings of 22,000 members of the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs.

Other speakers were Robert G. Bradshaw, Delphi, Indiana Library Trustees Association president; Frank H. Whitmore, East Chicago, Indiana Library Association president; Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, Indiana Historical Society president, was unable to attend but sent a message.

Both Governor McNutt and Dr. Utley paid tribute to Louis J. Bailey, State Library Director, who served as commission secretary since 1930.

### Officers Are Named

Present at the ceremonies was Miss Mary Aileen Ahearn, former State Librarian, and now publisher of a technical magazine for library workers.

William E. Henry, Seattle, Wash., State Librarian of that state, and former State Librarian of Indiana, sent a message.

All officers of the Indiana Historical Society were re-elected at the annual business meeting yesterday afternoon over which Mrs. Harvey Morris, Salem, second vice-president, presided.

The officers are: Mr. Lilly, president; Dr. W. G. Weatherill, Lafayette, first vice-president; Mrs. Morris, second vice-president; Arthur G. Mitten, Goodland, third vice-president; John G. Rauch, Indianapolis, treasurer, and Christopher B. Coleman, Indianapolis, secretary.

## CHAMPAGNE IS SHIPPED

1,670,877 Bottles Produced in France During Month.

By Times Special

RHEIMS, France, Dec. 8.—Exports of champagne during September represented about one-third of the sales in domestic France, according to official statistics. The total exports were 425,850 bottles, compared with 1,243,377 bottles sold in France, making the total sales for Rheims, Epernay and Chalons 1,670,877 bottles.

## SPECIAL SUNDAY DINNER

COUNTRY FRIED CHICKEN, 35c  
With Potatoes  
SIZZLING STEAKS, 20c  
REAL ITALIAN SPAGHETTI, 35c  
Naples Sauce  
"Our Food Is Better Than the Best"  
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## FIT AS A FIDDLE



His 65 years sit lightly on King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, shown here in his newest picture. One of the monarch's chief pleasures is hunting and he recently shot down an elephant on a trip through Somaliland, Africa.

## SEAL BOOTHS TO OPEN TODAY

Downtown Sale Started at Stores and Business Concerns.

Downtown department stores and business concerns joined today in co-operating with the sale of the 1934 Christmas Seals.

Mrs. J. William Wright, chairman of the downtown Christmas Seal booth committee for the Marion County Tuberculosis Association, announced that Christmas Seals "went on sale" today at booths opened in the Claypool, Lincoln, Merchants National Bank and Indiana National Bank.

In addition, the Christmas Seals may be obtained at convenient places at the William H. Block store, H. P. Wasson & Co. and L. S. Ayres & Co. The booth at Ayres opened Dec. 3 and will remain open until the day before Christmas. The other booths will close Dec. 15.

Mrs. Henry E. Hayward has had charge of the Ayres Christmas Seal booth for the last week, and Mrs. Myron Watson will have charge of the booth beginning Monday. Christmas Seals also may be purchased at several downtown drug stores and at branch postoffices in the neighborhoods.

Chairmen of the other booths are: Indiana National Bank, Mrs. Frank C. Severns; Merchants National Bank, Mrs. Harold Hoffman; Lincoln, Mrs. H. W. Linker; Claypool, Mrs. A. H. Kaufman.

## BOSTONIANS EAT CAKE, RATE PIE AS 'SPINACH'

Massachusetts Far Down List in Pastry Consumption.

By Times Special

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—As cake-eaters, Bostonians rate only second place per capita consumption, William A. Heffer, president of the New England Bakers Association, said that although Massachusetts is far down the list of states in pie eating consumption, it rates second in cake eating, New York being first.

## Oldest Hotel Guest

By Times Special

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Miss Laura C. Hill, 91, believes she is the nation's oldest hotel guest in "point of service." She has lived at Hotel Bellevue, on Beacon hill, for 47 years.

## 'Y' ENTERTAINER

Miss Edna Means

The Y. M. C. A. big meeting at 3 tomorrow afternoon in Keith's theater will feature Miss Edna Means, dramatic entertainer. This will be the ninth appearance of Miss Means at a big meeting.

Music for the occasion will be provided by the Shortridge High School orchestra.

## FIVE KILLED IN CRASH