

NEUTRALITY AND PEACE WILL BE LEGION'S POLICY

Scout Leaders Seek Further Co-Operation Of Catholic Church, American Legion Posts

Renews Fight to Prevent Involvement; Backs Sales Abroad.

(Photo, Page Seven)

The American Legion today renewed its fight for legislation to prevent American involvement in the European War after the national executive committee approved a national "policy of peace and neutrality."

This policy, recommended by the foreign affairs committee, was supported by the executive group at its closing session yesterday afternoon when it extended its fight against communism in the United States.

The Legion went on record as favoring the sale of American-made planes to Europe and urged increased State and Federal activity in aviation, more Federal aid for airports, training courses for youth in production of aircraft and additional research in aviation.

Communist Party Attacked

Earlier, resolutions had been adopted urging increased military training for American youth as part of the national defense program, fortification for Far East possessions and "implying" that the Philippines should not be granted their independence. The latter action was urged so that the U. S. can maintain influence in the Pacific.

The committee appropriated \$2500 to the New York Department for research in preparation of a case test whether the Communist Party is revolutionary.

The Communist Party was charged with "unleashing propaganda" against J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a resolution was adopted condemning it as un-American.

Resolutions ordered state departments to urge Congressional representatives to take action to give veterans preference in WPA employment and that the veterans be given the relief jobs without being required to convert adjusted compensation bonds.

Honor Poppy Day Founder

All posts were instructed to designate next Sept. 13 as "American Legion Day" in honor of Gen. John J. Pershing on his 80th birthday.

Miss Moira Michael, Athens, Ga., 72, was voted a life pension of \$100 a month in appreciation of her selection of the Flinders Field Poppy and the founding of "Poppy Day."

During a near-record length session, without a luncheon recess, the Legionnaires heard 22-year-old Mayor Carl F. Ziegler of Milwaukee voice the Wisconsin department's bid to hold the 1941 convention in Milwaukee.

Citing that Milwaukee has 39 nationalities, he said it would be an ideal city to make a springboard for the Legion's Americanism program.

The youthful executive earlier had said in executive that he was not the "singing man" of the singing was a hobby and that he didn't sing a single song in his campaign to beat Daniel W. Hoan, who had been Mayor 24 years.

But at the conclusion of his convention invitation, a Legionnaire shouted smilingly: "If Milwaukee wants it, let the Mayor sing for it" and he received an ovation.

Urge Youth Training

"If that's unanimous, I will," the Mayor said, and sang one verse of "God Bless America" without accompaniment.

In his plea for increased national defense, the Legion urged the additional army officers be commissioned to train civilians in CCC camps, R. O. T. C. units, Citizens Military Training Camps and other organizations.

Seeking to relieve unemployment and prepare persons for skilled work, the executive committee adopted a resolution asking an increased appropriation for WPA vocational training courses. Trainees would receive WPA compensation during the course.

Labor, industry and governmental organizations were urged to support the program in the belief that skilled workmen are now and will be needed in private industry.

PURDUE PRAISED FOR WORK ON SOY BEANS

CHICAGO, May 4 (U. P.).—H. J. McCarthy, Brownsville, Wis., secretary of the newly organized Associated Soybean Growers of America, today credited the collaboration of four state universities and private experimentation with development of a successful formula for canning soybeans.

McCarthy said Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., and the state universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Carolina had provided invaluable aid in development of the process.

Preliminary Plans for State Fair Program Are Outlined.

Kenneth Cook of New York City, assistant to the Boy Scout national director of operations in charge of Catholic relations, today was in Indianapolis seeking further co-operation of the Catholic Church with the Scout movement.

He was conferring with the Rev. Fr. Maurice Dugan, diocesan director of Boy Scouts; J. Patrick Rooney, field secretary of the C. Y. O.; Clarence Sweeney, Boy Scout Committee Chairman for the Indianapolis diocese, and A. M. Ekstrand, special deputy regional Scout executive.

His arrival followed an all-day conference yesterday of Indiana Boy Scout Council field executives at the Spink-Arms Hotel.

The executives completed preliminary plans for Scout participation in the State Fair and laid the groundwork for further sponsorship of Scout troops by American Legion posts.

Opening day of the fair on Aug. 30 has been designated as Boy Scout Day. The Scouts will hold a one-day demonstration camp, an evening parade and give a program in front of the grandstand.

Delmar Wilson of Evansville was named general chairman of the fair participation. He will be assisted by F. P. Howlett Jr. of Mishawaka and J. A. Juncker of New Albany.

Subcommittees appointed were: F. O. Belzer, Indianapolis Scout executive; arrangements; H. T. Vitz, Indianapolis; and H. C. Paulson, Muncie; parade; R. J. Webb, Indianapolis; Paul Carnahan, Michigan; and George Crossland, Marion; program; E. L. Wheeler, Lafayette; and Harry Dowell, Bloomington; registration; R. L. Van Horn, Ft. Wayne; first aid.

O. Nimpz of Anderson heads the promotion committee, assisted by William Fisher, Logansport; R. C. Clark, Gary; F. J. Geiger, Elkhart; C. C. Rogers, South Bend; R. J. Donovan, Hammond; James Molter, Ellettsburg; Stanley Meenach, Madison; and James H. Gelwicks, Richmond.

LOCAL DEATHS

The Rev. C. D. Wilson

Services for the Rev. C. D. Wilson of Dayton Beach, Fla., oldest member of the Indiana Methodist Conference, will be held at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Wilson Funeral Home, 1230 Prospect St., and at 2 p. m. Monday in the Hamilton Methodist Church, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Burial will be in the Greendale cemetery at Lawrenceburg. The Rev. Mr. Wilson died Thursday in Cincinnati, O., after a brief illness. He was 84.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson was born in Franklin, Ind., the son of William Franklin Wilson. He entered the ministry at Rockland, Ind., and held pastorates in central and southern Indiana and several southern and western states.

He retired from active ministry at Lawrenceburg, 13 years ago to live in Dayton Beach, Fla. He was returning to Lawrenceburg Thursday when he became ill at Cincinnati.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Lawrenceburg Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Wilson; a son, Carl Wilson, who writes "Jokes and Jingles From Curly Shingles" for the Indianapolis Sunday Star under the pseudonym, "Camp Star"; a brother, J. C. Wilson, local undertaker; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Stirling of Morris town; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mattie Hunter

Mrs. Mattie Hunter died today at her home, 222 S. Addison St., after a short illness. She was 69.

Born in Kelso, Tenn., Mrs. Hunter came to Indianapolis when she was 36 and has lived here since. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Kelso.

Survivors are two sons, Fred and William G. Shelton; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Hunter Braun; a brother, Usher Simmons, all of Indianapolis; and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Gray of Danville.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the residence. Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery.

Anthony G. Sauer

Anthony G. Sauer, a retired iron molder and an Indianapolis resident 60 years, died yesterday at his home, 2222 E. Pennsylvania St.

On the camp committee are Stanley Norton, Indianapolis; Mr. Meenach and R. E. Hansen, Anderson.

It was pointed out that of the 326 American Legion posts in the state, 44 of them sponsor 51 troops. Their further co-operation will be sought.

A. N. Ekstrand, special deputy regional Scout executive, and C. J. Carlson of Chicago, regional executive, presided at the meeting.

Tonight at 8:30 p. m. a special program devoted to the place of Scouting in Indianapolis will be broadcast over WIRE, Troop 83, sponsored by Hayward-Barcus Post 55 of the American Legion, will participate in the broadcast which is part of the observance of National Youth Week.

Boy Scout activities for next week will open tomorrow. Mr. Belzer will preside tomorrow morning at installation of a new troop in the Shelbyville Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mary E. Welch

Mrs. Mary E. Welch, mother of Raymond J. Welch, a city fireman, died last night in her home, 1806 Hall Place. She was 73.

Mrs. Welch was born in Madison, Ind., and had lived here many years. She was the widow of Edward F. Welch, who was a charter member of St. Philip North Church and of the last 19 years was a member of St. Peter and Paul Cathedral. She was also a member of the Cathedral Altar Society.

Survivors, besides the son with whom she made her home, are a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Myers, three brothers, two sisters and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Monday at the home and at 10 a. m. at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mrs. Florence Fansler

Mrs. Florence Fansler, Indianapolis resident 66 years, died yesterday after a short illness. She was 81.

Born at Tuscola, Ill., where her father, Richard Harrison, was mayor for many years, she came to Indianapolis when she was 15 and had lived here since.

Survivors are her husband, Thomas H. Fansler; a daughter, Mrs. Grace Cunningham; a son, Earl Cunningham, South Side theater manager; and a son, Arthur Fansler of Indianapolis.

Services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial will be at Washington Park Cemetery.

William S. Cones

Funeral services for William Smith Cones, retired bricklayer and Civil War veteran, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Meeks Mortuary at Muncie, Ind. Burial will be there.

Mr. Cones died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William A. Lyon, 831 Lesley Ave. He was 92.

He had served with an Indiana regiment during the Civil War. Born at Muncie, he had been an Indianapolis resident more than 30 years. He was a member of the Williams Post, G. A. R., at Muncie.

Survivors include a son, Robert Cones, Memphis, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Woodfill of Greensburg, Ind.; five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Vincent A. Erpelzing

Services for Vincent Andrew Erpelzing of Detroit, an Indianapolis resident seven years, will be held Monday at Detroit and burial will be there.

Mr. Erpelzing was an employee of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. here and of the Ernest Products Co., of which his brother, Joseph, is treasurer.

He died Thursday at Detroit after an appendectomy. Born at Huntington, Ind., he was 43.

Survivors are his wife, Pauline; five children; four brothers, Joseph, Lawrence and Ferdinand of Indianapolis; and three sisters, Miss Lucille Erpelzing of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Florence Fegan; and Miss Nora Fegan of San Diego, Cal., and one grandchild.

Mrs. Hannan

IS DEAD AT 26

Former Winifred Holmes

Was Life-Long Resident Of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Winifred Holmes Hannan, a native of Indianapolis, died today at the Methodist Hospital. She was 26.

Mrs. Hannan, who lived at 6184 Buckingham Ave., was born here Feb. 4, 1914. She was graduated from Shortridge High School, attended Butler University and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. She was a member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church.

Survivors are her husband, Dana L. Hannan, a daughter, Donna Claire and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Holmes.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial will be in Washington Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Althea Myers

Services for Mrs. Althea Myers will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at the Moore and Kirk Northeast Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Portland, Ind.

Mrs. Myers, who lived at 1337 N. Tuxedo St., died yesterday.

Survivors are her husband, Elmer; three daughters, Mrs. Esther Branch, Mrs. Pauline Lewis and Mrs. Doris Lowe; and three sons, Leo, John and Clarence Myers.

George C. Busch

George C. Busch, a native of Indianapolis, died yesterday at City Hospital following a stroke last Sunday. He was 78.

Mr. Busch had been a painter and varnisher. Retired 11 years, he had lived with his daughter, Miss Helen B. Busch, 428 N. Noble St.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Borne and Miss Busch, of Indianapolis; three sons, William C. and Edward A. Busch of Indianapolis and Elmer A. of Richmond, Ind.; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Busch of Indianapolis.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. Burial will be at Crown Hill.

Thomas Alexander Fegan

Thomas Alexander Fegan, 3340 N. Meridian St., for many years an Indianapolis grocery salesman, died last night in St. Vincent's Hospital after a two-week illness. He was 78.

Mr. Fegan was born July 4, 1861, in Keokuk, Iowa, and spent most of his life here. For 15 years he was a salesman for the Jagers Wholesale Grocery Co. He was a member of the Broad Ripple I. O. O. F. Lodge and the Fairview Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Fegan; a son, Earl Fegan of Indianapolis; a sister, Miss Nora Fegan of San Diego, Cal., and one grandchild.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, who died yesterday at her home, 1333 N. Parker Ave., after a short illness, will be held at 3 p. m. Monday in the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones, who was 80, was born at Paris, Crossing, Ind., Sept. 19, 1859. She came to Indianapolis 30 years ago and had lived here since.

She was the mother of Earl E. (Handy) Jones, widely known Indianapolis safe and lock expert, and was the widow of Edgar Jones, who died in 1937. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Paris Crossing.

Surviving, besides Mr. Jones, is a brother, Fred E. Leeds of Indianapolis.

COUNTY RELIEF

WOMEN VOTERS

Burden Viewed Too Heavy In Many Cases for Townships.

The idea of administering relief by county units instead of by townships, as at present, is gaining favor in the state, according to preliminary results of a survey conducted by the Indiana League of Women Voters.

The survey was directed by the League's Department of Government and Economic Welfare, of which Mrs. Elsie Rust Dattisman, Gary, is chairman.

Final results of the survey will be presented by Mrs. Dattisman on the second day of the League convention in Bloomington, May 15-17.

Says Able-Bodied Should Work

In her preliminary report published in the May issue of the Indiana Woman Voter, Mrs. Dattisman said:

County master files (or indigents) would reduce costs by eliminating duplication; local, state and Federal governments should participate in financing relief; local units should administer relief, subject to standards set by the Federal Government; able-bodied persons should be placed on work projects.

Of Indiana cities, Richmond, alone, appears to be satisfied with its present direct relief system, Mrs. Dattisman found.

"There, relief has been divorced from politics and put on a business basis," she said in her report.

The township advisory board, she said, is a figurehead; with the township, a capable relief administrator.

Central Purchasing Used

"Neither the administrator nor staff appointments made by him favor of political patronage. Richmond sought good relief at low costs, so it set up a commissary and used central purchasing for all supplies. Able-bodied persons are put to work.

"The survey indicates that able-bodied persons should be required to work on useful work under careful supervision. It also indicates that work projects should be locally administered and supervised to insure worthwhile projects well done."

Mrs. Dattisman wrote that no one wishes to see relief taken out of local hands, but in many areas the burden has become too great to be borne.

"Local administration is the byword of most people interested in government," she said, "but even with local administration, standards and methods may vary greatly from township to township. A new relief administration, standards and procedure wholly local, may meet with no more approval than the present system. Unless it is safeguarded, it is vulnerable to graft and misuse."

Local administration safeguarded as to personnel, standards and procedure isn't that what we really desire?"

She said several local leagues now are taking first step toward establishment of mass relief files in their counties, similar to social service exchanges, as a direct outgrowth of the League's relief survey.

WALLACE DEFENDS FARM, TRADE POLICY

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.).—Agriculture Secretary Henry A. Wallace told 400 Democratic women attending the National Institute of Government today that the nation must make "fundamental changes" to meet post-war trade conditions.

The course which the world follows after the war, he said, is bound to depend to a large extent on the decision of the American people.

He defended the Administration's farm program and defended the reciprocal trade program as a means of opening foreign markets to American farm products.

Delegates to the Institute, who came here at the invitation of the Democratic National Committee to hear party speakers and to formulate campaign plans, will close their meeting tonight with an address by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on "What Do the Women Want in the 1940 Democratic Platform?"

Other speakers today include Labor Secretary Frances Perkins and Chairman Mary T. Norton of the House Labor Committee.

Yesterday, the delegates heard President Roosevelt challenge Republican and anti-New Deal foes to "quit condemning each and every act of the Administration and tell us how you would change the laws if you were in power."

Writer Is 'Glad to Be Back'

But He Still Likes Russia

John Van Zant Convinced Now of 'Stupidity of British Leaders.'

John Laurens Van Zant, native of Indianapolis, but for seven years editor of the Moscow News weekly edition, is back in Indianapolis now, and glad to be here.

Not that he does not like Russia, because he does. But he is glad to be so far away from all the fighting in Europe. And as he peruses the news of the European war at his home, 3539 Watson Road, he becomes more firmly convinced of the "stupidity of the political leaders in England."

He is, furthermore, convinced that it would be to the interest of the United States to move closer to itself culturally, diplomatically and commercially with Russia.

Mr. Van Zant quit a job in an advertising agency at the end of 1932 and went to Russia to see what he could see and pick up material for writing.

He intended to stay about six months, and to return and write articles, or fiction or for whatever the material seemed suitable. He got a job with the Moscow Daily News, met the Russian girl who is now his wife, and stayed.

The Moscow News is an English language paper. Mr. Van Zant said that, contrary to what is generally believed here, Russians are furnished all of the essential facts of international news, all slanted, of course, with the view of the party.

While he was in Russia, he said, he listened by short wave radio to news broadcasts from London, Paris, Berlin and the other capitals, and found that all important news eventually was carried in the Soviet press.

Moreover, every factory had current events classes and there were such classes organized for housewives.

It's very difficult, he said, to describe the Russia he knows to persons who have never been there before.

KALAL IS GIVEN 2-1/2 YEAR TERM

Charged With Narcotic Sale; Kruse and Caughran Give Reports.

Dr. Elmer John Kalal, former chief surgeon at Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton, was sentenced to two and a half years in Federal Prison today on charges of selling narcotics illegally.

He was arrested Feb. 28 and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell, who had reports from Probation Officer Adolph Kruse and others before passing judgment.

Capt. Kruse said that Kalal's private life and reputation at Pendleton had been the highest.

He said that Kalal, while chief surgeon at the reformatory, had opened an office for private practice.

Capt. Kruse said his investigation showed Dr. Kalal previously had no damned much to do with narcotics, but he had received drugs which he had sold, Capt. Kruse said.

ROBBERS STAGE FIVE HOLDUPS

Filling Station, Drug Store Visited; 2 Cab Drivers, Woman Victim.

Bandits struck five times again yesterday and early today obtaining nearly \$50 in the holdup of two taxicab drivers, a drug store, a filling station and a 43-year-old woman.

Deputies continued the search for the gunman who robbed two men in a service station at Troy Ave. and the Bluff Road yesterday. The robbery was climaxed by an exchange of revolver shots.

Robert Aichorn, 2237 Union St., the station attendant, told deputy sheriffs the robber drove into the station, ordered some gasoline and walked inside while Mr. Aichorn was filling the tank. When the attendant started into the station, he was met by the man who was holding a 22-caliber revolver in his hand.

He took \$7 from Mr. Aichorn and then obtained \$3 from Milton Harris, Bridgeport, who had just walked in.

Shots Are Exchanged

When the gunman ran to his car, Mr. Aichorn seized a revolver and demanded the bandit put up his hands. The holdup man fired at the attendant who in turn shot three times at the car as it was driven away.

Three gunmen held up a drug store at 2602 N. Capitol Ave., obtaining several dollars and a quantity of liquor. H. T. O'Daniel, 36, of 2035 N. Meridian St., operator of the drug store, told police he was talking on the telephone when the men entered and held a gun against his back.

Two bandits robbed Elmer Sudgrove, 616 E. New York St., a Red Cab driver, of \$4.40 on Nordyke Ave., 1200 block, and then gave him back 30 cents because "they only wanted the cab company's money."

Second Driver Robbed

James Landrum, 4026 Boulevard Place, a United Cab driver, told police he was robbed of \$7 by a man who forced him to lie on the ground on Gimber Ave., 1400 block. Mrs. Lulu Smith, 2240 Broadway, was robbed of a purse containing \$25 and a check for \$13.86 by two men who jumped out of a car behind her as she was walking near her home.

2 INJURED IN BLAST AT POWDER FACTORY

CARNEYS POINT, N. J., May 4 (U. P.).—Two men were injured when 4000 pounds of powder exploded and demolished a glazing plant at the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. smokeless powder plant here today.

The injured men were walking near the building and suffered shock, officials announced.

A glazing plant, also known as a "shaker sieve," is where powder is glazed with granules in the manufacture of smokeless powder.

Carneys Point police were checking a possible sabotage attempt as result of another explosion recently at the company's Gibbstown plant, near here.

BLAMES TAXES FOR MOONSHINE CAREER

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4 (U. P.).—Herman Wendt, 72, whom the revenues brought to jail from the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon, complained today that Government taxes had driven him to learn how to moonshine from encyclopedias.

He said he had a ranch on Puget Sound, "but the Government wouldn't let me have it. Taxes it wasn't worth holding the property any longer."

EPIDEMIC! Of Solicitations

From inquiries reaching the Better Business Bureau, Indianapolis business men are being hounded by "benefit" ticket, "benefit" advertising, and other solicitations, mostly by telephone.

In one case recently, where arrests were made, it was found that professional ticket salesmen using the name of a prominent religious organization, without the knowledge of such organization, were collecting more than \$100.00 per day.

In another case, raided by police, more than 600 business concerns had purchased tickets because they thought they were contributing to a worthy cause, or because they were afraid they would lose the business of the organization if they did not. The business man who buys "advertising" or tickets to a "benefit" entertainment or dance, unless he can definitely identify, or knows the person soliciting him by phone, may be not only wasting his money, but may be aiding and encouraging the operation of a racket in the community. It is easy for a telephone man to use an assumed name, or a name which includes a part of a prominent organization name, so as to be confusing to the listener.

Hundreds of cases have come to the attention of the Better Business Bureau wherein business men understood from the telephone solicitation that they were contributing to a worthy cause, or a worthy organization, but in actuality the organization which they had in mind had nothing to do with the solicitation.

This is happening so frequently and so regularly that we ask your assistance in stamping out this evil. When you are solicited by telephone, if you do not personally know the solicitor, or if the solicitor does not identify himself to your satisfaction as representing a responsible business concern, then in order to protect yourself, do the following:

1. Get the name, address and telephone number of the solicitor, and the organization he claims to represent.

2. If you are interested in the organization or the cause, check with its officers, or in other ways to satisfy yourself that the solicitation is bona fide, and that the money is being properly handled.

3. If you do not have the time to get the data from the solicitor, ask that he write you a letter giving the above information for your consideration.

4. Insist that any solicitation, or sale of advertising or tickets for a charitable, philanthropic, or patriotic purpose be licensed by the City of Indianapolis before you buy or contribute.

5. In most instances you can get the above information by calling the Better Business Bureau. There is no charge for the service.

We beseech your co-operation in order that this evil may be eradicated, and that business, the public, and regularly established charitable institutions may be protected.

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JANITOR HURT IN FALL

Leroy D. Moffitt, 78, of 2867 Clifton St., received head injuries last night when he fell on a flight of stairs in an apartment house at the Clifton St. address. Police said Mr. Moffitt was employed as janitor in the apartment. He was taken to the City Hospital where his condition is reported as fair.

NEIGHBORS TESTIFY FOR WIFE IN SLAYING

NEWPORT, Ind., May 4 (U. P.).—Tales of cruelties inflicted on Mrs. Mabel Houston, 39, of St. Bernice, by the husband she is accused of murdering, were told in Vermillion Circuit Court yesterday by eight defense witnesses.

Mrs. Flora Van Brunt, Jack Dorsmeyer, Dorothy Mailes and Mrs. Molly Stark, all neighbors of the Houstons, described Mrs. Houston as she appeared one day in June, 1938, when she appeared at the Van Brunt home to call for help after her husband had beaten her. Other witnesses were Fred Ayres, Coy E. Sims, and Mr. and Mrs. James Pines of St. Bernice. Court was recessed until Monday.