

BOUNDARY LINE FIGHT FLARES

12-Year-Old Township War Renewed in Court.

The Perry-Decatur township boundary dispute won't stay settled. Legislative effort to solve the 12-year-old real estate argument again has been challenged in the courts. A suit has been filed by Perry township in superior court 5 to set aside action of the 1945 legislature that made Decatur township the winner.

The affair developed in 1933 when Marion county commissioners changed the boundary line between the townships. The dispute probably wouldn't have grown except that the \$3,000,000 Harding st. generating plant of the Indianapolis Power and Light Co. was at stake.

Tax Revenue Involved
Tax revenue from the plant is considerable.

The Indiana appellate court upheld the action of the commissioners in giving the valuable property to Perry township.

In 1943, however, Decatur township, which has claimed near-bankruptcy since 1933, obtained passage in the legislature of an act returning the property.

The Indiana supreme court ruled the act unconstitutional and the fight was renewed.

Want River as Line
The last session of the legislature passed a similar act.

Defendants in the present action are the Power and Light Co., Decatur township officials, the county auditor, treasurer and assessor and the state tax board.

The suit asked that the present channel of White River be fixed as the boundary line between the two townships. This would put the utility property in Perry township.

SOCIAL WORKER TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Members of the neighborhood and youth agencies of the Council of Social Agencies will hear John M. McDowell, New York, at a noon luncheon Monday at the Y. W. C. A. Mr. McDowell, who is assistant executive secretary of the National Federation of Settlements, will speak on present settlements and their relation to other agencies in a community program of group work and recreation.

BUS DRIVERS STRIKE

ASHLAND, Ky., March 23 (U. P.).—Approximately 150 drivers of the Blue Ribbon bus lines went on strike today, paralyzing local bus transportation in Ashland, Ky. and Ironton, O., and forcing many war workers to walk to work.

Soldier Who Used 'Talkie' in Burma Helps Drive Here



Pfc. Willard Johnston

ONE OF the service men demonstrating the uses of handie-talkies in downtown Indianapolis this week is an Indianapolis man, well qualified for the job he is doing.

Pfc. Willard Johnston, son of Mrs. Gertrude Andrews, 4917 Orion ave., is one of four returned Asiatic-Pacific veterans who are demonstrating the handie-talkie device in the P. R. Mallory & Co. campaign to recruit critically-needed workers.

THE MALLORY plant, which makes batteries for vital communication equipment, is sponsoring the demonstration on the street, in stores and in the lobby of the Indiana theater where "Objective, Burma!" gives a dramatic account of the use of handie-talkies and walkie-talkies behind enemy lines.

Pfc. Johnston was returned to this country after he served in a communication unit of Gen. Frank Merrill's Marauders in the 1000-mile march into Burma.

THE LOCAL soldier operated the talkie device with a group moving over mountainous terrain from 20 to 70 miles behind Jap lines, in the wake of the parachute division whose exploits are recorded in "Objective, Burma."

He took part in three campaigns, five major battles and 32 minor engagements on the march which culminated in the capture of the airstrip at Myitkyna.

Returned to this country after three years overseas, he served with the famous Americal division on Guadalcanal before going into battle in Burma.

CHINESE REDS SAVE B-29 RAIDING CREWS

WASHINGTON, March 23 (U. P.).—Crew members of B-29 Superfortresses forced down in Japanese-held North China are being rescued and led to safety by Chinese Communist guerrilla soldiers.

That was part of the story about Chinese Communist activities brought back by Raymond P. Ludden, U. S. foreign service officer, who has just finished an eight-month trip into the Communist areas of China. He is the first official U. S. observer to go to that area since 1938.

He declined for security reasons to give details about the rescue of the B-29 crews, but indicated that many of them had been found by the Chinese Communists, led through the Japanese lines and sent back to U. S. headquarters in Chungking.

The Chinese Communists, he said, credit the United States for taking great Japanese pressure off them with the Pacific campaigns.

2 Clerics Evade Gestapo a Year

PARIS, March 23 (U. P.).—Bishop Stockums, senior auxiliary bishop of the Cologne cathedral, was discovered recently hiding in an old peoples' home where he had fled after denouncing the Nazi party plan to turn the cathedral into a political museum early last year.

Capt. Peter Wiktor, Detroit, Mich., chaplain of an infantry division, told the story in the army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, today.

The Nazis forced the archbishop of Cologne to evacuate to the west side of the Rhine, but Bishop Stockums stayed in the city. Both evaded the gestapo for more than a year by moving from house to house.

ITALIANS REFUSE TO WORK

TOLEDO, O., March 23 (U. P.).—A group of 650 Italian soldiers, angry because they still were regarded as prisoners of war, today were on a bread-and-water diet after refusing to work at the Rossford ordnance depot here.

BOY, 8, IS INJURED WHEN HIT BY AUTO

Eight-year-old Jesse Klee Brown, 1549 S. Richland ave., is in City hospital today after he ran directly into the path of an automobile at Kentucky ave. and Minnesota st. this morning.

His condition is reported as fair. The driver, Earl English, Mooreville, was reported by witnesses to be driving slowly.

LAUNCH CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN NURSES

A drive to obtain nurses to ease the acute shortage of medical aid in Veterans' administration hospitals was launched by the U. S. civil service commission today. More than 2000 nurses are needed to aid in caring for wounded servicemen and women who require hospitalization after being discharged.

Civilian nurses to replace army nurses in hospitals for coast guard, merchant marine and army casualties also are being recruited at room 528 of the postoffice.

Build Span Over Rhine in 9 Hours

WITH 1ST ARMY IN GERMANY, March 23 (U. P.).—The 237th engineer combat battalion constructed a 1400-foot trestle bridge across the Rhine in the record-breaking time of nine hours and 11 minutes, it was disclosed today.

The veteran engineers, who won a presidential citation for work in the Normandy landings D-day, began construction at 7:15 a. m. By 2 p. m. the gap was 70 per cent bridged. Work was progressing at the rate of 180 feet an hour and military police began gathering on the east bank to direct traffic.

At 4:26 p. m. the bridge was completed—in less than half the time normally required for construction of such a bridge.

INDORE LUNCH PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, March 23 (U. P.).—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones today endorsed legislation to make permanent the agriculture department's school lunch program.

\$800,000 TODAY'S GOAL OF RED CROSS

Volunteer workers in the Indianapolis Red Cross war fund campaign hoped to reach the \$800,000 mark today.

The drive, which opened March 1, closes next Wednesday night, and workers have been urged to cover their territory as quickly as possible.

A total of \$554,601, or 48.4 per cent of the \$1,145,500 goal, was already in prior to today's third report meeting.

"After our checkup tonight, we will know exactly where we stand and how much of a balance will be needed," Russell J. Ryan, general chairman, said. "We realize that despite all of the hard work done to date, the big task is still ahead of us."

FREED FROM PRISON CAMP

Evelyn C. Barnes of Fairbanks has been liberated from a prison camp in the Philippines.

Just Easy Chore For an Evening

WASHINGTON, March 23 (U. P.).—Royal air force pilots like the nightly Mosquito plane bombing run to Berlin, according to the British Information Service.

One pilot, the B. I. S. said, explained it this way: "We can take off after tea and be back before the officers' club bar closes."

LIFELONG RESIDENT DEAD AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Lois Schumann, Indianapolis resident nearly all her life, died last night at her home, 4430 Park ave., after an illness of two years.

She was born at Traders Point and was a member of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church.

Her husband, Howard, and three sisters, Mrs. S. D. Crane, Carmel, Mrs. Wilbert Egert, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Cletus Haggerty, Putnamville, survive.

Servicing will be held tomorrow at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary with burial at Crown Hill.

L. S. Ayres & Co.



Attention All SUB-DEBS!

The Sub-Deb Federation meeting will be held Saturday, March 24, at 2:30 in Ayres' Auditorium, eighth floor.

"It's spring again"—and with spring comes the Sub-Debs' Easter parade of fashions. There will be grand talent by the W. I. T. C. H. Club and their soloist, Betty June Oakes; of course good music by the Majors, and our guest star of the meeting will be Miss Thelma Stiers, Sub-Deb director from Saint Louis.

We'll be looking for you—so don't forget.

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Tomorrow, March 24th, is

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DAY . . .

Be sure to buy a package from the Girl Scout who approaches you.

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