

2 Fair Sites Damaged By \$175,000 Fires

Flames Start Here, Muncie Within Hours

2-Story Building At Kokomo Razed

Damage was set at nearly \$175,000 today in fires which yesterday partly destroyed structures at two Hoosier fair ground sites.

Fires broke out only a few hours apart at the State Fair Grounds here and at the Delaware County Fair Grounds in Muncie.

A temporary storage building leased by the Stokely-Van Camp Canning Co. was partly destroyed at the State Fair Grounds, causing up to \$100,000 damage to the building and to stored canned food. The exhibit building was rented for storage purposes during the winter.

Fire officials believed the blaze was started by a coke-burning heater. They said actual damage to the building was only about \$2000, but some 17,000 cases of canned foods were destroyed.

At Muncie, wind-swept flames destroyed the main grandstand at an estimated loss of between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Fire Chief Aaron Belcher said cause of the blaze was undetermined, but added that it apparently broke out in the electrical storage shop under the stand.

Firemen were handicapped in fighting the blaze because of a lack of water hydrants on the grounds, Chief Belcher said. Fair board officials said the building was remodeled last year at a cost of \$11,000.

A two-story storage building of the Klein Salvage Co. in Kokomo was destroyed by fire last night. Mrs. Fannie Klein, president, said she believed the blaze started in an accumulation of old rags.

Madden to Keynote Democratic Convention

Rep. Ray Madden (D.), of the First Indiana District, will keynote the Democratic state convention at the Indianapolis Coliseum June 15, state committee officials announced today.

The Lake County congressman is an announced candidate for re-election for a fourth term. The committee said. A former treasurer of his home county, Mr. Madden has served in the House since 1942.

STRAUSS
SAYS: TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW!



PICKING WINNERS—Judging entries in the Indiana Regional High School Scholastic art competition are, left to right: A. Reid Winsley, head of DePauw University's art department; Miss Rosemary Beyer, art director of the Kansas City public schools; and George S. Dutch, art department head at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. The judges resumed activity today in the auditorium of Wm. H. Block Co., Indiana sponsor of the competition nationally conducted by Scholastic magazine.

Woman Aids a Lost Scout, Repays '44 Kind Act Debt

The old saying: "One good turn deserves another" helped a lost Boy Scout back to his home and gave a Marion County woman a chance to repay a debt of kindness to the Scouts last night.

Mrs. Norman Warner, 1902 S. High School Road, was startled when she heard a knock at her door about 11 last night. She asked who was there three times but got no reply.

Boy Becomes Lost
Just then she heard a noise and the voice of a child. Opening the door she found 12-year-old Richard Ilch, 2400 W. St. Clair St.

He told her he was a Boy Scout and that he had become lost from a bicycle outing to Eagle Creek.

He had been trying to get home alone but was tired out. Mrs. Warner bundled up the boy and took him to his home, first calling to tell his whereabouts to his frantic parents.

"When I saw him I remem-

Sheriffs' Wives Club Schedules Election

Officers will be elected at the meeting of the Marion County Deputy Sheriffs' Wives Club April 13.

The group met last night to hear a talk by John Carson, deputy county prosecutor, on "Law Enforcement Agencies." More than 58 wives and guests attended. Presiding were Mrs. Lyndell Foster, president, and Mrs. Jacob Green, membership chairman.

Forest Manor League To Seek Playground

A meeting on civic improvement will be held by the Forest Manor Civic League at 7:30 p. m. today in the auditorium of School 1. Evan Walker, of the Indianapolis Railways, will speak.

Plans will be made to establish a community playground. Street improvements, including sanitary and storm sewers, project is now being studied by the City Administration.

In Indianapolis

EVENTS TODAY
Schedules for Home Planners, second session, John F. Rithmiller address—Afternoon, Y.M.C.A.
Branch Offices open for registration of members—School Board Offices, Ohio and Meridian Sts.; Schools 49, 5 and 3.
Kiwanis Club—Hotel Antlers.
Lions Club—Claypool Hotel.
DAB State Council (through Thursday)—Hotel Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW
Indianapolis Bach Choir Concert—8:30 p. m., Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church.
American War Mothers, USA Chapter—Fourth anniversary luncheon, noon, Claypool Hotel.
Society Automotive Engineers, Indiana Section—7 p. m., Hotel Antlers.
Marion County Council of Fraternal and Social Societies—Curry Club address, 8 p. m., Liederkreis Social Club.
Warren Central High School Choir, "M. S. S. Pinafore"—12:30 p. m., school gymnasium.
Branch Offices open for registration of members—School 10, Fire Stations 5 and 6, and Pennsylvania Motor Inn.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—William, Lillie Dishman.
At General—Joseph, Oleander Mitchell.
Joseph, Mary Catherine Ray, Joe, Esther Moore; Ernest, Anna Adams; Robert, Katherine Barber.
At Coleman—John, Sally Baldwin.

At Methodist—Charles, Marguerite Fitzgerald; Donald, Charlotte Henry; Charles, Beatrice Clark; Ralph, Lois Banta; Paul, Barbara; Frank, Barbara Rafter; William, Joan Burruss; Harold, Hickam Fuller; Ray, June Driscoll.

At St. Vincent's—Robert, Mary Catherine Johnson; Chester, Jean Hamilton.
At Home—Earl, Ruth Spranklin, 730 N. East St.

DEATHS
Swanell Bell Frye, 45, at 730 W. 25th St., carcinoma.
Emma E. Gerlach, 79, at 1806 E. Riverside Dr., carcinoma.
Isaac Robinson, 33, at Veteran's Hospital, anemia.
Nancy Gaddie, 110, at 4114 Cornelius Ave., arteriosclerotic heart disease.
Theodore John Gramkow, 58, at Long, peritonitis.
Annie Ruth, 70, at 1905 Charles St., cerebral hemorrhage.
Charles Osterling, 70, at St. Vincent's, myocarditis.
Edward T. Smith, 47, at General, emphysema.
Newton F. Smith Sr., 84, at 1316 E. 9th St., carcinoma.
Lina Spangler, 73, at 1427 N. Delaware St., coronary occlusion.
William Hampton, 5 months, at Riley, pneumonia.
William S. Love, 78, at 2144 N. Oxford St., cerebral hemorrhage.
Mildred Keller Martin, 79, at 2342 Guilford Ave., cerebral hemorrhage.
Austin R. Simcox, 59, at General, anemia.
Mildred Juanita Zieg, 42, at 333 N. Chester, carcinoma.
Mary Morris, 69, at 137 W. 47th St., adenocarcinoma.
Charles W. Smith, 85, at 1415 Broadway, cerebral hemorrhage.
Rena Bell Williams, 44, at General, carcinoma.
Arlene Banev, 75, at General, arteriosclerotic heart.
Ralph Raymond Berlin, 66, at Long, coronary thrombosis.
Margaret Crowley, 72, at General, pneumonia.
Emma O. Graves, 82, at St. Vincent's, coronary sclerosis.
Myrtle Higgins, 66, at General, pneumonia.

Red Threat Exceeds War Peril-Clay

Soviet Not in Shape Economically, He Says

By FREDERICK WOLTMAN
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 10.—The Communist threat to all of Europe is "much more immediate and serious than the threat of physical war," Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States military commander in Germany, said today in a cabled statement to the World-Telegram, a Scripps-Howard newspaper.

"If this Communist threat succeeds," he added, "there would be no need for Russia to make war."

In reply to a query from the newspaper, Gen. Clay at the same time denied a statement attributed to him by Dr. Jerome Davis at the annual convention of the Methodist Federation for Social Action in Kansas City last December.

Davis' "Quotes" Clay
Dr. Davis, a leading pro-Soviet apologist and keynote speaker on Soviet-American relations at the unofficial Methodist meeting, said Gen. Clay had told him during an interview.

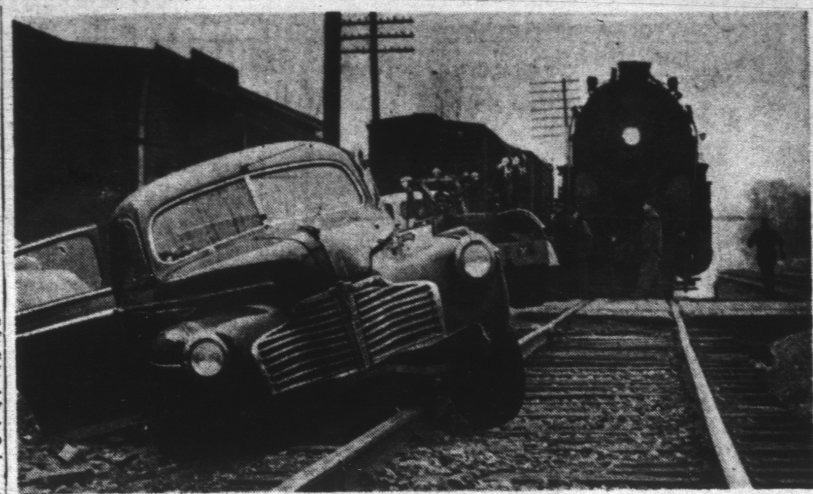
"There isn't the slightest danger of war with Russia. But we have to circulate that story all over the United States so we can put over the Marshall Plan."

In his reply, the general said: "Dr. Davis was one of many visitors to my office and I am unable to recollect in detail my conversation with him; however, the statements which he attributes to me are impossible for me to have made as they are completely contrary to my personal beliefs."

Reds Not in Shape
"I have stated that I did not believe Russia was in an economic shape to wage war at this time."

"This does not mean that we do not face this danger at some time, unless we take measures to make it most unlikely."

"However, I have always said that the European Recovery Plan is absolutely essential if we are to obtain a stable western Europe and have any chance for eventual peace."



WRECKED AUTO—A New York Central freight caved in the side of this stalled car after the driver, the Rev. Albert Batts, was unable to budge it from a crossing.

Pastor's Car Hit by Train

Minister Uninjured Jumps to Safety

A Good Samaritan arrived too late to help the Rev. Albert Batts when the pastor's car stalled on the railroad tracks at Commerce and Massachusetts Ave. today.

The Rev. Batts, pastor of 16th Street Baptist Church, told police his car stalled on the tracks and that he was unable to push it out of the path of an oncoming New York Central freight train. The minister jumped to safety but his car was badly damaged.

The Rev. Batts was uninjured but his faith in human nature was almost shaken. After he stalled on the tracks, he said, five cars pulled around and drove past him making no offer to help. Finally the sixth car stopped and an unidentified motorist tried unsuccessfully to push the car off the grade. About that time, however, the flasher lights signalled the approaching train and the car had to be abandoned.

BETTER CORN FOR POPPING
Popcorn from hybrid varieties expands about 25 per cent more than ordinary corn in popping.

5 Youths With a Glass Jar Net \$80 for Fire Victims

South Side Playmates Collect Clothing, Promised Furniture, in House Canvass

The efforts of five South Side boys have added \$80, clothes and promises of furniture for Mrs. Lena Mitchell and her two children who were burned out of their home Saturday at 1401 Charles St.

In the fire, a nephew, Cpl. Stephen Wood, visiting from Ft. Knox, Ky., died saving the children, Frederick, 14, and Patricia Ann, 9.

Kind-hearted neighbors immediately began a collection for the Mitchells. To date some \$200 has been given with promises of more. Furniture has been promised for delivery as soon as a new home can be found. Clothing also is piling up.

The Mitchells lost all their furniture and clothing in the fire. The night of the fire, playmates of Frederick started out with a glass jar, going from house to house. They are Layon Hodges, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hodges, 1333 Charles St., and Robert Worthington, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myrie Worthington, 1344 Charles St.

Promised Furniture
The group was joined by Layon's brother, Douglas, 10, and David Gieseking, 9, and his brother, Robert, 8, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gieseking, 1343 Charles St.

Besides money and clothes collected, they have been promised several chairs and tables and a bed. The youths intend to continue their collection as long as they can.

Claypool Hotel Detective Dies of Heart Attack
A claypool Hotel house detective died of a heart attack early today, a few minutes after helping arrest a 45-year-old man accused of using crooked dice in a game with convention delegates.

The victim, Daniel D. Scanlon, 32 N. Temple Ave., collapsed while police were questioning Leon H. Marra, Muncie, who was charged with vagrancy and disorderly conduct.

The dice were found on Marra, who was persuading delegates to a lumbermen's convention to gamble, police were told.

U. S. Minerals Going Rapidly, Warns IU Man

Standard of Living May Be Forced Down

Time State Service

BLOOMINGTON, Mar. 10.—The American high standard of living may be coming down a peg or two within the next decade, according to an Indiana University geologist, because of the rapid pace in which the nation's mineral resources are being expended.

The geologist, Dr. Eugene Callaghan, who as a member of the U. S. Geologic Survey has explored for new sources of supply, voices that possibility on the basis of survey reports on vital minerals. Steel is a particularly critical item.

"At our present rate of utilization, our deposits of high-grade iron ore in the Lake Superior region, which supplies 80 per cent of our steel industry, will be gone in five or six years," declares Dr. Callaghan.

"The demand placed upon our resources by the millions of tons of steel to be sent Europe for the recovery program will deplete them that much sooner."

That will boost the already high cost of steel much higher, he states.

Oil Reserve Down
"Barring the unlikely possibility of new major ore beds being discovered, we'll be forced to rely upon taconite, an impure ore that contains roughly half as much iron."

"That means higher costs of steel," Dr. Callaghan states, "and for a man to buy any steel product he'll have to give a greater amount of labor. Unless cheaper substitutes can be found, his living standard must necessarily fall."

Scarcities are likely to extend to other vital minerals. Oil reserves are at their lowest point while use of petroleum products constantly attain record highs. Oil shale and coal may yield enough to take up the slack but at greater cost.

Coal reserves are estimated to be sufficient for 1000 years but cheaper strip mining is running out. Atomic power is still just a hope, Dr. Callaghan says, yet to prove itself in a constructive way.



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