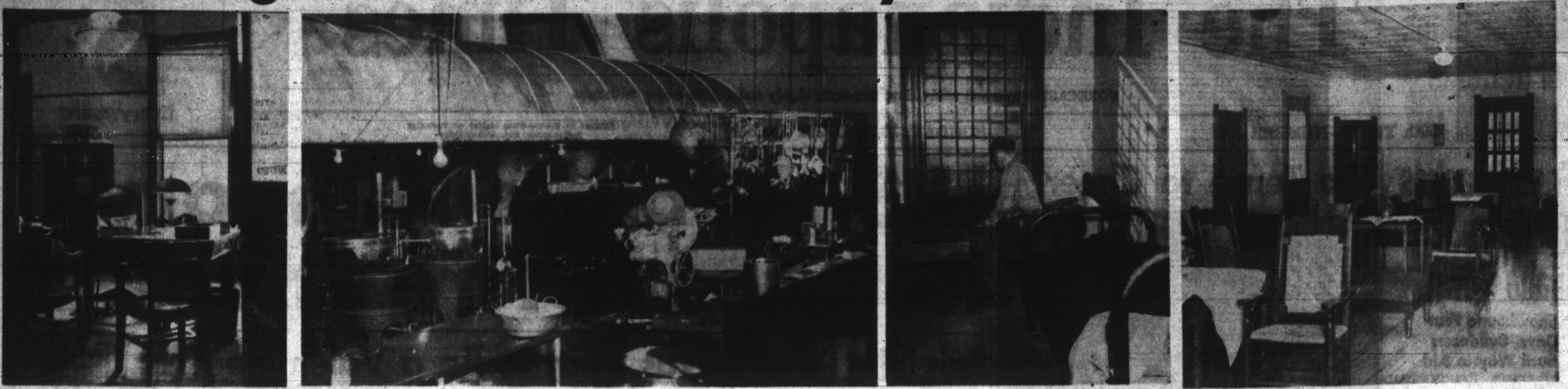


State Legislators 'Shocked' By Conditions At Longcliff



Just outside Logansport is the Longcliff mental hospital. It is rated generally second best of the five state insane hospitals in Indiana. Legislators who investigated it last week were shocked and depressed at the 19th century institution. This is the office of the superintendent. The chair is empty because there is no superintendent. There was one, but he quit. A former chief clerk operates the place.

Indiana is one of the wealthiest states per capita in the nation. But it is impoverished when it comes to looking after citizens who are mentally ill. Longcliff Hospital, long the target of complaint, is under investigation by the legislature. Solons decided not to wait until Gov. Schricker made up his mind to look into the place which is attracting nationwide condemnation. The Governor's action would come after the biennial budget is passed. Two current legislative bills would provide \$25 million for improving conditions at Longcliff and other institutions. Employees fear the state shield over the low, black range in the Longcliff kitchen may fall in on them. Like other sections of the place, the kitchen was clean when solons inspected it. Inmates receive about the same quality of food as is served in the state prison at Michigan City.

Inmates, once useful, alert citizens, live in rooms like this one with its barred, small-paned windows. Shut away from the world, they face a bleak life in the shadows of mental torment. There is no "pampering" the insane in Indiana. Two inmates share these quarters and they are considered fortunate. Many sleep in barracks-like dormitories. Modern therapy finds no expression at Longcliff.

This is the women's day room. Here women inmates in the institution sit. There is nothing else for them to do. The floor is so clean it shines. Longcliff was founded in 1888. It now contains 2272 patients. There are three physicians, six registered nurses, 199 attendants and no psychiatrist. The wards average 100 patients each. Members of the Legislative Committee who investigated the hospital, were tempted to contrast the barracks-like environment of the patients with their own newly remodeled, modernistic quarters in the state house.

Many State Towns Ignore Elections

Measure Points Up Apathy of Voters

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

A bill introduced in the Indiana legislature has disclosed that a large majority of Indiana towns, literally hundreds, have not held elections for years.

In most instances, townspeople give the fact little thought. They seem content to let the matter slide and show no concern for their small governments which have ceased to operate.

Elections Would Be Required

The measure which brought the condition to the surface would require elections to be held in all towns which have not held elections in the past 10 years. It was introduced by Rep. Wilbur Baldwin (D. New Harmony) who says he intends it particularly for Poseyville.

Poseyville has not had an election in 14 years.

It is typical of the hundreds of small incorporated communities of a few hundred inhabitants.

Marshal Poorly Paid

Years ago they held an election. Time for another election came around in four years and there was no one interested. There was no clamor for a change in the political parties let things slide. Four years later it was even easier to let things slide again.

If one of the trustees grew tired of his job he resigned and the other trustees on the town board appointed his successor. If the clerk-treasurer grew tired of keeping books or went off to take a job in a war plant at higher pay the trustees appointed a successor.

In many communities it has always been difficult to find persons willing to accept the office. Many town boards are filled with aged persons who take the job for something to do.

Police Power Mishandled

Most town boards meet one night a month and complete the community's business in two or three hours.

In at least one small town, not a county seat, the police power vested in a poorly paid marshal is seriously mishandled. Often persons arrested are subjected to violent manhandling at the hands of the law enforcement officers.

Town elections are instituted by meetings of the Democrat and Republican precinct committees within the town who meet and appoint town committees. These committees in turn call public meetings at which town trustees are nominated by "town meeting conventions."

The date for the election is set and the town's clerk-treasurer has the ballots printed and serves in a capacity similar to a county clerk in larger elections.

The vote is generally held in off years. Skip election laws passed by the state legislature have had their effect on the towns, too. Many of the towns skipped a year and then forgot how to skip back.

Goats Face Fence at Last; Odd Bills Beset Lawmakers

Surprising how little it takes some times to work up a demand for a law.

Indiana survived successfully the years 1927 to 1949 without a law requiring goats to be fenced in. The 1949 session of the Indiana Legislature is faced with the problem of goats running wild within the state.

A representative has introduced a bill to include goats in the 1927 law which prohibits other animals from being allowed to run at large and the measure received speedy passage.

This is one of the many odd little bills introduced in the 86th General Assembly which, whether they pass or not, will have no earth quaking effect on Hoosiers.

Affect Sportsmen

Many of these bills would affect the sportsman. There is proposed legislation to prohibit killing woodchucks at any time unless they are caught in the act of damaging crops. A price of \$20 would be placed on the head of every wolf (four legged) in the state and a \$10 bounty would be paid for foxes.

Hunting would be legalized on Sunday and any weapon would be permitted. Fancy coming upon a hunter riding in a light tank armed with a 105 mm. howitzer.

One representative would outlaw nudist camps while another, with a wink in his eye, would license them during the months of December, January and February provided the nudists would erect a wall 20 feet high of brick, stone or cement around their playground.

Other Proposals

There are bills to authorize the installation plan for paying all money to legalize a small size bottle of beer and to require teachers to study conservation before they could qualify for elementary and certain secondary licenses.

Then there is the legislator who would provide one-stop marriage service. He proposes to allow clerks of second class cities authority to sell marriage licenses and then perform the marriage.

One lawmaker apparently has forgotten his childhood days for he introduced a bill which would impose a fine of from \$5 to \$500 to persons caught soaping windows on Halloween. He wants to put an end to such pranks.

Another brave legislator who must be impervious to woman's scorn proposes a poll tax for the ladies.

Hoosier Bullfrogs

And yet another seeks to retain the delicious quality of Indiana bullfrog legs solely for Hoosier consumption. He would make it illegal to ship bullfrogs or even their legs outside of the state.

Most generous offer of the lot is proposed by a Representative who would allow muffers to be removed from motorboats during races.

But this proposed gift is offset by the actions of another lawmaker who would require anyone

State Drys Plan To 'Haunt' Houses

Vow to Block Bills Which Favor Liquor

Indiana dry leaders said yesterday they intend to "haunt" both House and Senate in a concerted drive to block any legislation that would benefit the state's liquor interests.

And thus far, their hard-driving efforts have not been fruitless. They have at least scored a token victory after a meeting of the Public Morals Committee.

At the close of the week's session, Friday, the committee reported to the House floor without recommendation, three highly controversial liquor bills.

Since the committee failed to recommend passage, it appeared the measures stand little chance of becoming law.

Focal point of the dry's stormy attack was a bill that would extend the deadline of liquor and beer sales until 1 a. m. on week days and 2 a. m. on Sundays. It would also permit taverns to open an hour earlier, 6 a. m. instead of 7 a. m.

OK Carry-Out

Three other bills, studied by the committee, would permit sales of cigarettes and bar supplies in package liquor stores, and beer in six and seven ounce bottles. Under current ABC regulations, containers are limited to not less than 12 ounces. The third bill would permit package stores to sell beer to carry out.

Although committee action seemingly killed the liquor bills, it is possible for them to get a shot in the arm when they come up for second reading on the House floor sometime this week.

Meanwhile, dry forces "gave in" on one issue.

Monroe Starr of the Allied Dry Forces of Indiana told the committee he thought it would be all right to permit package store liquor dealers to obtain a beer dealer's permit, and sell beer for carry-out consumption.

"If this stuff must be sold," he said, "I'd much rather see it in places such as drug stores and the neighborhood grocery, in full sight of young, innocent children."

His decision met with murmured disapproval from some of his associates.

The consensus before the hearing began was that a bit of "house trading" would be part of the pattern.

OES 48 to Meet

Brookside Chapter 48, OES, will honor charter members at its 25th anniversary celebration at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the chapter hall. Mrs. Elma E. Hixon is worthy matron and William W. Duggins worthy patron.

Indiana Receives Carload of Gifts From 'Merci Train'

Indiana, represented by Lt. Gov. M. Picard, was himself introduced by Clarence Jackson, vice president of Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jackson was master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Others who spoke briefly were Mayor Feeney and Mrs. Charles Greathouse Sr., chairman of the arrangements committee, who introduced Mr. Jackson and the Rev. William Burrows, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who pronounced the invocation.

Following the parade and presentation M. Picard and other principals ceremoniously broke the metal seal on the boxcar door.

The boxcar contains paintings, sculptures and historic items, as well as the personal possessions of many French people. More than 6 million contributed what they could. An example is the French bugle who gave up the bugle on which he blew the "cease fire" order which terminated shooting in the First World War.

Distribution of the gifts will be made later to schools and museums throughout the state. Present plans call for permanently housing the 40 and 8 boxcar in a building on the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The boxcar which Indiana received is one of 50 sent to the United States, one for each state, one for the District of Columbia and one for Hawaii.

STRAUSS SAYS: TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW!

Through his interpreter, since he speaks no English, Mr. Picard told the audience that the "Merci Train" was a sincere mark of French affection and friendship for the American people.

"It is a singular and yet fortunate coincidence that this gift is brought here on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, whose democratic ideals were so close to those of the French," Mr. Picard said.

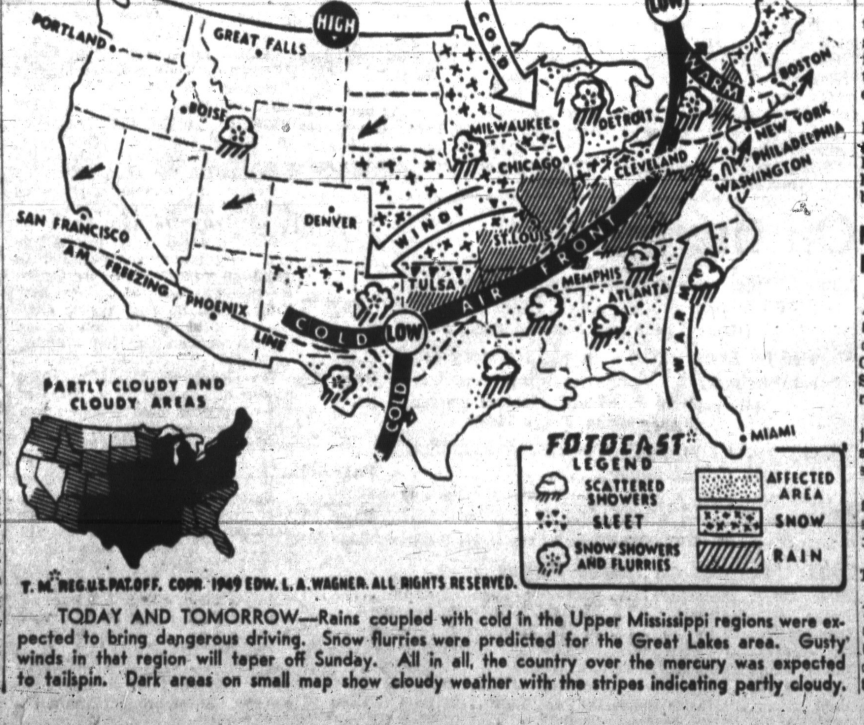
In accepting, Lt. Gov. Watkins proclaimed the day an historic occasion and the train an historic example of what can be done by people of two countries to cement harmonious relationships between them.

Mr. Pearson, who introduced

In Indianapolis

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- J. Frank Lawrence, 26, Amo; Barbara J. Lawrence, 24, Clayton.
- Jack Stewart, 31, 642 N. Oxford; Margaret Joanne Barnhill, 19, 531 Park.
- Robert Bayer, 21, 1038 E. Illinois; Nellie Nelson, 17, 1237 Fletcher.
- Jack McDonald, 19, 2008 Southeastern; Mary Jo Donahue, 18, 17 E. Palmer.
- John Herman Davis, 21, 1840 N. Delaware; Dorothy Lee Crane, 22, 1828 N. Meridian.
- Jack Butler, 22, 1964 Carrollton; Frances N. Talkington, 23, 8306 E. St. Joseph.
- Philip Felke, 21, 2106 Lomburst; Elaine L. Austin, 21, 2319 1/2 Washington.
- Forster Daniels, 40, 1814 Ringgold; Helen Lawson, 28, 1614 Ringgold.
- Charles E. Frederick Jr., 24, 1848 S. West; Betty Jean Lloyd, 24, 1848 S. West.
- Harold Burnett, 21, 2142 N. Capitol; Gerald Mitchell, 14, 2279 W. 10th.
- Duane P. Smith, 26, G. S. Marine Corps; Dorothy E. Smith, 19, 8 E. 10th.
- James M. Jones, 28, 1910 E. 26th; Dorothy L. Dallas, 18, 3508 Evergreen.
- Alton Gardner, 28, 2202 Martindale; Mary Louise Moore, 19, 2142 Columbia.
- Fred Westphal, 28, 2248 College.
- Edith A. Watkins, 20, 2248 College.
- Robert Charles Wright, 21, 243 Orleans; Barbara Jean Tucker, 18, 1855 E. East.
- Milton James Vermillion, 28, 1808 E. East; Carol Jean Smith, 19, 24.
- Ralph Duane Rogers, 21, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Brenda Marie Alexander, 18, Bevanah, Ill.
- Will Moore, 105, Montana; Elizabeth Woods, 44, 4722 Halfpenny.
- Raymond L. Phillips, 20, 1887 N. Tacoma; Ruth Phillips, 19, 1125 S. Tacoma.
- Walter Wilkerson, 18, 3540 College; Betty Shirley, 21, 21 S. 4th Box 240.
- Marvin Frank Palmer, 24, Whiteland; Margaret Jane Barney, 21, Camby.
- Easter Kinade, 23, 2283 N. New Jersey; Reiner Angio, 20, 1205 N. Alabama.

Today's Weather Fotocast



Five Escape Death In Flying Fort Crash

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 12 (UP)—A B-17 Flying Fortress carrying five persons including the crew crashed two miles southeast of Offutt Field at 8:45 p. m., the Strategic Air Command announced tonight.

One person was seriously injured and the others suffered cuts and bruises, Air Force officials said.

The plane, inbound to Offutt from Chicago, was coming in for an instrument landing when the crash occurred.

TRAIN KILLS PEDESTRIAN

BREMEN, Ind., Feb. 12 (UP)—Tommy Swank, 30, was killed tonight when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train struck him near a crossing as he walked along the tracks.

SOFT SPOKEN CONFETTI TWEED COATS BY RONNIE ANN

Designed for travel—(for the Southland and for Spring, too)—of a handsome new tweed in NATURAL COLOR with flecks of confetti-like color in brown—or a combination of blue and brown—or red and green.

There are two noteworthy styles—the FULL-LENGTH COAT (sketched) with full back, belted front and raglan sleeves—very wearable and smart—and

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The WRIST-LENGTH COAT—of the same Confetti Tweed, in double-breasted style, with full back. A fashion-wise short coat you can wear over everything from a morning on the beach through evening.

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SUNDAY B-36 Perfect For A Flies To For Jets Says Sy NORFOLK (UP)—Air S Symington at B-36 bomber strike so pov with atomic in one da taken who accomplish He called the most per Force has ye ing the alor In a spee Day banque Conn, Cathol is only the New and s the way, he "A B-36 w stated "con continent and jectives whi ground arm and then onl heavy casual "The B-36 within 16 h from this con ture this onst at a lives!" The B-36, "mistress of Symington se ONE. Fly even the jet has develop TWO, Carr made, includi as far as 2900 THREE. P self protectio He added n no friendly f Refuses Children Time BEDFORD old Lawrence wanted to g away last Tu his mind tod Charles T. ell, said that when he said to take the ch get back on refused at the several offera consideration Townspeople surrounding pitched in to and bedding Mr. Goff may three steady When Mr. wanted to g temporarily and ineligible ship ad as the commun years and h tificate sayin to work. State Det Denies R CRAWFORD 12 (UP)—St Ernest Richa asked to be has not resign Detective resignation w day by State dent Arthur He was er battle that res spiracy indic against four police officer noted from and then was reinstated las pay. Appel Pr Walter D. vice presiden geing for Ford Internat nounced this Howard, pres formerly with Corp. Pyle or Robert D Bosart Ave this met Scripps-Hol columnist, A Robert app and hair an took on a of Abrah