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## DEWEY BIGGS POST ORGANIZED

Charter for Local Post of American Legion Applied For.

A meeting was held at the court house Friday evening and arrangements made for the organizing of a local Post of the American Legion, to be composed of soldiers of the late war. The post is to be known as the Dewey Biggs Post, named after Dewey Biggs of Rensselaer, the first Jasper county soldier to die in the service.

Following are the names of the signers of the petition for a charter: Cope J. Hanley, Emil W. Hanley, Herbert C. Hammond, Howard Clark, Clarence E. Garver, W. I. Spitzer, Floyd Meyers, H. E. English, Paul H. Worland, E. M. LaRue, C. E. Johnson, D. D. Dean, Chas. M. Sands, D. J. Babcock, R. D. Wangelin, V. C. Davidson, I. M. Washburn, George H. Healey, H. D. Peley, W. H. Tilton, Lorah P. Hess, Edward L. Watson.

## FILED FEDERAL COURT SUIT

To Collect on Notes Given by Local Party for Texas Land.

Mention was made recently by The Democrat regarding a case that was to have been filed in the Jasper circuit to recover certain notes (\$12,500) given by a party here for some Texas land in the lower Rio Grande valley, and which notes had been sold to a neighboring bank (the Bank of Mt. Airy).

This suit has not been filed as yet for the reason that the parties holding the notes originally had stated that they desired to compromise the matter and an attorney was here from Kansas City to compromise. The Democrat is informed.

Attorneys for the maker of the notes—Mrs. Alda F. Karkison—informed this attorney that the only compromise they would consider would be the cancellation of contract and return of the notes and full relief from any responsibility for their client.

This, it is understood, was declined and now a suit has been filed in the federal district court at Hammond against Mrs. Karkison, according to a Hammond paper, on some notes assumed by her, which says:

Another Texas land case has been filed in the United States district court at Hammond for Judge Anderson to untangle.

The suit just filed with Clerk Charles Surridge is brought by the Fidelity Loan Securities Co. of Kansas City, Mo., against Mrs. A. F. Karkison of Rensselaer, Ind. The complaint states that on January 9, 1919, Mrs. Karkison entered into a contract with the Rio Grande Valley Land corporation to buy a tract of land in Hidalgo county, Texas.

She was to pay \$24,500 for the land, paying \$12,000 to the company and assuming \$12,000 incumbrance against the property. According to the agreement she was to pay \$2,000 annually, beginning January 1, 1921, and the interest was to be paid semi-annually, beginning July 19, 1919. Failure to meet any part of it was to mature the whole sum.

It is alleged that Mrs. Karkison did not make her first interest payment last month, so the company is demanding the entire \$12,000 with interest up to the time the matter is settled. W. F. Zumburn of Kansas City is attorney for the plaintiff.

The suit filed at Hammond is on the incumbrance of \$12,000 that was on the land bought by Mrs. Karkison, 88 acres, and which she assumed, and is not the notes held by the Mt. Airy bank. It is understood that notice had been filed with the holder of the latter notes that defendant would resist payment and enforcement of the contract, alleging fraud and deception in the sale of the land to the maker, and nothing has yet been done regarding these particular notes. No notice was served, however, on the holders of the notes assumed in the contract. Mrs. Karkison paid \$100 in cash on this land at the time of entering into contract for its purchase.

Mrs. Karkison's attorneys are John A. Dunlap of this city, Randolph & Milford of Lafayette and J. P. O'Shaughnessy of Chicago, and it is understood that they welcome this suit in the federal court.

### NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

We will continue the repairing of automobiles under the big tent, just east of our old garage. After the new garage is up our tent will be for rent for public sales, public meetings, etc.—KUBOSKE & WALTER.

Read The Democrat for live news.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Paragraphs From the Various Departments

### OF JASPER COUNTY CAPITOL

Legal News Epitomized—Together With Other Notes Gathered by Us From the Various County Offices.

C. W. May was over from Remington Monday afternoon.

The Newton county teachers' institute will be held at the M. church in Kentland Sept. 1-5.

Attorney Leopold left Monday on a week's vacation, which he will spend at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and other eastern points.

County Treasurer C. V. May has purchased the S. G. Hand residence property at Remington, on the southwest corner of the Rensselaer-Goodland road, and expects to move to Remington and occupy same Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Teske of Union township received a telegram last week from their son William, stating that he had arrived at Camp Merritt, N. J., August 10. He had been overseas for 16 months.

### PROSECUTE SUGAR PROFITEERS

Chicago and Detroit Concerns Accused of Exorbitant Charge.

Lafayette, August 16.—Oscar W. Campbell, Tippecanoe county food administrator, announced today that he had discovered that several wholesale firms in Chicago and Detroit were selling sugar to local dealers at a rate considerably higher than it should be.

A candy manufacturing concern here paid a Chicago sugar house 13½ cents a pound for sugar and a local bakery paid 13½ cents to the same concern. A Detroit house has been selling sugar here for \$10.26 a hundred pounds, wholesale.

Mr. Campbell says that an investigation will be made immediately and prosecution started, if possible, against the offending concerns. He found that none of the local wholesalers was selling sugar at a rate above what it should be.

The local war on high prices is being carried on vigorously and at a meeting Monday night the retail grocers will discuss the prices with the food administrator and they will tell him what they paid for goods and what they sell them for. Meat prices will also be taken up with local dealers and the dealers in clothing and shoes have also been asked to meet with Mr. Campbell.

### NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Ito Malone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tul Malone of Rensselaer, and Paul Nesius, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nesius of east of town, had their tonsils removed Monday.

Susie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waymire of Barkley township, was brought in Sunday suffering from pneumonia.

Harry Martin returned to his home at Morocco Monday.

Clara Francovick of near Pleasant Ridge had her tonsils removed yesterday.

Mrs. Margaret Williamson, who underwent a minor operation recently, was able to return to her home at McCosburg yesterday.

Mrs. Firman Thompson and baby expect to return to their home today.

### FARM FOR SALE

240 acres of land to be sold at 2 o'clock p. m. The place to be sold on account of old age of the owner. Location: 6½ miles north-east of Medaryville; 6½ miles southeast of San Pierre. Good 5-public auction on Tuesday, the second day of September, 1919, room house, fair stable, new hen-house, new double corn crib and grainary; 40 acres of good timothy hay land; the remainder of the farm is all tillable soil, except several acres of timber pasture. The land belongs to Mrs. Margaret May, Route 3, Medaryville, Ind. a30

### LATE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Arnold of Barkley township, a daughter.

### AN ABSENT-MINDED SOLICITOR

A young man, wearing a soldier's uniform, and accompanied by a young lady, was canvassing Rensselaer Saturday soliciting subscriptions for magazines. At the home of Homer Hendrickson on south Van Rensselaer street the magazine was subscribed for by Mrs. Hendrickson, and not having the proper change she gave the young man a \$5 bill. The latter left with the promise to return with the change. When he failed to return after a considerable length of time Mrs. Hendrickson telephoned her husband, who secured an officer and had the young man arrested at the Monon station. When confronted with the charge the young man stated he had forgotten to return the change but his embarrassed manner belied his words. On his returning the money Mr. Hendrickson decided not to prosecute him and the couple were permitted to leave town.

### IT CAN BE EASILY REMEDIED

If Rensselaer Merchants Desire to Close Before Sunday Mornings.

At the morning services at the M. E. church Sunday the matter of the stores of Rensselaer keeping open till midnight and after on Saturday nights was discussed, and a vote was taken asking that the merchants close at 11 o'clock, in order that the employees might get some sleep and then get up in time to attend Sunday school and church Sunday morning; also to keep from desecrating the Sabbath by keeping their places of business open until unseemly hours.

It would seem to The Democrat that the merchants themselves are wholly to blame for keeping open so late. They have an organization here and all they have to do if they wish to close at 11 o'clock is to say so and let their customers know that their places will be closed at such hour. It is a very easy matter to arrange if they desire to, and the farmers will certainly not object to such closing time. But so long as they keep open till 12 or 1 o'clock, just so long will some people put off taking their goods from the stores until such hours.

### CONTRACT CLOSED BY POSTILL

For New Consolidated School in North Marion Township.

Trustee Postill has awarded the contract for the new north side consolidated school building to Hodshire & Young of Monticello at \$17,112, which includes the building complete except seats, desks, chairs, etc. They are to have the building completed by Dec. 31, 1919, and started work on the basement Monday.

This building is to accommodate all the north half of Marion township, or five schools. Two of the five have heretofore been discontinued, the remaining three being Union, Belle Center and Bowling Green, in which school will be continued until Jan. 1, when Mr. Postill hopes to get into the new building.

The contract for seats and piano has been let to the Leonard Supply Co. of Silver Lake, Ind., and for teachers' desks and chairs to Kiger & Co. of Indianapolis.

### NOTICE TO DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

A new ruling of the treasury department provides that lapsed insurance may be reinstated within 18 months of discharge by the payment of premium for the month of discharge and premium for the month of reinstatement, provided the applicant states he is in as good health as at time of his discharge. For further particulars apply to the American Red Cross.—J. M. SAUSER, Secretary. a20

### Fresh Fish Friday

at the  
CO-OPERATIVE  
MEAT MARKET

Fresh Caught Lake Fish

Phone 92

### PICNICKED AT MAPLE GROVE

Dr. W. L. Myer and family, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hopkins, F. M. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Parker, Misses Clara and Marian Parker spent Sunday picnicking at Maple Grove, on the Tippecanoe river, east of Monon. They had a very nice time, except that in meeting a big auto truck near Monon, which did not turn out at all until the cars were almost together and then only got the front end off the road in time. Dr. Myer's car struck the rear end of the truck a side-swipe and was quite badly damaged, so much so that his party had to return home by rail Sunday evening. The damaged car belonged to Dr. Myer's father, and was not his own new Olds. Fortunately no one was injured, other than little Louise Rich, who received a slight cut in some way on the forehead which bled quite profusely.

### MEETS A PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Rod of Auto Tire Pump Injures Louie Warren.

"Doll" Warren, who resides on the Yeoman and Hopkins farm, north of town, met with a peculiar accident last Friday afternoon while pumping up a tire on his Maxwell car, near Laura, while out in company with his uncle, Louis Zick, of Walker township.

The tap was off the wood handle holding the handle to the pump rod, and pushing down his full weight on the handle the handle slipped or became disengaged in some way and the air valve falling to hold back the air already pumped in, the pump rod flew up and the end entered Doll's nostril, coming out at the side of the opposite nostril, making a wound that bled so profusely that it was feared he would bleed to death before he could be got to town and the injury attended to.

The accident was a most peculiar one and made quite a serious and painful wound, but it might easily have proven a fatal one had the rod struck him in the eye or forehead, as the force of the compressed air was no doubt sufficient to have caused the rod to penetrate the skull.

### HOW IS IT WITH RENSELAER?

Wholesalers Are Sending Rebates for Excessive Sugar Charges.

Ft. Wayne, August 18.—All of the six local wholesale grocers will be summoned to appear before an agent of the United States department of justice, the county prosecutor and the food administrator here tomorrow to explain rebating to grocers on recent sugar sales. Rebate checks have gone out to all retailers, it was learned today and the price fixed so that the consumer would not have to pay more than 11 cents a pound for sugar.

As stated in Saturday's Democrat, Rensselaer grocers—except in one solitary instance—were selling sugar at 12 to 12½ cents per pound, only one store selling at the retail price fixed by the federal food administrator, 11 cents. This was due, it was said, to the fact that our grocers were held up by the wholesalers in Chicago, where practically all of the sugar retailed here is bought.

As the government is getting after these profiteering wholesalers, as shown by dispatches elsewhere in The Democrat and through the daily papers, all grocers who have been charged an exorbitant price by wholesale houses they have dealt with should report the matter to the proper authorities that these profiteering leeches may be brought to time and properly punished.

### MONEY TO LOAN ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Parties desiring to build new homes, or purchase homes and pay for them in the same manner that rents are paid, should call on me for an interview on the very best and easiest plan for getting a home instead of paying rent, and having nothing to show for it. A great many homes are now being paid for by this installment plan, and now that rents are so high, every one should investigate the opportunities to buy instead of renting.

Call on me at my office in the Odd Fellows Building.—ARTHUR H. HOPKINS.

## GENERAL AND STATE NEWS

Telegraphic Reports From Many Parts of the Country.

### SHORT BITS OF THE UNUSUAL

Happenings in the Nearby Cities and Towns—Matters of Minor Mention From Many Localities.

### PLENTY OF SUGAR IN SIGHT

Relief Promised by Board in Supply Coming From Cuba.

New York, August 16.—The sugar shortage in this country soon will be relieved, according to the United States sugar equalization board, which has announced that it had more than 100 ships engaged in bringing sugar from Cuba. Some of the ships have arrived, others are expected Monday and about 50 are loading in Cuban ports. The board expressed confidence refineries would be working at capacity in another week.

### CAR TURNS OVER; ONE DEAD

James Marsh Killed Instantly, Joseph Wright Seriously Hurt.

Lafayette, August 16.—James Marsh, age 16, was instantly killed and Joseph Wright, age 20, was seriously injured Friday between Earl Park and Fowler, Benton county, when an automobile in which they were riding overturned. They were on their way to Earl Park to get some ice cream, having worked all day as farm hands. The driver lost control of the machine in some loose gravel. Both lads were caught beneath the car, Marsh's skull being crushed. Wright was hurt internally and several ribs were broken.

### HOW TO CURB HIGH PRICES

People Aid Profiteers By Orgy of Extravagant Buying.

Washington, August 16.—William Mather Lewis, director of the savings division of the treasury department who has returned to Washington from a visit to the various federal reserve districts, asserted in an official statement that the people in many parts of the country are virtually in league with the profiteers. He said:

"A veritable orgy of extravagant buying is going on. The reaction from the careful use of money during wartime is widespread and disturbing. Retailers are securing goods from jobbers without arguing about prices. If they can only be assured of immediate delivery. They know their customers will scramble for the goods, regardless of cost. Thus, with an abnormal demand and a limited output, nothing else can be expected than high prices. It is a natural, though deplorable, consequence that profiteers abound. The people must return to the policy of careful buying and regular saving if they wish to help the situation. The treasury department, in order to combat this artificial situation, is intensifying and speeding up its thrift campaign. Statements on the principles of finance and the laws of investments and budgets are being brought to workers in factories, to farmers, to business and professional men, and members of women's organizations, by means of printed publicity and the spoken word. A nationwide attack upon swindlers who are persuading people to dispose of their Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps is also being inaugurated."

"Throughout New England savings and thrift organizations already are exerting their combined efforts to combat increased cost of the necessities of life. Saving directors and hundreds of officers of savings societies are taking the lead in disseminating information as to fair prices. In their communities they are aiding the determination and publication of fair prices and in curbing unjust profits. They are following the plan of campaign recently outlined by Governor W. P. G. Harding, of the federal reserve board, to promote regular and efficient work to increase production and insure reasonable economies and to devote that production to necessities rather than extravagances or luxuries."

"Steps are being taken to insure similar efforts throughout the other federal reserve districts."

### SEVEN OF FAMILY ARE KILLED

Eight Die When Train Hits Automobile Near Conneaut, O.

Erie, Pa., August 18.—Eight persons, seven of them members of one family, and another a niece, were killed instantly 20 miles west of Erie Saturday night when a New York Central train struck their automobile at Reynold's crossing, seven miles east of Conneaut, O.

The dead: John Trainer, age 50; his wife, Camille Trainer, age 40; three sons, John, Jr., age 21; Vincent, age 10; Thomas, age 5; two daughters, Margaret, age 20, and Camille, age 7; a niece, Minnie Cunningham, age 19, of Braddock, Pa., also was killed.

The party was driving through a heavy rainstorm. View of the track was obstructed by side curtains and the noise of the train's approach was deadened.

### HELD UP BY AUTO THIEVES

Pete Merritt of Remington Lost His Ford Friday Night.

P. W. Merritt of just south of Remington, a brother of John Merritt of Rensselaer, was held up by a couple of highwaymen about 9 o'clock Friday night and at the point of two revolvers was forced to turn his Ford over to them in which Mr. Merritt with four friends was driving to Remington. The holdup occurred about 3½ miles west of Remington, near the old J. L. Wood farm on the Remington-Goodland road, it is understood. The two men were standing in the road, directly in the path of the approaching car, and when Merritt stopped, they flashed revolvers and commanded the occupants to get out. One of the men is described as being of middle age and the other as being about 22 years old. The older man had a dark mustache and wore a cap and a checkered suit. The stolen car was a 1917 model and the initials P. W. M. were painted on the sides.

Mr. Merritt was in Rensselaer Friday evening with his wife and another lady to get his mother, Mrs. Turner Merritt, of Remington, who had been visiting here at the home of her son John, and after reaching Remington is understood to have driven out with some young men and was returning to town when the holdup occurred.

Sheriff Woodworth and the sheriffs and town marshals in neighboring counties and towns were notified to be on the lookout for the thieves, but at latest reports no trace of the car has been found.

### TO TEACH AT DOUGLAS, ARIZ.

Miss Harriet Shedd will teach French the coming school year in the schools at Douglas, Ariz. Her mother will go to Demopolis, Ala., to remain until January with her daughter residing there, Mrs. S. E. Sparling, after which she will go to Douglas and stay with Miss Harriet for the balance of the school year. Douglas is a city of about 12,000 population, made up largely of Spanish and Mexican people and their descendants. One Spanish, one Mexican and two English papers are published there.

### BACKED INTO EACH OTHER

Dr. I. M. Washburn and B. Frank Alter had a little auto collision Sunday evening when they backed their cars together. Dr. Washburn had his car parked on the north side of Washington street, in front of his office, and Mr. Alter's car was parked on the south side of the street, just opposite. Both decided to leave at the same time and backed their cars into the middle of the street and came together with a crash. Both cars suffered minor damages, such as bent fenders, broken tail lights, etc.

### PLACE FERTILIZER ORDERS NOW

Farmers desiring to use commercial fertilizers this fall should place their orders at once with the Farmers' Grain company. Please give this matter your immediate attention so we may be able to care for your wants in this line.—H. H. POTTER, Manager Farmers' Grain company.

### ON TRACK NOW

Another car of Armour feed. Save money by buying off this car.—IROQUOIS ROLLER MILLS, phone 456.

No better job work produced in this section of Indiana than that turned out by The Democrat.