

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

GROCCERS WILL HOLD PICNIC

The Hammond Retail Grocers' Assn. will hold their first annual picnic at Douglas Park, Thursday, Aug. 28. All grocery stores will close all day.

FRED JOHNSON, Secy.
8-22-25-26-27

COMING EVENTS

The picnic of Mrs. Box's Sunday school class has been postponed from the 27th to the 29th of August and will be held in Chicago.

Miss Marion Deming entertained at a delightful luncheon and bridge party yesterday at her home, 49 Carroll street, complimenting her guest, Miss Louise Perkins of Sioux City and Miss Louise Perkins of Sioux City and Miss Louise Perkins of Sioux City.

Honoring Miss Kate Emery of Denver who is visiting here, Miss Lillian Smith of 111 Ogden street invited guests for three tables of cards last evening. Five hundred was played and high score was made by Miss Henrietta Hansen, Miss Daisy Emery was awarded the consolation prize. A dainty collation was served following the card games, there being covers for Mrs. Rodge of Orchard River, Ill., Mrs. Frank E. Stoltz, Mrs. R. B. McVey, Mrs. Ethel Sheffield, the Misses Daisy Emery, Anna, Daisy and Kate Emery, Lydia Muenich, Laura Hess and Beatrice Hansen.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. John Hakenson at their home, 539 Summer street, last Tuesday evening by a number of their friends and neighbors. The home and lawn were decorated with Japanese lanterns and oak leaves. Music, games and dancing occupied the evening and in conclusion a dainty collation was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Todd and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stocker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cona and family, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. McKown and family, Mrs. Miller and family, Mrs. Josephine Fitch, Miss Mae Glancy and Emory Gustafson. The out-of-town guest was Miss Margaret Hildebrand of Valparaiso University who is the house guest of Miss Dorsetta Shultz.

Mrs. Charles Wolf was entertained with the members of the Stitch and Chatter Club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Huch at her home in Mound. After the sewing and the afternoon the hostess served dainty refreshments. The next club party will be given by Mrs. J. A. Wolf of Harrison street.

An all day meeting of the Faithful Workers club was held at the home of Mrs. George L. Adkins, 32 Plummer avenue. A pot-buck luncheon was served at noon and there were covers for ten. During the afternoon the members quilted and sewed and accomplished a great deal of work for the society. Another meeting of the club is announced for two weeks from yesterday at the home of Mrs. Adkins.

Cards were the entertainment at the meeting of Circle No. 2 yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Erlwin in Excelsior street. Cards were played and the prizes were won by Mrs. Oscar Plageman, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Nau. The hostess served dainty refreshments following the game. In two weeks Mrs. Meyer of State Line street will be hostess to the club.

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Initiation of a class of candidates

LADIES!
Register for Water Carnival at
Summers' Pharmacy
Hammond.

Itching, Scratching, Skin Diseases That Burn Like Flames of Fire

Here is a Sensible Treatment That Gets Prompt Results.

Eczema and similar skin troubles come from a disordered, impure condition of the blood, and they can only be cured by giving the blood a thorough cleansing, and removing from it all traces of impurity.

This is why S. S. S. has been used so successfully in hundreds of

featured the meeting last evening of Unity Review No. 2 W. B. A. of the Macabees at the K. and L. of S. hall in the Rimbach building. A social hour followed the business meeting and was enjoyed by a large number of the members.

The meeting of Dorcas Rebekah lodge will be omitted this week on account of the picnic of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at the Wm. park Saturday afternoon and evening.

Miss Nettie Sue Hedges is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gavit and family of Hyalop Place for a week or ten days. She is returning to her home in Texas from Washington, D. C., where she has been doing government work.

Mrs. A. J. Buck of Lewis street left this morning for Columbus, O., where she will spend a few days enroute to Detroit and points in Canada for an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rietz, 450 Plummer avenue, announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday.

Mrs. Rodge of Orchard River, Ill., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Feller of Ogden street.

The Misses Anna and Katherine Filan of Elizabeth street are spending their vacation in Cleveland and Cedar Point, Ohio.

With the approach of Fall and prices of wearing apparel advancing, you will be greatly aided by going through your wardrobe and sending us such garments as you would like to have made NEW. Our process of cleaning is absolutely harmless—your garments will be thoroughly cleaned, brightened and returned to you without the least trace of odor.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long returned last evening from a motor trip to Pittsburgh, Butler, Pa., and Cleveland. They were away two weeks.

Too Late To Classify

WANTED—Bright young man who has had experience in shipping. Joseph Smith Co., 105 Canal st., Hammond. 8-22-21

WANTED—Boomer and boarder; centrally located, home cooking and modern conveniences. 159 Clinton st., phone Hammond 1245. 8-22-21

FOR RENT—4 rooms nicely furnished; centrally located. Must have good ref. 242 E. State st., Hammond. 8-22-21

WANTED—25 GIRLS OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE FOR BINDER WORK. EXCELLENT WAGES. COMMENCEMENT WORK AT 5 A. M.; SAT. P. M. OFF. CALL AT 222 MOND. W. B. CONLEY CO., 222 MOND.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT. THE STATE OF INDIANA, LAKE COUNTY, IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1919. WHITE, JOHN N. LOAN, TRUST & SAVINGS COMPANY, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ABRAHAM M. LUCAS, DECEASED, AND IZETTA LUCAS, WIDOW OF SAID DECEASED, VS. DOMINIK GINTIL, CAUSE No. 18459. ACTION TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

Now comes the Plaintiff, by A. K. Sills and C. B. Tinkham, their attorneys, and file their complaint herein, together with an affidavit of a competent person, showing that the defendant, Dominik Gintil, is not a resident of the State of Indiana.

Said defendant is therefore hereby notified of the pendency of said action and that the same will stand for trial at the next term of said Court, and that unless he appear and answer or demur therein, at the calling of said cause, on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1919, the same being the third day of the next term of said Court to be begun and held in the Court House, Room No. 2, at Hammond, Ind. said action will be heard and determined in his absence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at Hammond, this 22nd day of August, A. D. 1919.

HERBERT L. WHEATON, (Seal) Clerk L. S. C.

By RUTH BERG, Deputy Clerk. 8-22-20; 8-5

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The Misses Anna Buerger and Alpha Wust of Fon du Lac, Wis., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. Doehring of Walter street and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Soli of Soli street.

George and Edwin Lipinski, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Lipinski, have arrived in Hammond from Germany where they were with the army of occupation. They served in the air service of the second division.

NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

All students who expect to begin or resume work at the Industrial High School September 2nd are requested to call at the principal's office before the opening of school for registration and adjustment of programs. The office will be open each day from 8:30 to 4:50. Recitations begin Wednesday, September 3, so it will be to the student's advantage to have programs ready before the opening of school.

READY FOR OPENING.

Everything is in readiness at the Hammond Orpheum theatre for the first program after the summer vacation. The doors will open tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with a six act bill which is said to be an example of the quality which is to follow. Manager Michelstetter has secured his usual pleasing assortment of acts. While the American Minstrel Maids is listed as the headline, the other five acts are all good ones and especial attention is called to Nobe, the act in which a woman does all kinds of stunts in a large glass tank of water.

Mr. Michelstetter received a check when he went into the market for his opening acts. The few weeks in which his place had been closed had brought some remarkable changes. Prices of acts had advanced about one-fourth and the same condition obtained in every line connected with his business. Added to that he has the pleasant information that the extension of the strike of actors and stage hands may be felt in Hammond and mean the closing of his house.

DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO PAY THEIR TAXES.

From the number of persons in Hammond who do not know the proper place to pay their county taxes it is evident that many are paying taxes this year who never did so before. Each day the attaches of the office in the Hammond court house turn scores of people away who have come there to pay their county taxes.

Many also expect to find not only the county treasurer's office but the city treasurer as well, in the Hammond court house. Count Treasurer Matt Brown is anxiously waiting for these people to appear at Crown Point. He is going after the delinquents now and under the law he is required to get it all. Wherever a delinquent owns household goods, which are worth more than \$100 he can now levy on them and sell them for taxes.

DISTRICT ZONED BY MILITARY

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Monday. Many of the men who went out on strike have drifted to other places on little vacation trips. Others had secured temporary jobs and would probably prefer to stay the week out before returning to their old place. Being so near the week-end, it had been predicted that the majority of the men would wait until Monday.

WELL PLEASED WITH MEN.

Adjutant General Smith is very proud of the showing the troops are making and is well pleased with the way they have insured themselves to camp life and to the trying exigencies of the occasion. He says they are absolutely dependable no matter what emergency arises. Everything for their comfort is being done by Gen. Smith and Col. Harrison that can be done.

CARE IN DRINKING WATER.

Hammond's drinking water was one

of the first matters to receive the attention of Col. Harrison's staff on reaching Hammond yesterday. They at once learned the condition of the water and orders were posted warning the soldiers not to drink any water except at the specified places on the company's grounds. There has not been a single case of illness reported yet.

DUTY ROSTER.

First call, 5:30 a. m.
Reveille, 5:50 a. m.
Assembly, 6:00 a. m.
Mess, 6:30 a. m.
Sick call, 7:15 a. m.
First Sergeant Call, 7:30 a. m.
Fatigue, 8:30 a. m.
Officers' Call, 8:15 a. m.
Drill, 8:45 a. m.
Recall, 10:15 a. m.
Mess, 12:00 p. m.
Drill, 2:00 p. m.
Recall, 3:30 p. m.
Recreation, 4:15 p. m.
Mess, 4:30 p. m.
Tattoo, 9:15 p. m.
Quarters, 9:45 p. m.
Taps, 10:00 p. m.

LITIGATION MAY BE LONG PENDING

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continue at work or the service should be suspended.

The proposition was for a temporary increase to June 1st, 1920. Our estimates based upon the actual figures for the last six months and the experience of other cities where increased rates have gone into effect indicated clearly that the seven-cent fare was necessary to give the city a revenue to pay the increased wage scale. If our request were granted it would remain within your power to prevent any excessive charge for our service to the public and to determine at the end of the temporary period whether an emergency still existed and whether the seven-cent fare should be reduced or the five-cent fare fully restored.

You have not disputed the justice of the increased wage to our men. Nor have you questioned the financial statements and estimates of the Company which were fully laid before you. It is perfectly plain that the Company can not pay the advanced scale, which will add \$88,737.55 to its annual operating costs, without an increased fare. These were the only things involved in the amended contract submitted to you. Since you recognize the justice of our demands and the necessity for our request in order to meet these demands, your refusal to grant an increased fare definitely places the responsibility for the tie-up in the service on you.

Your special committee's report recommended approval of the contract entered into by the Board of Public Works providing for a seven-cent fare provided we complied with eight written demands, not one of them covered by any requirement in our present franchise. To grant these demands would require an outlay in extensions and increased cost of operation of over \$100,000.00. If a temporary increase of fare were granted, as proposed, the most that we could hope to earn during the eight months' period, to June 1st, 1920, would not exceed \$60,000.00. All of this money would have to go to the men. Your proposition to us is simply this: we are to receive a temporary increase of revenue of \$20,000.00, which must go to the employees to keep them at work and the lines in operation, but we must obligate ourselves to make extensions and assume operating costs outside of our present franchise obligations, which will require an expenditure on our part of over \$100,000.00 without any means of raising this amount.

Forecasting from your meeting of the 12th instant your unfavorable action upon our proposition, our men on the 16th again went out on strike.

Through your City Attorney you have served notice upon us that unless we promptly resume operation of our cars, the City will bring a mandamus proceeding to compel us to operate and will at the same time ask the court to appoint a receiver to take the management and control of our property out of our hands and place them in the hands of the receiver.

You are well aware and admit that we cannot operate our lines by our former employees unless we meet their demands and that we cannot meet those demands without an increased fare. A receiver would be confronted by precisely the same condition. Are we to decrease that you desire us to fight the demands of our men for a living wage and to bring in strike-breakers and that you will furnish adequate police protection to enable these strike-breakers to safely and successfully operate our cars? Would you ask the court to appoint a receiver and to direct such receiver to operate with strike-breakers? If we are to operate with strike-breakers, it must be by a receiver—it must be either by our old employees at the living wage they demand, or by new men at a less wage. If the old men are re-employed money must be obtained to pay them, and this can only be done through an increased fare. If new men at a less wage than the old men are employed, they must be protected by the police of the city or the military forces of the state. Which of these things do you desire? The public prosperity and the workingmen of this community particularly are entitled to have your position on these matters clearly defined.

Our confidence in the laws and courts of this state is such that we feel no concern over the threat of judicial proceedings. The important thing, however, is that in the meantime men are required to work and from work men change their minds and refuse to work. There is a general feeling of unrest in the entire district. This situation, brought about through no fault of the Company, by all means should be remedied by the resumption of service at the earliest.

I have already shown that a suit to appoint a receiver will not get you anywhere. I am sure that there is no proper basis for such a suit. Even if your suit should be induced to appoint a receiver, nevertheless the Supreme Court would be called upon to pass upon the propriety of the appointment and this could not be done until sometime in October at the earliest. I call your attention to another circumstance which should be considered in connection with your proposed action. The United States Housing Corporation, an agency of the United States Government, is the owner of the ten new cars recently placed in service. Under our contract with that Corporation, if pay conditions should be commenced for the appointment of a receiver for our lines, that Corporation can immediately take possession of and remove these cars

from the system. We ask you in all fairness will it serve the interest of any one concerned, whether the lines be operated by us or by a receiver, to have the present rolling stock crippled by the withdrawal of our ten best cars? In addition, under our contract with the Housing Corporation, if a receiver is appointed, that Corporation has the right to declare our entire indebtedness upon money advanced for the Columbia avenue extension and other improvements due, amounting to over \$200,000.00, and to have the service units action foreclosed on the obligations they hold and throw the system into bankruptcy. These will be the consequences of the action you have authorized, which in the interest of the public, you should consider before proceeding with that action.

If our prayer for an increase in fare is granted this does not mean a permanent seven-cent fare. Between now and the first of June, this Company must confer with you and the officials of the other cities in which we operate to work out the question of whether such reduction of fare shall be continuous, reduced, or a return made to a five-cent fare. Your power remains unimpaired to protect the public interests, both in the matter of transportation service and the rates of fare. I think you will concede that the Company cannot give the public service unless the Company is given enough revenue to provide that service. And you will bear in mind that for three years not a dollar has been paid to our stockholders.

You can make possible the resumption of service at once on the lines if you will. We cannot operate unless we are given an increase of fare. We are fully aware of and stand ready to carry out our obligations to the public to give it service to the fullest extent within our power. The necessity for an increased fare is so plain that we had hoped that the city who granted us our franchise would hesitate to grant the increase. We have no disposition to resort elsewhere for relief unless and until we have your final and definite refusal.

Like all utilities and unlike the ordinary business corporation, we cannot meet the cost of increased wages or materials by simply adding to the charge for service. We must first get permission from the proper authorities. Your body is primarily empowered to grant such permission. The grant of such permission upon impossible terms is no permission at all. An extension on Calumet avenue would cost over \$70,000.00. The paving of Indianapolis boulevard would cost over \$30,000.00. Even with

a seven-cent fare we would have no funds and no way of raising funds for such purposes.

Aside from the matters of extensions and paving, your demands relate chiefly to the method of routing cars. You will understand this is a question which requires practical experience. We operate in a district which is a net work of railroads. Our schedules are continually upset by blocked crossings. There are other physical conditions which make the routing of cars over our lines a difficult problem. Applying the experience of many years, we believe that the present system of routing cars is as good as any that can be adopted. We are not, however, wedded to this system; it is to our interest to so route our cars as to give that service which will best accommodate the greatest number of the riding public. I desire, therefore, to suggest that the City select a disinterested, practical street railway man and authorize him to go over our entire system and examine the method of routing cars now in effect and take up with the Council or a committee selected by it and representatives of this Company the entire question of routing, and if a better method of routing can be ascertained, adopt a plan therefor in place of the one now in effect.

The question has also been raised as to whether the two-cent additional fare would be more than sufficient to pay the increased wages of our employees. We are quite sure that it will not, but as an evidence of our good faith in the matter, I submit this proposition, to-wit: An accurate record will be kept of the increase in wage scale from the seven-cent fare from the time it goes into effect until the first day of June, 1920. The Company will then make a report to your body, showing the increase, and any part of such increase over and above the amount required to meet the increase in wage scale and changed working conditions of our men as per our agreement with them will be devoted to betterments and improvements of service.

I respectfully urge upon you a reconsideration of your action of the 19th instant, and the granting of our request for an increased fare as the only solution of a situation, the chief sufferers in which are the men who have to walk and the business man who is suffering substantial financial losses.

Respectfully yours,
O. F. PALMADRE,
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