

AUTOMOBILE DEALERS MAY CHARTER CAR FOR CHICAGO SHOW

Predicting improved business conditions within the next three months, and a moderate progress toward prosperity in the future, A. G. Matthews, vice-president of the second national bank, set the standpoint of the bankers of the city before the members of the Wayne County Automobile association, in the Arlington hotel, Tuesday evening.

Members of the Greenville auto trade were guests at the meeting.

"I can not see with the wealth that is contained in this country, anything but a bright future in store for us," said Mr. Matthews. "Within the next two or three months we will have passed the peak of the depression, and have entered upon the road to better business. I do not expect a boom, for two reasons, one is the disturbance in business that comes from the fluctuations in international exchange, which prevents this country having an outlet for its products, the other is the fact the farmer's buying power is restricted. The farmer can not be prosperous with 40 cent corn."

Reserve Increases.

In the past year we have had a number of discouraging factors, but we have had encouraging factors as well. The banks of the country were down to a 40 per cent reserve 12 months ago. Today they show a 70 per cent reserve.

The handling of "automobile paper" also was touched upon by Mr. Matthews in his address.

Dudley Elmer, cashier of the bank, who arrived late, also spoke for a few minutes, complimenting the local club in the organization of the National Finance association, which, he said, is filling an actual need in the community.

Members of the club questioned Mr. Elmer regarding a number of matters of mutual interest to the bankers and auto dealers of the city. Both Mr. Elmer and Mr. Matthews were thanked by the president of the club, Fred Beldard, for their attendance at the meeting.

May Charter Car.

Members of the trade will charter a special car to visit the Chicago automobile show if plans under way at present are carried out. Those who said they would attend were: Walter Schott, Benjamin Berman, Harry Clemoweth, Charles Webb, Fred Goltz, Clem McConaha, J. F. Halliday, Ray Eggleston and Huston Marlatt. Clem McConaha has charge of the task of booking reservations on the car.

H. C. Mayl, A. J. Shapp, H. W. Wise, C. C. Westerfield, L. M. Dunham and S. J. Knapp, all of Greenville, were guests of the local club.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE DEATH WHEN AUTO FALLS INTO RIVER

DUNLAPSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 4.—Roy Larimore and George Cunningham of Brownsville, narrowly escaped death by drowning, Sunday morning, when the automobile in which they were riding became unmanageable and ran off a bank into the river. The stream at this point was about 10 or 12 feet deep and very swift.

They were saved by clinging to tree branches hanging over the river bank. Forest Stevens, living close by, aided the men from the water. The automobile drifted far down stream and was not taken from the water until Tuesday. Both men are suffering from exposure.

New Westville Sabbath School Elects Officers

NEW WESTVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 4.—New officers for the New Westville Sabbath school for the coming year were elected Sunday, Jan. 1. They are as follows:

Superintendent, Thomas Ammerman; assistant, Mrs. John Cox; secretary, Miss Mary McWhinney; assistant, Miss Gladys Ray; pianist, Miss Larina Brees.

Class No. 1, Miss Esther Stegall; teacher; No. 2, Miss Hazel Call, teacher; No. 3, Miss Ethel Call, teacher; No. 4, M. C. Stegall; No. 5, Mrs. Everett Fryfogle; No. 6, Mrs. Elsie Hicks; No. 7, George Bowers.

Officers For Jacksonburg Sunday School Elected

JACKSONBURG, Ind., Jan. 4.—The following officers were elected to serve the Jacksonburg Sunday school the coming year: Orville Berg, superintendent; Clarence Jenkins, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Ida Walters, treasurer; Harold Hormel, secretary; Robert Jenkins, pianist; Clarence Jenkins, chorister.

Argentine Pro-League Proposes Early Citizenship

(By Associated Press)

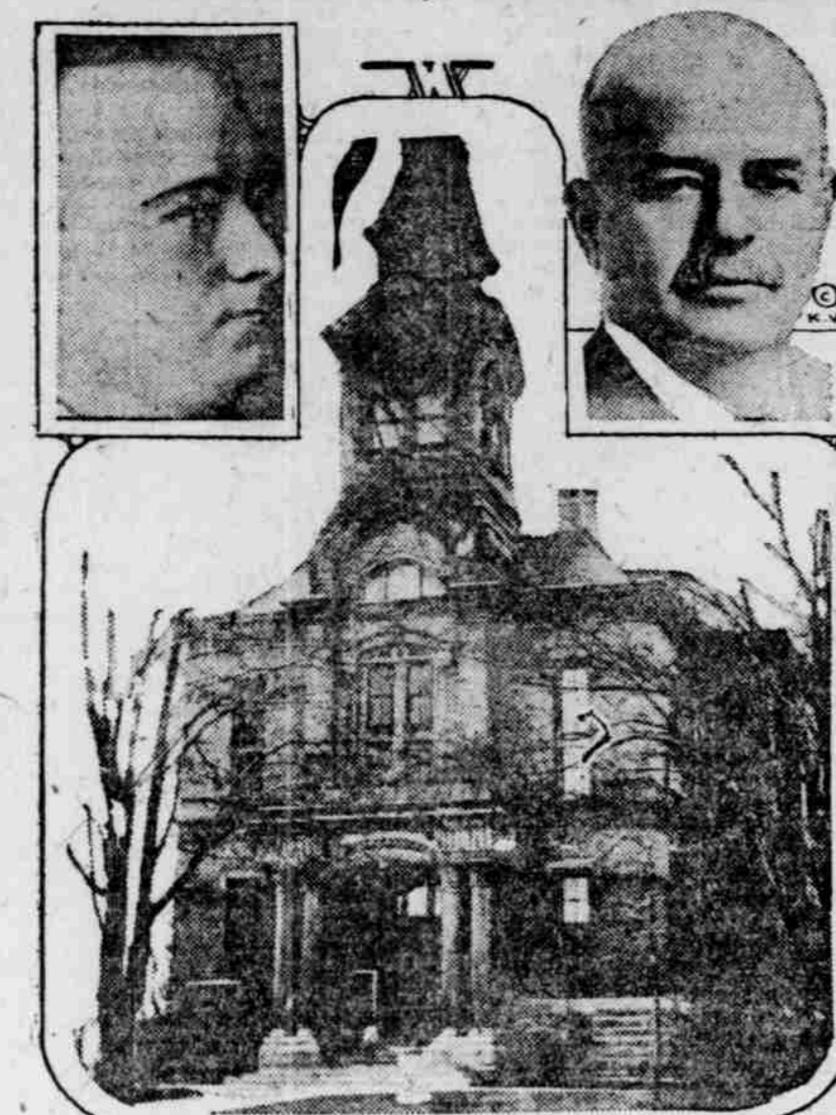
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 4.—Foreigners residing over five years in any country would obtain automatically the citizenship of that country under the provisions of a resolution recently adopted by the Argentine Pro-League of Nations association which it will send to the next meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations with a request for its adoption.

The resolution is in accordance with a system of obligatory citizenship, of which Dr. Juan Carlos Garay, an Argentine lawyer, is the author. This plan makes a fundamental distinction between citizenship and nationality and provides that foreigners automatically made citizens of the country of their residence shall not lose their original nationality.

NEGRO NEVER WORE SHOES
NORTH VERNON, Ind., Jan. 4.—Robert Johnson, colored, 68 years old, died last night at the county infirmary, which had been his home for over fifty years. He was known as the man who never wore shoes.

MURINE
A Wholesome, Cleansing, Refreshing and Healing Lotion—Murine for Redness, Soreness, Granulation, Itching and Burning of the Eyes or Eyelids; "2 Drops" After the Movies, Motoring or Golf Will Win Your Confidence. Ask Your Drug-
gist for Murine when Your Eyes Need Care.

STATE MAY DROP REMAINING CHARGE AGAINST SMALL, SEEK RE-INDICTMENT



Courthouse at Waukegan, Ill., Judge Claire C. Edwards, left, and Gov. Len Small.

As the date (Jan. 9) for the opening of the trial of Gov. Len Small and Vernon Curtis on the charge of conspiring to embezzle \$500,000, approaches there is a report that the state may not prosecute Small on the present charge. They may ask dismissal of the case and seek the re-indictment of Small, it is said. The conspiracy is alleged to have occurred during Small's term as state treasurer. The victory of the defense in quashing all but the one count in the previous indictments weakened the state's case. Judge Claire C. Edwards of the Lake County court will preside at the trial, to be held in the courthouse at Waukegan if it takes place.

The Post Office and the Missing Man

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Will Hays' plan to help locate missing persons has resulted so far in a large amount of correspondence for the post office department, some reunited families, and a few puzzled postmasters who have searched the postal regulations in vain for instructions showing how to proceed in a search for missing relatives.

Mr. Hays has no idea, it seems, of turning the post office department into a complete detective agency. It merely occurred to him one day that it was rather cold-blooded to turn down by form letter requests for help in locating lost husbands and wandering sons.

Please for help in such cases have always come to the government. Many people seem to think that the post office department has a huge alphabetical file of all the persons in the United States. As a matter of fact it has no such list. Nor have the local post offices any card catalogues of the populations they serve. The only reference list to which postmaster can refer in delivering mail to persons whose address is unknown is the city directory—the same book that is available to the public in drug stores, libraries and hotels all over the country.

Incidentally, there is also a popular belief that the census bureau has an alphabetical list of the population, and as a result the bureau receives a large number of requests for addresses of missing persons. The census bureau, of course, has no way of giving these persons any satisfaction. The records taken by the bureau enumerators are completely confidential.

The state department is a third government office that has often been asked to help locate the missing, especially by foreigners. The state department almost never tries to trace persons in this country. When foreigners are searching for lost relatives they are generally referred to their consuls in this country.

So, in the past, seekers for missing relatives have received scant help from the government. Mr. Hays considered the rule which says that postmasters may not give out information concerning the names and addresses of persons using the mails. He recognized that the rule is wise in that it insures to persons using the mails protection against annoyance. That was the purpose of the regulation and the postmaster general had no desire to change it. Everyone who entrusts letters to the United States mails is assured that employees are not allowed to tamper with them, and the regulation is safeguarded by heavy penalties.

But if relatives who were separated by accident could be brought together without violating the spirit of the ruling, Mr. Hays decided that the service rendered would be valuable to the public.

Mr. Hays' plan is simple. Those who are eager to locate missing relatives go to their local postmaster in person and consult with him, giving such facts as the last city where the missing man or woman lived, name, description, and why it is desired to get in touch with him or her.

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