

BREEDERS CONSIDER COMBINING COUNTIES FOR SESSION JAN. 21

Wayne county breeders, meeting Saturday afternoon with Robert Evans of Chicago, national secretary of the Duroc Jersey association, and C. C. Terrill, state secretary of the Ohio association, discussed arrangements for the inter-county combination sessions to be held in this city, Jan. 21. Saturday's meeting was held in the director's room of the Second National bank, at 1 o'clock.

It was reported that both Evans and Terrill had shown great interest in the proposed meeting, especially in the feature of including pig club members of the past year, and prospective ones of next year. Mr. Evans promised, if sufficient interest can be aroused, to bring one of the most noted pig club leaders of the country. Moving picture films of the national swine show will be exhibited also.

The high school auditorium has been secured for the meeting and for showing the pictures. Two sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon, with adjournment early enough to allow those attending from a distance to get home early.

Predict Large Delegation
It was reported that breeders and farmers interested in Preble county are intending to be present in a body with their full club membership, if possible.

County agents of Randolph and Union counties, Indiana and of Darke and Preble counties, Ohio, are interested and have promised to do all in their power to assure a good attendance.

Breeders of all counties are interested in attending themselves, and are expecting to bring along delegations of club members for the benefits to be derived from the speakers. Even Rush county will be represented. Charles Trowbridge of Mays has promised co-operation.

Foreigners Want Stock.

It was said at a recent Ohio meeting that inquiries are coming in from Mexico, South America, Japan, Australia, and Europe, for stock and that breeders could easily dispose of twice the stock they have. The section of eastern Indiana and western Ohio was stated to be the center of the Duroc Jersey breeding industry and breeders here were urged to cooperate to the fullest extent, combine their efforts and to take advantage of the favorable situation. The Jan. 21st meeting will be a step in that direction, it was pointed out by members of the committee today.

HILDEBOLT, OF EATON HONORED BY OHIO DUROC HOG FANCIERS

EATON, Ohio, Jan. 7.—A rosy future for the Duroc Jersey swine breeding industry was predicted by speakers at the annual meeting of the Ohio State Duroc Jersey Breeders association, held in Columbus, Jan. 5, according to Charles Hildebolt, of Eaton, who attended from Preble county.

The secretary of the association, C. C. Terrill, and numerous breeders, reported at the meeting that they were receiving inquiries for stock from all over the United States and from foreign countries as well, with a demand indicated that is far in excess of stock available. An immediate return of prosperity in the livestock industry was forecast by the speakers.

Warning against taking advantage of the favorable situation and allowing inflated prices to be established again, to the harm of the industry, was sounded by E. B. Keeley, well known breeder of Richmond, Va. He pleaded for breeders to sell for only a fair margin and keep on a sound basis.

Another indication of returning prosperity was found in the report of Robert Evans, national secretary, that his office had registered during the month of November, transfers amounting to \$150,000 more than the same month last year.

Charles Hildebolt, of Eaton, was made a member of the executive committee for next year, four other members being chosen from Springfield, Cedarville and from northeastern Ohio. Howard Gerlaugh of Osborne, was elected president, F. B. Fidler of Marion as vice-president; C. S. Sprague, secretary-treasurer.

SELL \$2,500 STOCK IN BREEDERS' ASS'N

CENTERVILLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Sale of \$2,500 worth of stock in the Wayne County Breeders' association, which promoted a county stock show and plans a stock show and fair for next year, was announced at the meeting held in Centerville Friday night.

Encouraged by this start, the breeders planned for a sale of the rest of the stock at the next annual meeting, to be held in Centerville on Tuesday, Jan. 24. At that time plans will be completed for sale of the rest of the stock, either then or soon after. Election of officers for the coming year will be held during this session also. Arrangements will be made to have dinner served by one of the women's organizations and a general program will be given in the afternoon. Further plans for the all-day meeting will be announced as soon as completed.

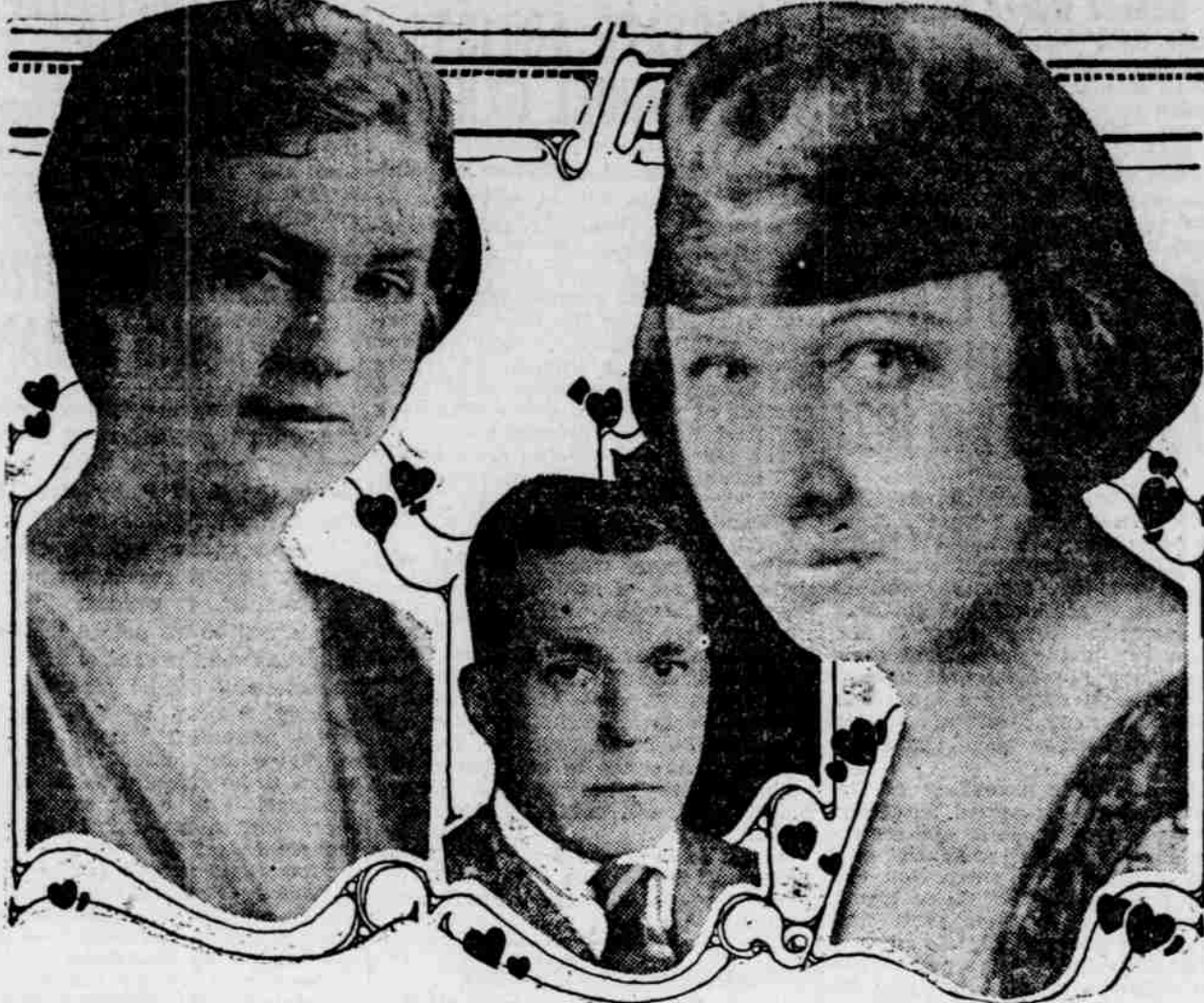
The sale of such a block of stock was a pleasant surprise to several of the members, work in this line not having been very extensive as yet, and those present were much encouraged by it.

MODOC SCHOOL WORK INSTITUTE FEATURE

MODOC, Ind., Jan. 7.—A noon lunch served by the sophomore class of the Modoc school, and a baking contest for all girls of school age and a seed corn selection for the boys will give parents of pupils of that school a concrete example of the benefits of the school on the occasion of the annual farmers' institute for Little Creek township, Randolph county.

The institute is to be held in the school building on Friday, Feb. 3. R. A. Ogg, Mrs. Lillian Pierce and County Superintendent O. H. Griest will address the meeting.

TWO LEGAL WIVES FAIL TO BRING MILLIONAIRE HAPPINESS



Wife No. 1, Stasia Welsh Wells, at left; wife No. 2, Marian Povie Wells, and Thomas Wells, Jr., husband of both.

Thomas Wells, Jr., millionaire Youngstown, O., doughboy, has two nice wives, both legal helpmates. But he isn't happy—far from it. Wells married wife No. 2, Marian Povie, in New York

eight days after he obtained a divorce from wife No. 1, Stasia Welsh, several months ago. Then Mrs. Wells No. 1 decided she hadn't obtained enough alimony and obtained a reversal of the divorce decree. And Wells now

has two wives and will have until he succeeds in reversing the decree obtained by wife No. 1. A fourth member is expected to enter into the strange predicament in June—at the home of Marian Povie Wells.

The Farm and the Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

The cigar leaf growers in the Miami valley are once more facing their annual problem, to sell or not to sell? The crop is admittedly of good quality, in the main, regardless of the late, wet spring and the mid-summer dry spell. There are spots, of course, where the quality is somewhat inferior. We have been told that this is true of some of the crops in the Camden district.

"A few local or speculative buyers have picked up a few crops around New Madison, Otterbein and Palestine," said W. B. Eddins of Eldorado, "but we have been unable to quote prices as yet. The purchases so far have been on the basis of 12 cents, we understand. Our tobacco growers are not to accept this figure."

Mr. Eddins is buyer in his section for the big Newburg concern, at Hamilton, Ohio. This firm of big buyers is not yet in the market for leaf, and the same is true of the United concern, the largest buyers of cigar leaf in the country. Mr. Eddins expects that both of these interests will be in the market within a few days, and if farmers are willing to sell at the bid prices, there soon will be a whole lot of tobacco money in circulation, is his opinion.

Paying 50c for Old Corn.
"We are paying 50 cents for old corn and 45 cents for new," was the report from the Farmers' elevator at Camden Friday. The manager said that they were taking in some corn right along at these prices, many farmers considering them liberal by comparison with ruling figures at central markets. He said that while very few cattle were on feed down his way, there seemed to be about the usual number of hogs in the feed lots and that they were handling their share of the feed sold. He further remarked that the tobacco growers had not reported any sales, nor had any buyers yet attempted to contract for crops, so far as he had learned. The stockholder's meeting and election of officers was set for Saturday afternoon, was the statement.

Are Fighting Grain Growers.
County Agent Dolan, who had been visiting around Amboy, in Lee county, Illinois, got back on the job early Tuesday after spending holiday week with relatives and friends. He says that the U. S. Grain Growers are hard at work in that section of the state and have placed the country districts, urging all farmers to tie up with them. But the Board of Trade men are pretty active. They are posting the roadways with the injunction or warning to farmers not to sign anything which they can't read and readily understand. The fight is hot and daily getting hotter in several Illinois counties, and it is presumed that Indiana is likely to have a little of the

same dosage whenever the U. S. G. G. make a drive for membership in this state.

Is Feeding 500 Hogs.
The big feeders between New Madison and Greenville have almost the usual number of hogs on feed. Irvin Reck is credited with about 500 hogs on full feed, but has fewer cattle in his feed lots than last year at this time. On the contrary, Frank Nogle, well known in both Wayne and Preble counties as a big feeder, is wintering more cattle this winter than last, but has cut down the number of hogs being fitted for the spring market. The tendency of late has been to market light hogs, rather than to put on an excess weight for lard and heavy hams.

Making It Snappy.
"Let's pack the house on Monday evening!" Who wants a packed house? Gwen Duke, of Boston, gentleman. He refers to the school house and mailed his fellow members a snappy card, Friday, on which he announced the program and hinted at the business to come up for discussion Monday night. In conclusion he remarks "Some one has said that Boston needs a new community building. This will come up before the meeting, too."

There are doubtless a whole lot of spots on the local map where a community building would prove a mighty good investment and be of benefit to both village and countryside. A few progressive men in the Brownsville district set the wheels in motion and financed a building of this character last summer. It was recently opened up, and although there are other facilities to be added as the money is raised, the building has proved a magnet and incited many gatherings during the past month or so.

Freight 50c Per Ton.
A freight cost of \$5 per ton and a 2 per cent war tax on all the anthracite on hand is one of the reasons for \$15 coal, said Charles K. Stone, of the Milton Grain company. "We have done a fair business in coal, but mostly in bituminous, and with each coil snap the demand lives up," Mr. Stone says that the demand for feed indicates about the usual winter supply of hogs.

National Farm Conference.
L. W. Wright, treasurer of the National Grange, lives at Indianapolis. He has received an invitation from Secretary Wallace to attend the national agricultural conference at Washington, beginning on January 23. Governor McCray, who is chairman of the corn belt advisory board, has received a similar invitation.

The president of the National Milk Producers association, Milo D. Campbell, lives at Coldwater, Mich. The members of the association market

about \$500,000,000 worth of milk per year and this is not only a going but a growing concern, which was organized as late as 1916. On one of the Campbell dairy farms near Coldwater, all the buildings, silos, etc., are of fire-proof concrete construction. Mr. Campbell is nationally known as a progressive agriculturist and is affiliated with numerous farm organizations.

Woodward Cuts Coal Price.
W. B. Woodward, of Dublin, avers that he has recently cut the price on all soft coal \$1 per ton. "At this low scale of prices," said he, "we do not accept rubles, marks, yens, coopecks, francs or wooden nickels, but are giving the people a run for their good American dollars." Mr. Woodward is a "jokist" of the first water, but said that this reduction in price of coal was no joke, but the "real goods." He says they are paying "40 cents for corn, of any and all kinds."

SHORT COURSE BEGINS MONDAY AT PURDUE; OFFER SPECIAL FARES

The annual farmers' short course will begin Monday, Jan. 9, at Purdue, with courses in home economics, dairying, vegetable gardening, horticulture, poultry, livestock, and soils and crops. In addition, to the daily lectures, evening programs have been arranged for the first four evenings of the course.

The following state association meetings will be held during the week: The State Corn Growers' association meeting will be held Jan. 11; the Indiana State Vegetable Growers' association, Jan. 11; the State Live Stock Breeders' association, Jan. 12; the Indiana Home Economics association, Jan. 12 and 13.

The following state cattle breeders' associations will hold their annual meeting in the Agricultural building: Indiana Angus Breeders' association, (Jan. 13), Hereford Breeders' association (4:30, Jan. 12), January 13, at 9:15 a. m., the Indiana Ayrshire association, the Indiana Guernsey Breeders' association, the Indiana Holstein Breeders' association and the Indiana Jersey Cattle club will hold their annual meetings in Smith Hall.

The state corn show, which is under the auspices of the Corn Growers' association, will be held in connection with the farmers' short course.

Evening Programs.
Evening programs, which will be general in character and will be attended by the entire enrollment of the school, will include, on the first day, an address on "Factors in Building Indiana Agriculture," by Prof. G. I. Christie, and on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, an address by Ex-Gov. W. L. Harding of Iowa. On the fourth evening, Jan. 12, a light entertainment will be provided with readings and playlets.

Special fares are offered by the railroads for those who attend the short course, of one and one-half fare for round trip tickets by the railroads from Jan. 7 to 11, with the tickets good until Jan. 16, and on the electric roads, tickets for the same price good from Jan. 9 to 16.

J. S. Helms, living south of Richmond in Boston township, will attend the course from Wayne county.

Farm Sale Calendar

Monday, Jan. 9
Fred Elliott, one-half mile north of Arba, three miles south of Sparta and 13 miles northeast of Richmond. General sale.

Tuesday, Jan. 10
John Rothermel, D. C. Harlan, on Harlan farm, one-half mile east of Pershing, closing out sale of horses, cattle, hogs, etc., at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, Jan. 11
James Shank, 1 mile south of Werne Home and 3 miles southeast of Richmond on Boston pike. Closing out sale.

Thursday, Jan. 12
On Toney Clement's farm, 6 miles northeast of Williamsburg; general farm sale; 9:30 a. m.

Friday, Jan. 13
Louis E. Burkett, on Threewit farm, 4 1/2 miles southwest of Centerville and 1 1/2 miles south of Buckeye schoolhouse, and 5 1/2 miles northwest of Abington, closing out sale.

Saturday, Feb. 21
One and one-half miles west of Hagerstown; Working Keagy Macy; clean-up sale; 10 a. m.

Body of Missing Student Found at Evansville

(By Associated Press)
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—The body of Clyde Crow, 18, high school student, and one of the three boys missing since last Saturday morning, was washed ashore from the Ohio river today. Searchers were still looking for the bodies of Leo Winiger and Thomas Fruchte.

The three boys left last Saturday morning to go duck hunting in a canoe. Sailors from the U. S. Revenue cutter, Kankakee, discovered the overturned canoe last Wednesday.

PICK DEFINITE TASKS FOR OHIO INSTITUTES, SAYS STATE DIRECTOR

EATON, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Every farmer's institute should aim at a definite object and try to accomplish some particular work each year in its community, said F. L. Allen, of Ohio State university, state director of farmers' institute work, speaking Friday to a gathering of about 30 of Preble county institute directors in the Eaton courthouse. Mr. Allen urged the institute officials not to accept the institute as an excuse simply to get together and have a good time, but to select some task that should be done for the benefit of the community, and make the whole institute work to the fulfillment of that task. As an example, better labor saving facilities for households, especially for the kitchens, were mentioned as a need of many farming communities, and it was shown how a farmer's institute could help to improve a community instead of scattering its information and work among half a dozen subjects.

Four Institutes Planned.
Four state aid farmers' institutes are scheduled for this year in Preble county, at West Manchester on Feb. 22 and 23; Campbelltown, Feb. 24 and 25; Crestis, March 1 and 2; and Morning Sun, March 3 and 4. Independent institutes will be held at West Alexandria, Feb. 8 and 9; and in Dixon township, Jan. 13 and 14. The date for the New Paris independent institute has not yet been set.

Officers of the state aid institutes this year are: West Manchester, W. E. Gruber, president; C. F. Leard, secretary; Campbelltown, Charles Murray, president; Harry Hildebolt, secretary; Gratis, Azel Burbake, president; Charles Burd, secretary; Morning Sun, J. A. Campbell, J. A. Wright, secretary.

125 ATTEND RANDOLPH FARM ASS'N MEETING

UNION CITY, Ind., Jan. 7.—A meeting of members of the farmers' association of Wayne township, Randolph county, was held in Union City Friday night, Jan. 6, with an attendance of about 125. An oyster supper was served and moving pictures shown by the county agent.

Plans were made for another meeting next Friday night, Jan. 13, with P. C. Ohler of the federation's livestock department, and Earl Crawford as speakers.

FAR EAST REPUBLIC DEFEATS WHITE GUARDS

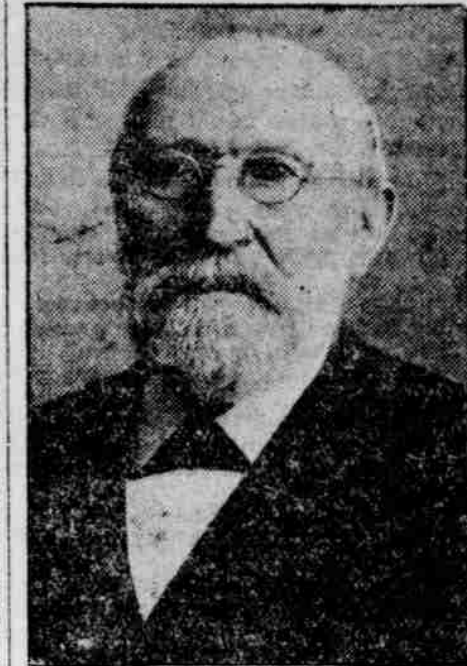
(By Associated Press)
PEKING, Jan. 7.—The far eastern republic, in messages received here from China, claims that its troops, aided by reinforcements, are defeating the white guards and approaching Khabarovsk. Volunteer troops operating between Khabarovsk and Nikolsk are said to be cutting off the retreat of the white guards.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Alvy, Boston township, boy; Mr. and Mrs. George Gross, Wayne township, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Swoveland, Jefferson township, girl.

Gas issuing from a seam of coal was collected in a bladder by Sir James Lowther in 1733 and burned before the Royal Society a month later. This was probably the first experimenting in gas lighting.

LOCAL COMPANY TO CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY JAN. 11



H. H. Meerhoff

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Citizen's Mutual Fire Insurance company will be celebrated Jan. 11, says an announcement Saturday. H. H. Meerhoff, 93 years old, first president of the company, will be one of the most interested participants in the celebration.

Organized March 22, 1872, by German residents, the company has undergone a number of changes in plan and management in the last half century.

The first meetings were held in the old engine house, South Sixth and E streets; later in the hall of Gottlieb Lichtenfels on South Eighth street; in the Overman hall on South Fifth street; Knights of Columbus hall, Fifth and Main streets; then for a number of years, until 1918, in No. 4 hose house, South Ninth and E streets. The annual meeting in 1914 was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and in 1921 in the Adam H. Bartel company's plant at South Eighth and B streets.

The first treasurer's report, of which there is no record, showed annual receipts of \$348.80 and disbursements of \$6.25 for hall rent. Provisions limiting membership to persons of German extraction were eliminated in 1918, when the company was reorganized and incorporated.

First Loss in 1874.
The first loss of \$100 was paid to Gerhardt and Frederick Heitbrink, Feb. 21, 1874, when their barn was destroyed by fire. The largest loss ever paid was when St. Andre's Catholic church was destroyed by fire, Aug. 15, 1900.

Its present name was adopted in 1918 when the company was incorporated. At that time it had 943 members. Its present membership is 1,236. The company purchased its own office building South Eighth and B street in 1919.

Officers of the company follow: W. F. Klapp, president; John Zwissler, vice-president; J. H. E. Bode, secretary; John H. Niewoehner, treasurer; George A. Cutter and W. F. Miller, members of the executive committee; Anton Stolle, Sr., William Bartel, Jr., E. F. Deitemeyer, Raymond Dunning and Matt Brinkner, directors; Jesse Wiechman, Alphonse Weishaup, E. A. Feltman, members of auditing company; and G. H. Hoelscher, counsel.

Officers of Company.

Officers from March 22, 1872, to Jan. 1, 1922, include: President—H. H. Meerhoff, Louis Schiefner, David Hoerner, Henry Cutter, Henry Greive, Christian Bartel, A. W. Blickwedel, Caspar Jelly, William F. Klapp.

Secretary—John E. Hugo, Henry Humpe, Henry Greive, John Nolte, Fred Krone, Adam Boes, August Wickemeyer, John Cutter, J. Henry E. Bode.

Treasurer—Henry Cutter, Gerhardt Schneider, Adam Metz, David Hoerner, Bartel, Adam Boes, Eberhard Beitenbrock, George Schneider, William F. Klapp, John H. Niewoehner.

Members who have served as assessors, trustees or directors are as still living are:

David Feltman, Gerhardt Heitbrink, Charles Crivel, Fred Heitbrink, William Hieger, Marcus Sostmeyer,

Charles Hunemeler, A. G. Luken, Fred Schmeile, John Fahien, Fred Schurman, Henry J. Pohlmeier, B. A. Kennepohl, Joseph Vogelmann, Frank Rager, Fred Hackman, Ed Temme, Christian Schaefer, Edward Berheide.

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Hits Dog With Gun Butt; Bullet Wound Is Fatal

(By Associated Press)
ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 7.—Clarence Howe, 37, while rabbit hunting yesterday, became angered at the behavior of his dog. Howe poked the dog with the butt of his shotgun. The gun was discharged, inflicting a wound that caused the death of Howe a few hours later.

TRACES OF MISSING BANK CASHIER FOUND; SHORTAGE \$260,000

(By Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—A. O. Melinger, missing cashier of the Night and Day bank here, which closed its doors yesterday when State Director of Finance J. G. Hughes took charge due to an apparent shortage of \$260,000, was seen in St. Charles between 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, according to John Grothe, chief deputy sheriff of St. Charles county. An automobile abandoned by Melinger at that place is being held, Deputy Grothe announced.

Melinger's alleged peculations probably covered a period of years, according to Director of Finance Hughes, who said the examiners found that no large sums had been taken at one time. Mr. Hughes said that the bank's situation is more favorable than it appeared yesterday, a considerable amount of assets of which nothing then was known having been found. The full amount of the shortage cannot be determined, he said, until the checking is complete.

Large Sum Wiped Out.
A statement by Mr. Hughes that he believed the \$150,000 capital and the \$94,000 surplus was believed wiped out.

William J. Combs, secretary-treasurer of Typographical Union No. 8 and of the trades union education league here today announced that the two organizations had \$23,700 on deposit in the bank.

Circuit Attorney Sidener today issued this statement: "I am convinced that criminal charges will be preferred against others as well as Cashier Melinger, when an investigation is completed."

MAKING STAGE SETS FOR "THE MIKADO"

A stage setting which is to be the most elaborate ever used for an entertainment in the high school auditorium is being made for "The Mikado," which will be presented Feb. 9, 10 and 11 by students of the high school under the direction of Prof. J. E. Maddy.

The scene being reproduced is typically Japanese. A large bridge will extend across the stage under which a stream will flow. Japanese pagodas and the palace of Popo also will be reproduced. The sets are being made under the direction of Miss Blanche Wahn.

An orchestra of 35 pieces, selected from the personnel of the high school orchestra, will play the numbers and will be assisted by a chorus of 22 voices. Two casts of principal characters have been selected to play the production at the three days of performances. Nine main characters are in each cast.

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