

## RICHMOND DISTRICT METHODIST REPORT BEST EVER COMPILED

What is declared to be the best report the Richmond district has ever presented will be read at the annual conference of North Indiana Methodists, to be held in Elkhart for one week, beginning Tuesday.

In addition to this encouraging report, it is also believed that with the excellent showing made, all pastors of Richmond, including the Rev. Dr. Somerville Light, district superintendent, will be returned for another year.

Dr. Light is closing his seventh year as superintendent of the Richmond district, and providing he is returned he will enter into a longer service in one district than ever enjoyed by a superintendent in the North Indiana conference. Before coming to Richmond Dr. Light served for six years in another district. Another year here would make his total years of service as superintendent 14, the greatest length of service by any superintendent now serving in the Indiana area.

### Membership Increase.

Membership increase in the Richmond district during the year just closing totals over 1,000. Total amount of contributions is approximately \$140,000, about \$20,000 more than last year.

One of the achievements pointed out by Methodists of the Richmond district is the raising of \$58,000 of the \$164,000 pledged for the preachers' aid department. This \$164,000 is to be raised in five years. Over one-third of it has already been paid in one year after the pledges were made. It is also announced that the home and foreign mission societies in the district have made good gains, and that the aid societies have raised \$25,000 during the year closing.

Dr. Light was to leave for Elkhart Monday evening. The Rev. A. H. Backus, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, and the Rev. E. L. Gates, pastor of the Third M. E. church, are to leave Tuesday morning, and the Rev. R. W. Stakes, pastor of the First M. E. church, was to leave Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

## POLICE SPEEDOMETER HAS ONLY 2 SPEEDS

That the touring car owned by the city police department is used to speedy traveling is evidenced by the fact that the speedometer will indicate only two speeds, 15 miles per hour, and 35 miles per hour. A trip in the machine Monday morning disclosed this fact. The machine, of course, is not used to catch speeders, as motorcycles are used for that purpose.

When the starter pedal is engaged, the motor turns over feebly, sputters a moment or two and then takes hold. As soon as the machine is well under way the speedometer hand jumps to 35 and it will remain here indefinitely. Chief Eversman is authority for the statement that once when they were traveling through the country, the hand starts on its second round, and indicates 15 miles per hour, plus the 75 for which it is set.

## WILL SHOW PICTURE SLIDES AT SCHOOL

Slides of the Famous Picture Memory contest will be shown in the auditorium of St. Andrew's high school Monday night at 8 o'clock. This entertainment is for the benefit of the school children and parents of the St. Andrew's and Finley schools. The public also is invited to attend this entertainment.

The pictures will be shown at the Baxters' school house Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. This entertainment also is for children and parents of the school. The public is invited to attend.

### Gifts Received.

A classification of the gifts exhibited at St. James' palace, shows only 23 tea services were presented. Other items are 158 articles of jewelry, including bracelets, necklaces, pendants, tiaras, brooches, rings, caskets, fans and watches; a trayful of flawless uncut precious stones; 893 gifts made from precious metals, including 29 trays, 24 vases, 31 cups, 12 goblets, 18 ink-stands, 25 statuettes, 14 card trays, nine cigarette cases, eight traveling cases and seven workboxes; 197 books and manuscripts, 22 candelabra, 15 umbrellas, 14 lamps and shades, 17 rugs, 22 sets of cutlery, eight wall brackets, 36 dinner services, 47 breakfast table services, 18 silver salvers, 70 pairs of gloves, 10 wedding cakes and seven hunting crops.

While correspondents invited to a private view were being shown about the state rooms where the presents were on display, the 22 gift clocks all began the chiming of 6 o'clock at almost the same instant—and the newspaper party was ushered out, as had been invited to call "between 5 and 6 p. m."

## TO EXHIBIT SWINE AT COUNTY SHOW

A committee appointed to make arrangements for a swine exhibit at the county show, and decision to hold a "booster" meeting of the breed association on the first Saturday in May, were the most important actions taken by the Wayne County Duroc Breeders' association at the meeting Saturday night in the directors' rooms of the Second National bank.

Discussion of arrangements for promotion of pig club work also occupied much of the time and plans were presented for securing the pigs for children who wish to enlist in the clubs.

## BARRACKS CLOSED TO FREE STATE TROOPS

**(By Associated Press)**  
MULLINGAR, County Westmeath, Ireland, April 3.—An incident from which sensational developments are expected here occurred today when 100 Free State troops marched to the gates of the barracks occupied by Irish Republican army adherents of Eamonn de Valera, and were refused admission.

## Legion Post Official To Take Service Count

Joseph L. Booth, adjutant of James Moore post, American Legion, will take a census of every ex-service man, whether or not he is a member of the post, who is in need of help, according to a statement made by him Monday. The announcement follows:

The name of every colored ex-service man, whether or not he is a member of the post, will be taken by Joseph L. Booth, adjutant of James Moore post No. 340, American Legion Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

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## Famous Picture Memory Contest

Conducted for the Community by Richmond Community Service

### Raphael (Sanzo)

Raphael was born on Good Friday in the year 1483 at Urbino, a little town nestled among the mountains of central Italy. The baby was so gentle and sweet that he was named for the archangel Raphael, the guardian angel of the young.

Raphael's parents died when he was very young. His father was a painter of holy pictures. At an early age Raphael was apprenticed to a painter called Perugino. When Raphael was brought to Perugino the painter looked at his work and said, "Let him be my pupil; he will soon become my master."

Raphael was very handsome. He had a kind heart, a sunny temper and a charming manner, and had also the power of attracting to himself many friends.

Raphael lived only 37 years, but in his short life he painted 257 pictures. Many of these are of the Madonna and Child, for this was the subject that he most loved. He was but 25 years old when Pope Julius II called him to leave Florence and come to Rome to do his part in the decoration of the Vatican. Raphael ornamented the walls of four halls in the Vatican with magnificent frescoes. These dealt with theology, philosophy, law and poetry; indeed, he here pictured every subject in which the pope and wise men of his days were interested. Everywhere we see copies of these great frescoes. Perhaps the one most familiar is "The School of Athens."

No copy can show the beautiful color and finish of the small, round picture of "The Madonna of the Chair." The mother wears upon her head a gay Roman scarf, while another is draped about her shoulders. The Baby is charming. John the Baptist is pictured also, his hands clasped in adoration as he leans intently forward.

The "Sistine Madonna" was the lost "Holy Family" that Raphael ever painted. It is honored by having a room all to itself in the famous art gallery in Dresden, Germany. Its setting is an altar-like structure upon the base of which a quotation from Vasari identifies the picture and gives us his opinion of it.

**Painted for Monks.**

"For the Black Monks of San Sisto in Piacenza, Raphael painted a picture for the high altar showing Our Lady with St. Sixtus and St. Barbara, truly a most excellent and rare." At first glance the picture seems small—the forms are less than life size—and to the eyes educated by the Granduca and Madonne of the Chair, it appears rather dull in color. Against a background of blue-gray becoming

warmer toward the center of the picture stands the Virgin. The upper portion of her robe is pink, deepening to red in the shades, over a vest of violet-gray. The lower portion is blue over a skirt of red. The scarf thrown over the shoulders is cream white, the veil flowing from behind the head, is a warm gray. St. Sixtus is clothed in yellow and orange, brocade lined, with red flung over a soft under garment of ivory white. St. Barbara's sleeves are of yellow and orange, changeable silk with blue between the elbow and the shoulder. Her skirt is gray, the mantle yellow-green. The clouds beneath are of a warm gray.

The curtains are dull green, and the green is repeated with red in the wings of the cherubs. "The unity of the whole is much greater in the original than in the reproductions."

"The Sistine Madonna, the sublimest of the art of Catholicity," in the opinion of Lubke is and will continue to be the apex of religious art.

The Transfiguration was designed by Raphael as a decoration for the cathedral at Narbonne, as The Assumption was designed by Titian for the church of the Frari.

**His Last Picture.**

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The three disciples, Peter, James and John, who have gone up into the mountain with Christ, are dazed by the glory and they have prostrated themselves before the vision. The two figures kneeling at the left are perhaps St. Julian and St. Lawrence, but more probably the father and uncle of the cardinal who ordered Raphael to paint this picture.

We see by contrast below a lunatic boy. He is being brought by father to the nine disciples who are waiting below. They listen with sympathy to the story but they cannot help. Two of them are pointing up to the mountains for there is the "Great Physician" who alone can heal.

While the picture was yet unfinished Raphael was taken suddenly ill and died in 1520. The Transfiguration with some of his other works was left to be finished by his pupils.

A long procession followed his body from his studio to the tomb in the Pantheon. At its head was borne "The Transfiguration," its colors still wet.

## PEOPLE WONDERING WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH ROYAL GIFTS

**(By Associated Press)**

LONDON, April 3.—The vast number and varied assortment of wedding presents to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles displayed here caused many people to wonder what the newly-weds would do with the 66 jugs and bowls, 16 silver toast-racks and 22 clocks included in the offerings.

The late King Edward, after his marriage, found himself the possessor of 1,500 teapots of all types and descriptions and of more than 800 cruets. It is reported that some of these are still stored in London.

Only persons who had been presented at court or who could claim acquaintance with either Princess Mary or her husband were permitted to tender wedding gifts on the occasion of the recent royal wedding. Charitable and other public organizations and institutions were, of course, excluded.

This ruling perhaps saved Princess Mary the embarrassment over disposing of teapots and cruets suffered by King Edward.

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## Joy Club Will Enjoy Special Stunts Wednesday

Girls' Community Joy club will give a special party in the gym at the high school Wednesday night. Special initiation will be used on the new class of candidates. A special entertainment and program will be given.

Girls playing on any of the teams in the Girls' Community Service basketball league are eligible for membership in the club. Other girls who care to join are asked to get in touch with some member of the club.

## Connersville Crook Taken Off Car at Indianapolis

**(By Associated Press)**

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3.—Kenneth Roberts, 35 years old, of Indianapolis, was arrested here today as he left an interurban car on which he was coming to this city. The arrest was made, it was said, on the request of authorities of Connersville, where he is said to be wanted on a charge of issuing a fraudulent check for \$25.

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## GRAVE OF LINCOLN'S GRANDFATHER FOUND, IS GENERAL BELIEF

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 3.—The grave of Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the martyred president, has been found in a church yard near here, in the belief of several Louisvillians who recently have completed an extensive investigation.

The investigators found two stones—their inscriptions blotted away by long exposure to the elements—which they believe mark the grave of the Emancipator's grandfather who was killed by Indians in 1786 within the sight of his cabin and before the eyes of his three sons.

According to R. C. Ballard Thurston, who has made a preliminary investigation of deeds in the Jefferson county courthouse, the examination warrants the belief the land comprising the churchyard is part of the Lincoln property, which included 400 acres.

Additional details of the death of Emancipator's grandfather have been revealed by the investigation, it was stated.

When their fell mortally wounded Mordecai ran to the house and procured a rifle while Josiah darted for a nearby fort to obtain aid, Thomas, then a boy of 9 years, remained with his father.

According to the findings, an Indian seized Thomas and was about to scalp him when Mordecai returned and shot the savage to death. Thomas was released and later became the father of

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