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## ENROLLMENT OF CITY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCED

Enrollment in the local schools was completed last Friday with the total for the high school showing a decrease of eight in comparison with the enrollment for last year. Classes assembled on Tuesday of this week to begin their regular work for the first semester which ends just previous to the annual Christmas vacation.

The total of the high school student body is 231 while the grade total is 228. A larger primary class is evident this year with a total of 39 pupils enrolled. Other totals are: 2nd grade, 32; 3rd grade, 44; 4th grade, 33; 5th grade, 28; 6th grade, 35; ungraded, 17; 7th grade, 47; 8th grade, 41; freshman class, 36; Sophomore class, 42; junior class, 29; and senior class, 37.

Typing classes met on Tuesday for discussion and will take up their regular work next week when the new machines will be ready for use. The school was forced to acquire several new typewriters when robberies were committed in which a total of twenty machines were taken from the school during the summer.

### CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The Leaders Class of the U. B. church had their regular meeting at the parsonage, Tuesday evening. During the meeting, election of officers for the coming year was held with results as follows: Mrs. Fern Byland, president; Mrs. Maude Traster, vice-president; Mrs. Mable Harvey, secretary, treasurer; and Mrs. L. O. Oyler, teacher.

### BUY AMERICAN GROUP VISITS SYRACUSE, WED.

On Wednesday of this week, a group visited Syracuse representing The Buy-American Products League, Inc., of Elkhart, Ind.

This group has visited city officials and has consented to hold a public meeting in the grade school building, Wednesday evening, September 13, at 7:30 p. m., admission free. Music is on the program and all are invited regardless of political or religious views, as this organization is non-political and non-sectarian—purely American!

Dan Fisher, local citizen, is a member of this organization and plans are being made to secure Mr. Fisher as a speaker on this program.

Mr. C. I. Martin, V. F. W., who is state organizer for the group, in an interview at the Journal office, stated: "My intentions are, if at all means possible, to contact all newspapers in the state of Indiana, to encourage the extending of this Buy-American movement, as a direct aid to industry of this country in bringing back prosperity."

Two bandits robbed nine persons in a store at Bowling Green, Ky., but refused to take the money of a farmer who had only 75 cents.

A 12-year-old fire truck was used to put out a blaze at Olney, Ill., when fireman were unable to get their new one going.

### PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beer, Milford, became the proud parents of a son born Saturday night at the McDonald hospital. Mr. Beer is a nurseryman, well known in this vicinity. Both the mother and the new son are reported as in a satisfactory condition.

### COUNTY RED CROSS ACTIVE IN AUGUST

County Red Cross nursing services for the month of August, consist of 162 visits to, and in behalf of patients. Visits made to the office numbered 48, new patients admitted this month, 24, and number discharged, 36.

Three classes in home hygiene and care of the sick were organized in Monroe Twp., Syracuse and Leesburg, and classes will meet weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning the first week in September. The schedule of school visits will be released shortly.

### TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW INCREASE

Will H. Smith, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Indiana, today announced that the total internal revenue collections from all sources in Indiana during the month of August, 1939, were: \$8,570,336.25, as compared to \$6,816,172.15 for August, 1938, an increase of \$1,754,164.10.

Notices to cover a third installment of income tax for the year 1938 were mailed to all corporations and individuals who elected to pay their tax on a quarterly basis. Payment is due on or before September 15, 1939.

Failure to pay this installment on or before September 15, 1939, renders the remaining tax due and payable upon demand with interest from that date.

### INDIANAPOLIS MAN DROWNS IN LAKE WAWASEE SUNDAY

James Earl Custard, 35, 218 North Jefferson ave., Indianapolis, drowned near the Spink-Wawasee hotel on Wawasee Lake around midnight, Sunday.

The young man was one of a sailing party of ten who were thrown from the boat when it overturned. He became entangled in the ropes from which he was unable to free himself. Although the body was recovered in a short time, efforts of resuscitation were unsuccessful.

The remains were taken to the Carr funeral home, Syracuse, and were later removed to Indianapolis by the ambulance of John J. Blackwell and Sons, Indianapolis funeral directors.

The victim, son of John F. Custard, was not married. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery, Indianapolis.

Eugene E. Whitehill, who employed Mr. Custard, was the owner of the boat.

Francis Bendelari, arrested in New York for begging, was found to have bank books showing deposits of \$2,583.

### THE FOUR SHIPS

On the last days of August, four great European ships were resting peacefully at their docks in the harbor of New York. In fact these were four of the World's most renowned ships. One was the Bremen of Germany; one the Roma of Italy; one the Normandie of France; one the Aquitania of England. Your correspondent saw them all, as our vehicle passed by through less than half a dozen city blocks.

There was nothing in the appearance of these great monsters of the sea to indicate that they represented the titanic struggle of Germany and Italy with France and England. Nevertheless the United States Government, which boasts that it is the greatest neutral government in the world was at the moment searching these foreign vessels to discover whether they were armed so that they might become sea-raiders on enemy merchantmen and involve our own nation in damages through attacks upon other ships in the outer ocean.

That seemed strange, indeed. But no stranger than to picture the peaceful cities of London, Paris, Berlin and Rome, in military raiment, amid all the monstrous "patriotic echoes" that unless checked must lead on to the slaughter of millions of innocent citizens of those four European countries.

"We might philosophize at length. But why waste words," Sherman said it: "War is hell." So bon voyage to the four great ships that laid so peacefully in the harbor a few days ago.

### WAWASEE PIKE SHOWN IN OUTDOOR INDIANA

Two large pike, caught in Lake Wawasee last July were pictured in the September issue of "Outdoor Indiana," the state department of agriculture magazine. Photographed holding the two big pike was the lucky angler, Lawrence C. Match, Jr., South Bend.

One of the fish was 36 inches long and weighed 13 pounds, 2 ounces, while the other weighed 11 pounds, 14 ounces. The picture is on page twenty-seven of the magazine, in case you want to see the catch.

### PURDUE SWINE DAY DATES ANNOUNCED

Hundreds of Indiana hog producers from all sections of the state are expected to attend the nineteenth annual Purdue Swine Day, which will be held Friday, Sept. 22, at Purdue University's Swine Experimental farm, three miles north of West Lafayette on the County Farm Road at 10:00 a.m., Prof. C. M. Vestal of the animal husbandry staff in charge of swine experimental work, announced this week. A Junior Swine Day program, a new feature for the young folks, has been arranged for vocational agricultural students, 4-H Club members, and other rural youth will be held the following day, Sept. 23.

### - Notice -

The Syracuse chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will meet Sept. 13. All officers are urged to be present. Pot luck dinner Sept. 27th.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS TO PLAY SOFTBALL THIS SEASON

### ROTARIANS HEAR

WILLIAM E. LONG

William E. Long, Chicago, summer resident of Lake Wawasee and proprietor of the Pickwick at Syracuse, spoke before the Warsaw Rotary club at dinner Friday noon at Hotel Hays. Thirty-five members of the organization were present.—(Times).

### ALCOHOLIC BOARD MEETS

The Kosciusko county alcoholic board met Friday afternoon at the court house to consider two applications for liquor licenses. Charles O. Gerard, the Buffalo Inn, Warsaw, for beer and wine retailer, and Clarence H. King, King's grocery and lunch, Kale Island, beer retailer.

### INFIRMARY REPORT FILED

The report on the inspection of Kosciusko county home made on July 19, 1939, by Clifford A. Fields, inspector of the public welfare department, was presented to the county commissioners Tuesday. Three recommendations are made as follows: Two outer metal fire escapes be installed for use of the inmates on the second floor; second, that excess clothing for inmates be kept in individual lockers, and third, that provision be made for keeping of more detailed records relating to the production and use by inmates of farm foods. The report shows that there were 7- persons in the infirmary at the time of the inspection.

### BOARD IS INVITED

Members of the Kosciusko county board of education, following the board meeting held late Thursday, were invited by Walter Koher, trustee of Turkey Creek township, to be the guests of the township at the annual board picnic on Sunday, September 17.

Tentative plans call for the picnic to be held at Ideal Beach. In addition to the 17 township trustees and their families, County School Superintendent Harry LeWallen, Attendance Officer Marion Longfellow and Grant Croy, president of the Warsaw school board and their families, are invited.

### FIRE AT BAKERY EARLY LAST FRIDAY

A small fire started in the front of the Syracuse-Wawasee bakery early last Friday morning, causing a loss of around \$200. The loss included two large window panes which were broken in order to put the fire out.

Mr. Gingerich, owner of the bakery, had left for just a few minutes at about six o'clock that morning, and was called back when a passerby noticed smoke coming from around the window casing and the corner of the frame building. Had no one noticed the smoke immediately, the fire probably would have ruined the building.

Several cakes and other pastries were damaged by the smoke caused by the fire.

### Finals To Be Held October 7.

Kosciusko county coaches at a meeting following the closing of the teachers' institute at Warsaw last Thursday, voted to adopt softball in place of baseball, one of the school's major sports that precedes basketball. After lengthy discussion on the subject, the vote was 9 to 4 in favor of softball. Although some of the coaches expressed no preference for either sport, they voted for softball, when backers of this sport pointed out that they could hardly participate in baseball due to lack of material.

Athletic mentors who pointed out that the main factor in a good baseball team was a pitcher, stressed the fact that softball would not put the strain on any one member of the team such as a baseball pitcher. Coaches also felt that a number of boys took part in softball in various towns in the county during the past summer which would aid them greatly in shaping a team for this fall's schedule.

According to the schedule drawn up, the season will open on Sept. 8 and close with the winner of the southern half of the county, or South League, meeting the winner in the northern section on the Warsaw diamond Oct. 7. A preliminary game in which the principals of the various schools would play the coaches, would precede the title game. Syracuse high school is in the North League along with Milford, North Webster, Leesburg, Pierceton, Atwood and Etna Green.

### COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Kosciusko county council convened Tuesday morning to consider the proposed 1940 budget. The council was presented with a petition signed by 422 persons asking the budget to be increased to include an additional sum of \$450 for a home demonstrational agent. Report first had it that a home nurse was requested, but this report was incorrect. This agent will help in home economics, canning, and other projects, officials said. Turkey Creek township had 11 signers. The council will give special attention to the public welfare department budget and request of fair associations for an appropriation for cash premiums. No definite action on any budget will be taken before Wednesday.

### FIRE DAMAGES BURKETT HOME

Thursday afternoon at 12:30, the fire department was called to the Fred Burkett home on North Huntington Street to extinguish a fire caused by the explosion of an oil stove.

Damages of approximately \$100 resulted by the burning of part of the roof and the blistering of the paint on the inside of the attached garage. Darrel Burkett, a son, who had the fire under control when the department arrived, suffered a severe burn on the right hand.