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B&O Pays \$21,059 In Taxes To County

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad last week sent a check for \$21,059.75 to the treasurer of Kosciusko County at Warsaw, Indiana.

This check is in payment of the railroad's property taxes in the county for the second half of 1956.

For the entire year of 1956, the B & O's taxes in Kosciusko County exceeded \$42,100.00.

The B & O system total tax bill for 1956 was \$31,000,000.00 or over \$1,000,000.00 above its net income.

DEMONSTRATION PARTY

Mrs. Herbert Yoder, Lake Wawasee, was hostess on Monday night 18 November to a toy demonstration party, attended by Mrs. Al Burson, Miss Sherry Burson, Mrs. Roy Eichstaedt, Mrs. Floyd Rheinheimer of Milford and Mrs. Wayne Sommers.

Mrs. Robert Byrd of Syracuse showed the toys. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Knisely, also of Syracuse.

Local News . . .

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkwood returned Tuesday from a flying trip to Miami where they attended a trailer show and spent the week end with their daughter, Mary Lou, who is teaching in a Miami school.

James Blocker was home for the week end with his family, the Noble Blockers, from Indianapolis where he is employed at the American-Fletcher Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Shiebley were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Treadway.

Sunday callers of the Earl Earl Treadways were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Searfoss and family.

Mrs. Vera O'Haver was a Saturday overnight guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slabaugh, and new grandson. Mr. Slabaugh is attending Indiana University in Bloomington.

Introducing MADAME PRESIDENT



Answering to the title of "Madame President" of the Junior Mothers Club, one of the four active Mothers Clubs in Syracuse, is Mrs. Jack Kimpel.

Blue eyed Frances, whose husband, Jack, is a social security field representative with offices in Elkhart, is also the mother of three active sons. Johnny, aged six, is in the first grade, while brother Chuck, who is five, is proud to be a "kindergarten man." Baby Tom, 9 months old, is still too young to worry about being the only boy left at home on school days.

The Kimpels moved into the Syracuse community four years ago, after living for various periods in Akron, Ohio, Terre Haute and Elkhart. Originally from Rockland, Massachusetts, Frances met Jack while both were attending classes at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. They later became college sweethearts, and were married five days after Frances' graduation in 1949, Jack having graduated the previous year.

Frances, whose speech touched with that "Eastern Twang" is a delight to her friends, is a member of the Syracuse Methodist Church and was chairman of Circle No. three of the women's organization there for one and a half years, until the birth of her youngest son.

She has a lovely alto voice and sings in the church choir, also belonging to the Methodist "Chorallers," a musical group composed of choir members and their husbands and wives. She is an active member of the Methodist Nursery Guild and is 1957-58 project chairman for the Guild, a duty which places her in charge this year of their annual Chuck Wagon Supper.

Golf is a sport enjoyed by both Frances and her husband, although the advent of three little boys has somewhat hindered her game in recent years. Sailing in the "It Floats," a sailboat owned jointly by the Kimpels and two other couples, became a fascinating pastime last summer, with every spare hour spent on the water.

An ocean vacation each year "back home" in Massachusetts is also an event eagerly awaited by the Kimpels and friends with whom they share their vacation time.

We wish a continuing full and happy life for Frances Kimpel, Madame President of the Junior Mothers Club.

Local News . . .

Among those from out of town attending the funeral of Ernest Richhart, in addition to the immediate family, were his sister, Mrs. Faye Yant of Columbia City; his brother, Veral Richhart and family of Versailles, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack English, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mick, and Mrs. and Mrs. James Conde, all of Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gottschalk and daughter, Linda, were guests of his mother, Mrs. Fred Stagg, in Park Ridge, Illinois, for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Byland spent Sunday in Mishawaka with their oldest daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blankenhorn and four children.

Jim Miner was home from Purdue for an afternoon of hunting last Thursday. He got one pheasant.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parsons and son, Jerold, are returning from California this week and will make their home for the present with her mother, Mrs. Mrs. Rebecca Kitson.

Mrs. Barbara Harley and Virginia Kann of Milford spent last week end in Detroit visiting the Gail Harley family and sightseeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Montel visited Sunday in Huntington with the Ray Montels.

Solt's Grocery is cleaning the shelves. Everything except cigarettes. 10% discount. No limit. \$1.00 to \$100. Hours 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. daily.

(adv.)

VIEWS and REVIEWS

Curiosity was running rampant Friday night when two beams were seen circling the sky. Even with basketball games claiming their usual large crowd of fans at high school gyms, there were still hundreds out on the highways running down the source of the lights. The Gulf Oil Company knew the strength of these search lights when they decided to use them for the open house days of their two new stations at Syracuse and Webster and this was proved by the parade of cars which found the answer at the stations. Not only did they find the answer, but bought gas, too!

Alice Stefanski is certainly a gal of many talents. She is a very capable mistress of ceremonies whenever the occasion arises, gives hilarious readings at the drop of a hat, can give forth with a song like a troubadour, and now has proved her versatility as an excellent auctioneer at one of the recent bazaars. What next, Alice?

A tip of our collective hats to all the civic minded women of our community who collected recently for the Salvation Army Fund Drive. Many of them trudged through rain and extremely bad weather to cover their assigned routes. Public response was said to be good although one red-faced worker admitted that she'd forgotten to turn in her own contribution!

Houston MacCrea, debonair white haired gentleman who gets around far more than some of us younger folks, just returned from a flying trip to Colorado last week. We're glad he came back to us as the lure of that western climate has already attracted several Syracuse families recently.

Would have been fun to see the 36 MYFers of the Syracuse Methodist Church at their dinner on Sunday evening at Foo and Faye's Restaurant. One of the requirements was that they eat with chopsticks.

Several members of the Future Teachers of America have no doubts now concerning the hardness of their co-sponsor, Betty Kowalik. On the return trip of their outing last Saturday to New Haven, they very innocently handed her a rye sandwich filled with cashew nut butter, containing chocolate covered fried ants! It's reported that Mrs. Kowalik did not turn green, even after learning what she had eaten. (The girls had obtained the gourmet items while touring Eavey's famous supermarket in Fort Wayne).

According to the Census Bureau, half of all U. S. families had a total income of \$4,780 or more in 1956, 8 percent over the 1955 figure. The bureau's figures were based on a median, numerical middle, rather than an average.

Mrs. Orin Ragsdale, former Wawasee resident now living in Littleton, Colorado near Denver, is reported to be in much better health and enjoying her Colorado home which is near that of her son and family.

In United States Service

SP/3 Donald D. Disher, Syracuse, is due home from Germany next month. He will spend his furlough with his wife, Darlene and daughter Dixie, in their new home.

Operation Cool Dip

Pfc. Ronald L. Kiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kiser, North Webster, participated in Operation Cool Dip, a First Marine division cold weather landing exercise on Kodiak Island in the Alaskan Gulf. The maneuver involved a 1,600 man task force testing new types of clothing and equipment.

Rotary Club

Arlen Erickson, Sales Engineer for the Andersen Mfg. Co. of Minnesota, presented a program on the manufacture of windows to the Rotary Club Monday evening. Mr. Erickson showed films along with his talk explaining how windows are made and he answered many questions. He was presented by Dale Sprague.

Next week Rev. Noble Greene will give the program showing a film entitled, "The Petrified River." It is a story of uranium and Rev. Greene promises that it will be interesting.

Winter is trying its best to give with all its fury and we've had a taste of about everything these past few days, high winds, plenty of rain and flurries of snow. But the temperature, while it seesaws from the forties to the twenties, hasn't dropped to zero yet!

Mrs. Herman Huey writes from Gulfport, Mississippi, that the weather is nice and they are having a wonderful time. The Hueys have a home in Gulfport where they have spent the winter months for a number of years. Mr. Huey has a well-driving business there just as he does in Syracuse.

Don't tell the little ones, but there really is a phone now direct to Santa Claus! From now until Christmas Eve, children can call Santa day or night at Santa Claus, Indiana. The number is Westmore 7-4483 and the toll is standard long distance rates. Santa Claus land is providing the 24-hour service.

Local News . . .

Mrs. Arnold Pfingst and Mrs. Carl Penn entertained Wednesday evening at dinner and bridge at Foo and Faye's.

Elmer Armbruster, who submitted to major surgery recently in the Elkhart General Hospital, is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodson of Kimmell were Sunday evening visitors of their daughter, Mrs. Vera O'Haver.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Overman and children, Danny, Nancy and David, of Michigan City, were week end guests of Mrs. Overman's mother, Mrs. Ruth Rapp. On Sunday guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry DePew of Elkhart and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Rapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ott and Miss Nancy Cripe of Indianapolis were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cripe.

Mrs. Ruby Clayton was a Saturday caller of the Emory Stetlers.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mabie and family were the Harold Geigers, Karl Hoovers and Robert Geigers, all of Milford.

Mrs. Emory Stetler and Mrs. Bert Cripe spent Friday in Goshen.

The Russell Stout family of South Bend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Stetler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cripe and family were Sunday guests of the Robert Whiteman family in South Bend. In the afternoon they viewed the big parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to open the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Waltz of Lake Wawasee and Earle Waltz, Jr., of Goshen were in Indianapolis several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and family visited Sunday in Plymouth with Mrs. Garner's mother, Mrs. Maren Hague. They also were in Walkerton to see Mr. Garner's parents, Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Garlits of Decatur, Illinois and Rolland Plassman and daughters of Wausen, O. were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Clyde Butt. The three men were buddies in the navy during World War II and had not seen one another for twelve years.

Rollie and Bob Byler, Ross O'Brien, Joe Thornburg, John Runyan and Ebe Yoder, Goshen, returned last week from a hunting trip in Canada at Iron Bridge, Ontario, where Bylers have a cabin.

Mrs. Georgia Miller will entertain the Friday night bridge club at her home this week.

C. H. Ketchum of Des Moines, Iowa, is here for several weeks' visit with his sister, Mrs. Melville Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abts and children of Charlotte, West Virginia, were here recently for a week end with his sister, Miss Irene Abts, and to visit his father, Matt Abts, who is in a South Bend hospital following a serious heart attack.

Houston MacCrea has returned from several days' visit in Littleton, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Chicago accompanied him for the week end. He also visited in Chicago with Mrs. J. H. Henderson, Mr. Davis' mother, and former Syracuse resident.

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