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## THE MILFORD BANK CASE

Milford Attorney Appointed Receiver to Wind Up Affairs of Farmers State Bank

Donald Vanderveer, Milford attorney, Monday was appointed by Judge L. W. Roys in Kosciusko circuit court, as permanent receiver for the defunct Farmers State Bank at Milford. He will succeed T. J. Nye, of Warsaw, former Kosciusko county auditor, who was named temporary receiver by Judge Roys several weeks ago. Mr. Nye has been in charge of the bank since the bank examiners left and he will now turn matters over to Mr. Vanderveer.

Attorney Lloyd Burris, of Goshen, appeared before Judge Roys on behalf of the stockholders of the defunct bank. He presented a petition signed by 175 persons holding claims against the bank. Included in this list were all of the stockholders of the bank and an overwhelming majority of the creditors, he said. The list represented \$200,000 of the \$250,000 claims against the institution he declared. The petition requested Judge Roys to name Mr. Vanderveer as permanent receiver.

Judge Roys, in appointing Mr. Vanderveer as receiver, said he did so reluctantly because he felt that some person outside the community could better afford to shoulder the responsibility of settling up the tangled financial matters. The receiver's work he pointed out, will be far from pleasant and many incidents will come up which are bound to create hard feelings. He urged that the people of Milford lay aside their emotions and work with the receiver in getting a speedy settlement of the bank's affairs. He instructed the new receiver to report to the court as soon as he had collected in \$10,000 or \$15,000 so that the first distributions may be made.

If sufficient memberships in the Tippecanoe Country Club can be sold to pay the money due James Shepard it is probable that the bank will be able to pay in full, it is stated.

### OBITUARY OF C. KOLBERG

Charles Kolberg, residing about half mile east of Syracuse, departed this life December 15, 1924, at the age of 73 years and 21 days.

Decedent was born in Stolp, Germany, November 24, 1851. He was married to Miss Hulda Poppenfoose April 24, 1875. To them were given four children, two of whom (Hattie and Lewis) having preceded their father to the great beyond. Rinard Kolberg of Syracuse and Mrs. Alta Tom, of Chicago remain to mourn their sad loss.

Mr. Kolberg and wife with their first born son came to America June 1, 1880, and settled in Kosciusko County, Ind., and here continued to make their home ever since with the exception of a few years spent in Wisconsin.

Mr. Kolberg was a member of the Christian Church known as the Mock church and for many years was a faithful attendant until they moved from the neighborhood. Since then he has attended the church at Indian Village where for many years he taught a Sunday School class. For some years past he has been afflicted, but was a patient sufferer and seemed ready and willing to go and be at rest.

Besides his children he leaves his wife, one brother, Henry Kolberg and one half brother, Albert Hibner. There are also four living grandchildren. Besides these there are distant relatives and a host of friends.

Burial was in North Webster cemetery.

### Card of Thanks

We take this way in extending our thanks to relatives and friends who so kindly assisted in our sad bereavement—the death of our father and husband, also for the floral offering.

Mrs. Hulda Kolberg and Children.

### SETS COLORS PERMANENTLY

To set the colors in any cotton material, add a handful of salt and two tablespoons of turpentine to three quarters of a pail of hot water. Put goods in and allow to remain until water is cold. This should set the colors permanently so that neither sun nor washing will fade them afterward.

### TO AID CHURCH

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CROW'S NEST

A very Merry Christmas party was one which met at Crow's Nest, Lake Wawasee, on Christmas Day in response to an invitation from their aunt, Mrs. Martha Crow-Fick to the following nieces and nephews: Mr. and Mrs. Theres Doll and sons Elvin and Herman, of Wawasee; Byron Doll and family of Syracuse; Mrs. Violet Doll, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Gibbons, their daughter Jean and son Jim, all of Indianapolis; Mrs. Rae Knox and sons, Russell and Frank.

A very elaborate Christmas dinner of roast goose with all "the fixins" was one of the features of the day, and a gaily decorated Christmas tree for the children and radio entertainment in the evening enlivened the older guests.

The same guests, her two sisters' children, and grandchildren were with Mrs. Fick on Christmas Day two years ago, and it was a source of great satisfaction to her that neither sickness nor death had prevented the little circle from meeting again in jolly reunion this year.

Much of the childhood of Theres and Byron Doll, Mrs. Lou Gibbons, Mrs. Violet Doll and Mrs. Rae Knox was spent with their aunt at Crow's Nest and they, with their families are always accorded a warm and hearty reception at the old Nest.

### BASKETBALL NEWS

Milford won two games from Syracuse at Milford on Friday night, the games being witnessed by an unusually large crowd. In the first game the score was 30 to 15. The second teams of the two towns was unusually interesting and very fast and the final score was Milford 19, Syracuse 17. It was the first defeat for the second team of Syracuse. Milford's first team has won every game played.

Friday, January 2, Etna Green first and second teams will play Syracuse first and second teams at the local gym. Etna Green has a good team this year, led by Vawter, the star center of the county, who measures six feet five inches. These two games should draw a crowded house. First game called at 7:30. Clingerman will be the referee.

### UNION REVIVAL

Union revival meetings, continuing for three weeks, will be held in the Evangelical, Methodist and the United Brethren churches in Syracuse, beginning next Sunday at the Evangelical church. The second week the meetings will be held in the Methodist and the last week in the U. B. church. The services will begin at 7:30, except Sundays, when they will begin at 7:00. No services on Saturdays. Evangelist Ross McDonald will render special music and also direct the choir. Everybody welcome.

### BIG BUSINESS

The Christmas mail that arrived and was sent out by the Syracuse postoffice has eclipsed all previous years in volume of business. Monday before Christmas the stamp sales broke all previous records in the history of the postoffice and was nearly double than the year before. The rural mail carriers also reported that the number of packages handled were more than any other year.

### MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

Syracuse Lodge No. 454, F. & A. M. at its regular meeting Friday evening elected the following officers:

W. M.—W. T. Colwell.  
S. W.—Sam Searfoss.  
J. W.—E. L. Strieby.  
Treasurer—James Searfoss.  
Secretary—Hallie Holloway.

The above officers will be installed at the regular meeting January 9.

### REFUSE TO PAY PHONE BILL

The public service commission at Indianapolis last week received complaint from subscribers of the Harlan Telephone company alleging refusal to pay their telephone bills until the service is improved.

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### HALF OF INDIANA'S TAX DOLLAR FOR SCHOOLS

Almost fifty cents of the average 1923 farm tax dollar in Indiana was levied for school purposes, according to a statement by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. Of this dollar 47.5 cents went to the support of education, 27.8 cents for the construction and maintenance of highways, while the remaining 24.6 cents was divided between the general costs of government, benevolent institutions and miscellaneous expenditures, the statement continues.

Other interesting facts concerning taxation in this state were also unearthed by the Foundation, which based its statement on a review of selected farmers by the government. A study of 109 Indiana rented farms covering the years 1919 to 1923 showed an average advance in taxes from 90 cents per acre 1919 to \$1.60 in 1922. There was a slight decline in 1923 to \$1.41 per acre. On account of the lower rentals in the latter years, however, a very much greater percentage in increase in taxes is shown when figured on the basis of net rent for the two periods. The percentage of net rent paid out in taxes on these Indiana farms rose from 12.4 per cent in 1919 to 39.6 in 1923.

According to the government investigation only 16.9 per cent of the rural taxes paid in Indiana during 1923 went to the support of the state government. The rent was levied and spent locally—45.4 per cent by the townships and 37.7 per cent by the counties. Few farmers paid any Federal income tax that year, so this item is ignored in the calculation.

Broaching the facts for the country, the statement calls attention to the fact that taxes on the average farm last year amounted to approximately 17.6 per cent of the net farm returns. Nearly seven per cent of the gross value of all farm products went to pay farm taxes in 1923 as compared with only 4.9 per cent in 1913.

### HAD NARROW ESCAPE

One day last week our friend Warren Rupple decided to go hunting on the James Judy farm. It is generally conceded the hunter goes after game, but it seems in this case the game went after the hunter, for a buck-sheep took notice of Mr. Hunter and at once made a bee-line for him. Now, Warren is not so easily scared, but he thought it best in this case to run and finally found safety on top of an old buggy. Elmer Long happened along, drove Mr. Buck away and helped Mr. Rupple on terra firma again, otherwise he might have been there yet.

### NEW FISH HATCHERY

O. D. Lucas of Orland is preparing to lay out what will be one of the largest fish hatcheries in the state near Angola where a million large and small mouth bass will be hatched yearly for use in Hoosier lakes and streams. The state conservation department and the Lake James Cotagers association will co-operate in the movement.

### IT ENDS IN TALK

Every two years just before the state legislature convenes there is talk of shortening the session from its constitutional limit of sixty-one days to thirty-five or forty days but it is never done. Members find their vacation and play time too long with sixty-one days at \$6 per day and mileage. Shortening of the session always ends in talk.

### REV. DUSTIN MARRIED

A marriage license was granted to Rev. S. Kahl Dustin and Miss Viola Raso, at Columbia City on Wednesday, December 24. Rev. Dustin is well known in this city, having been pastor last year of the Church of God.

### SMALLPOX AT WARSAW

Warsaw is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox. Several cases have been reported and are under quarantine. The board of health may issue an order that everybody, especially school children, must be vaccinated.

### WARSAW GAS PLANT SOLD

The Warsaw Gas Plant, together with the gas companies at Goshen and Niles, Mich., has been sold to the Mid West Utility Company, controlled by the

### Compliments of the Season

The New Year places within our hands a book with 365 clean white pages.

What will we write thereon?

The book is ours to make or to mar. Will we write words and deeds of wisdom, or will we write such words and deeds of folly that the angels will mercifully blot them out with their tears. What will we do with the year 1925?

Is your ship anchored, swinging lazily with the tide? Are you drifting with the tide? Or have you weighed anchor, set sail and are you at the helm, steering your ship toward a goal?

God has given you your talents, your abilities, to help yourself and your fellow man. And some day you will be called upon to render back to him who gave those talents with usury. Do not waste your energies, but devote your God-given powers to being good, doing good and making the world better for having lived in it.

Moment by moment, day by day we build, and when we stand on the threshold of a new year we always pause and look back to see what kind of structure we built with the days, what we wrote in the volume of life.

Notwithstanding the storms and vicissitudes, enmities and prejudices that inevitably gather about either a vigorous, ambitious, aggressive individual or newspaper, the Syracuse Journal enters this new year with nothing but red blood in its veins, bowing the knee to no individual and wearing the yoke of no party faction, with a following, patronage and power in this community that we hope to increase through worthy effort. With these reasons for rejoicing we extend best wishes for "A Happy New Year to You."

May this day mark the beginning of a new era of health and prosperity and happiness, and the experience of a fading past inspire to renewed energy and effort and success.

May destiny smile upon you and shape anticipation into realization of your fondest hopes.

So, courage dear friends! and the compliments of the season.

### FOR NEW YEARS GREETING

It is not the work we intend to do Nor the work we have just begun, That put us right on the Ledger's sheet

It is the work we have really done.

Our credit is built on the things we do Our debts on things we shirk, The man who totals the biggest plus Is the man who completes his work.

Good intentions don't do the trick It is easy enough to plan,

To wish, is the play of an office boy To do is the job of a man.

(Unknown).

### NOW INMATE OF INFIRMARY

Mrs. Minnie Yates, aged 50 years, an invalid, is the first victim of the Milford bank failure to feel the desperate weight of misfortune which overtook the community recently. She had all her money deposited in the bank, and now that it is lost, and with no means of support, she has been taken to the Kosciusko county infirmary.

### SNIDER WILL FILED

The will of the late Henry A. Snider was probated in the circuit court at Goshen. He leaves his wife, Christiana, 35 acres of land; a son, William, 40 acres; another son, Frank Judson Snider, 40 acres, all in Benton township. The sum of \$3000 is given to Monroe Ott as trustee for a third son, Samuel Snider of Ligonier.

### READING UP THE WOOD

Every person who buys a 24-page newspaper for two cents cut out of the forests of the United States or Canada a block of wood two inches high, three inches wide and four inches long. With the help of a paper mill a cord of wood informs 3,600 people of the day's news.

### CONSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF WILD LIFE

At a recent meeting of the American Protective Association, in New York City, which national organization acts as a clearing house for the conservation and promotion of wild life, George N. Mannfeld, superintendent of fisheries and game of this state told the convention that Indiana has decided more wild life though population has increased and there is less cover for wild things than in 1918, prior to organization of the state conservation department.

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