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## NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR SURROUNDINGS

Contributed Notes on the Happenings in Nearby Communities.

### SOLOMON'S CREEK

Sabbath school next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 7:00 p. m.

Leonard Rex and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rex.

Charles Peoples and family were Sunday guests of Homer Darr and wife.

John Darr and daughter Miriam, and Albert Darr and family visited Sunday with the Bird Darr family of Goshen.

Rev. Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Long were Sunday visitors with Anderson Juday and daughter Leila.

Quite a few of our folks attended the Sunday school convention at Goshen Thursday afternoon and evening in spite of the rainy weather.

Kenneth and Wayne Hapner are spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hare.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith of Peru came Saturday to visit with their son, Rev. J. D. Smith, and family, also Rev. Smith's aunt, Miss Patsy Wooten of the same place.

Mrs. Merle Darr and little son Marion called Friday afternoon on Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dolan of Syracuse.

Velva Darr is ill with appendicitis.

Mrs. Louisa Hapner is quite ill with heart trouble.

Glen Stookey moved last week near Waterford and will live with his father.

Porter Sheline and Clark Willard spent the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Harry Hapner has purchased a new Buick car.

Bird Darr and wife of Goshen, Rev. Smith and wife and Cloy, John and Miriam Darr called at the Merle Darr home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Maloy of Stringtown came Sunday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Hapner.

Mrs. Joseph Meek is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Melvine Tully.

### WEST END

Mrs. Mart Long was a Goshen shopper Saturday.

Harold Sheffield of Mishawaka spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheffield.

Orba Weybright and family spent Sunday in Goshen at the home of Samuel Cullers.

Mrs. Solomon Rowdabaugh and Guy Morehouse and family were Sunday guests of W. E. Sheffield.

Mrs. Ella Wolfe spent Saturday and Sunday in Nappanee.

Jacob Kern and family spent Sunday at the home of O. A. Jeffries.

Miss Vleria Edgell, daughter of Mrs. Neva Niles, and John Honer of South Bend were married March 31, at St. Joe, Mich.

### NORTH WEBSTER

Mrs. Jessie Follice expects to take her former place in the canning factory this summer. She will move here from Elkhart where she has found employment for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver and family arrived here from Texas last week. It will be remembered they went last fall with the intention of locating there permanently. Their land, however, was under water when they arrived so the land company resumed charge of same at their wish. They expect to buy property in Webster.

The senior class play, "A Prai-

rie Rose", will be given at the Recreation motion picture theater Friday and Saturday evenings, April 30 and May 1. These are always great occasions—a full house both nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Himes entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rothberger, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Bause and son Robert and Oscar Correll and family Sunday.

Mrs. L. R. Anderson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Kline, left Saturday for her home in St. Joe, Mich.

It is reported, whether authentic or not, that the Evangelical church here will be supplied with a minister again. In that case Lewis Kaiser and family will have to vacate the parsonage.

Emanuel Kuhn has his cottage partly done.

Alf Klick bought the Secrist property now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Amy Hamman. That will necessitate their moving in the near future.

### WHITE OAK

Mr. and Mrs. James Dewart spent Sunday afternoon with their daughter Mrs. Jacob Bucher. Mr. and Mrs. Bucher are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Yvonne Margarete.

Mrs. Samuel Dewart is reported not so well at this writing.

Mrs. Jacob Bowser is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mathews spent Saturday evening at the same place.

Those who spent Sunday at the Lesta Stiffler home were Lavina Brooks of Elkhart, Jane Rookstool and Iman Rookstool and family of Oswego.

Dewey Coy and family, Tilman Coy and family spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Coy.

Mrs. Charles Searfoss spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Kate Long.

Burt Howe sold a fine cow to William Fackler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Routsen spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Feaster of north of Milford.

Mrs. Hazel Whitehead spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dewart.

Mrs. Edward Lindsey of Laketon, Ind., is spending a few days at the homes of Earl Hammond and Burton Howe.

Crystal Ross and Milva Coy are entertaining the measles.

Mrs. Mattie Good and son of South Bend spent Friday and Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Guy Fisher, and family.

Mrs. Hazel Kuhn is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Roy Brown of Dowagiac, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Galistel of Chicago spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitehead.

Merle Miller was a Cromwell caller Friday.

Mrs. Burton Howe entertained several ladies from Syracuse last Thursday and all enjoyed a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitehead entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strieby of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. John Dewart Thursday.

Lester Dewart was in Goshen Friday.

### FOUR CORNERS

April the sixth is rather late but Clint's are very proud of in the year to receive Callanders, theirs, in the form of a nine pound girl, Bettie Maxine.

Rev. Markley of Auburn spent Sunday night with Frank Maloy.

Mrs. Wm. Fackler of north of Syracuse spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baird.

Henry Geyer is on the sick list. His granddaughter, Miss Olive Geyer, of near Syracuse, spent from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon with him.

Melvin Stutsman's condition

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## SYRACUSE TABLE CO. GETS NEW CAPITAL

Chicago Business Men Buy Control Saturday and Plan Expansion.

The Geo. J. Cronenberger and H. Miller interests in the Syracuse Table company were purchased Saturday by a group of three Chicago business men.

The men are: Max M. Drefkoff, an attorney connected with the Greenbaum Sons Bank & Trust company of Chicago; Joseph Gelber, formerly president of a large wholesale grocery house in Chicago, and now connected with the Henry Horner Wholesale grocery house; and Robert Eclison, an attorney who has been practicing in Chicago for the past twelve years.

Mr. Drefkoff was in Syracuse Monday completing the details of the transaction, and getting acquainted with the local investors, who are retaining their interests. New capital is being put into the company by the Chicago men for the purpose of adding considerable new machinery equipment to the plant. From here Mr. Drefkoff went to Indianapolis and Cincinnati to find the machines that will be required.

It is the intention to add at once several items to the company's products, all, however, to be articles of furniture. Up to the present time the production of the plant has been directed altogether to a patented kitchen ironing table, the invention of Mr. Cronenberger.

The plant is at present idle, but work will be resumed just as soon as possible.

The company is capitalized at \$50,000, half preferred stock and half common. The Chicago men became interested in the company early in February. Confident that the industry has a bright future before it, they desired to control it and to accomplish this they bought the patent rights and entire stock of Mr. Cronenberger and Mr. Miller, who are no longer connected with the company in any way.

### ROADS OVER SEAS

"A good merchant marine means good roads over the sea, almost like roads on the land. It opens up all lands to our commerce and makes us quite independent of other nations. We have this opportunity now and we ought to take advantage of it. There is a great deal of American shipping owned by the government and we must hold it under the American flag." (Leonard Wood. 4221)

### STRIEBY-LECOUNT

Miss Nellie Marie Strieby, the daughter of Floyd Strieby, and Chester Ray LeCount, son of Gideon LeCount, were married at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Methodist parsonage at Warsaw by Rev. L. J. Nafziger. Miss Moseline Strieby, cousin of the bride, accompanied them. They will reside south of Syracuse.

The Journal joins with the many friends of these newlyweds in wishing them a long and happy married life.

### AMERICA FIRST

"Avoid loose fibred internationalism as you would avoid death, for it means national death. We want to stand for America first and a long way first." (Leonard Wood. 4221)

### LAW AND ORDER

"Stand square for law and order, the rights of property and government under the constitution." (Leonard Wood. 4221)

## THE SOURCES OF RAW RUBBER

By E. W. Saltsman, Pres. of The Wawasee Tire & Rubber Co.

I have been requested to write an article on the subject of rubber for the readers of The Journal. The subject is an exhaustive one, but I will endeavor to give a general idea in as concise a form as possible.

The raw material which forms the basis for the rubber industry is a gum imported from the tropical countries of Asia, Africa, large quantities from South America, and small quantities from North America. It is obtained from the inner bark of trees, creepers and shrubs in the form of a milky exudation, or emulsion, which is commonly called latex.

Trees are tapped by cutting through the inner bark in a V-shape, the cut reaching about half around the tree. The latex which comes from this incision is collected and put through a process of coagulation, the coagulate being rubber. This process is similar to making cheese. The rubber of the latex is like the cheese of the milk.

The rubber obtained from creepers and shrubs is by a process somewhat different. The creepers and shrubs are ground and crushed, boiled, and then coagulated. Different countries use different methods to obtain rubber from the latex. Some use native earths; other use acids; and some use various astringents, such as alum, etc.

After the rubber is obtained it is put into various forms, sheets, slabs, hams, balls, etc., and smoked to antisepicize it, on the same principle as we smoke our meat and in this condition it comes to the manufacturer.

There have been 288 species of rubber discovered. But the best comes from South America, along the Amazon river and its tributaries, where it grows in a wild state. This rubber is known as Hevea-Brazilianna. These trees are about 100 years old, 3 feet in diameter and 200 feet high, with large, brown leaves. The older the tree, the better the rubber it produces.

This particular tree requires a great amount of moisture for it to thrive in. The Amazon river overflows in this district six months of the year, furnishing the necessary moisture. The rubber is collected by the natives going in companies of about one hundred men into the jungles, taking all their supplies with them. It is a very hazardous occupation, as about one-third of them are killed by wild animals and by snake bites.

Rubber was discovered by a French scientist in 1756 in Central America while he was traveling that country. He noticed the natives playing with balls made of a peculiar gum obtained from a tree indigenous to that country. He took a sample of the strange gum home to France, and experiments were made by French, English and American chemists during the succeeding years in an effort to use this material in a commercial way.

In its crude form rubber is of no commercial value. Finally, in 1846, Thomas Goodyear, a New Englander and an American, first accidentally discovered vulcanization, or what we call curing rubber. During his experimenting, he accidentally hit upon the use of sulphur and found that it produced the desired effect. Up to the present time there has not been discovered any other chemical to take its place.

About the same time Hancock, an Englishman, and Parks, a Frenchman, discovered a similar process. Litigation ensued for a number of years to decide who was entitled to the patents.

## RYAN MINERAL AND SOAP CO. HEADWAY

Selling Campaign Covering Indiana Just Completed with Good Orders.

The Ryan Mineral & Soap company has just completed a selling campaign throughout Indiana that has resulted in creating a great hum of activity in getting out orders at the local plant.

This will come as good news to Syracuse people, who have regretted the various handicaps that had to be overcome by this local industry. It was established here at the beginning of the war, and the many war restrictions were coupled with the inevitable obstacles that any new enterprise must overcome. With considerable effort Thos. J. Ryan, manager of the company, was able to keep the industry alive through the two years of war.

For the past few months Mr. Ryan has been calling personally on the department store merchants of the larger cities throughout the state. Recently many of these merchants have been pushing the sales of the local company's products through their advertising.

A new product is also being introduced at this time, it having been tested over the past several months and found good. It is a drilling tool lubricant that is claimed to be better than oil, and is much cheaper. This product is also meeting with good sales.

Finally the question was decided in favor of Goodyear.

The Goodyear patents did not expire until about 1871. Up to that date the rubber industry was somewhat limited; since that time it has been a rapidly growing industry. Still it is only a new industry compared with many others.

While the United States is not the home of the raw material, it has well taken the lead in the rubber industry. In normal times the United States uses one-half of the world's production of crude rubber. At the present abnormal time we are using about 70 percent, which no doubt is due to the fact that the foreign countries are not producing up to standard.

Rubber is chemically one of the hydro-carbons. The nearest like substance we have to it in nature is turpentine. Automobile tires have been made of turpentine, but the cost of producing them prevents their use.

I have here presented only one small phase of the subject of rubber, and still much more could be said of this phase. For instance, in discussing the raw material I have said nothing of plantation, or cultivated rubber, and I will tell of this in another article.

### MORE STRIKES

An unauthorized strike of railroad employees, which started in Chicago several days ago over the discharge of a yard conductor, quickly spread in that city to such an extent as to affect twenty-five railroads, throw more than 50,000 men out of work either directly or indirectly, and menace the city's food supply. Later the strike movement extended to Kansas City, Buffalo and other cities of the middle west and finally it spread throughout the whole country, reaching New York, Los Angeles and other cities on both coasts. Unheralded and unexpected it reached out from city to city, the switchmen and other railroad employees deserting their posts without warning, in many cases while traffic was at its height, leaving many thousands of tra-

## PARAGRAPHIC BITS ABOUT HOME FOLKS

Notes of the Week on the Coming and Going of People You Know.

The sun and our old suits are now shining.

Mrs. James V. Traster is somewhat improved.

Mrs. J. M. Sarjent has returned after a week spent in Chicago. Misses May Tish and Mary Cory spent Saturday in Goshen.

Misses Lillian Hamman and Lucy Welty spent Saturday in Elkhart.

When the school children go on strike it is time to spank the parents.

Mrs. Geo. H. Bailey went to South Bend Saturday and returned Tuesday.

Floyd Price and family of Goshen spent Sunday with John Price and family.

Mrs. N. A. Steinmetz is leaving this week for Goshen, where she will in the future make her home.

Court R. Slabaugh recently purchased the Chas. H. Rentfrow residence property in south Lake street.

Mrs. Jesse Mitchell and two children of Nappanee spent over Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Ella Wolfe.

Miller & Lepper are making considerable changes in their Pearl street garage, tearing out all partitions and preparing to concrete the floors.

Major F. E. Marsh was in Syracuse last week end from Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He expects to return here about the first of May and remain for the summer.

Mrs. J. J. Connel and little daughter Emma Catherine of Peru, Ind., came Saturday and will spend a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miles.

Geo. Hursey recently sold the residence property in south Harrison street, at the corner of John street, to Chas. F. Sparrow, who had been occupying it for some time.

Mrs. John W. Kitson has been visiting with friends and relatives here and at Goshen for the past two weeks. She left Tuesday for her home in Champaign, Ill.

C. H. Pfingst is spending two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pfingst, while the janitors and engineers are on a strike, causing the schools of Indiana Harbor to close.

Joe Ketring came home from South Bend Tuesday, being unable to work because of having the end taken off a finger of his left hand while working with a sausage grinder Monday.

Joel Wilt, who has been employed in Jackson, Mich., for the past several months, returned home Saturday night to spend a few days here while the plant at which he is working is temporarily closed down.

Otis C. Butt and children, Lois and George, drove over from Ligonier Sunday and spent the day here at the Fred Hinderer home. Mrs. Butt has been here for the past two weeks seriously ill with heart trouble.

Robert Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Myers of Chicago, came Monday to spend the week at the home of his grandfather, Henry Mathews. His school at Chicago is closed because the juniors are on a strike.

Many people on Monday night had a chance to find out if the patching had been done well on the roof after the big hailstorm of three weeks ago. The rain fell in torrents (so to speak), in a way to show up any leaks in the roof.