

Indiana and Michigan

Brief Wire News

WILL BEGIN DRIVE TO CUT FIRE LOSS

Establishment of Fire Prevention Committee in State May Effect Saving.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 29.—Slicing off at least \$2,000,000, which is one-third of the annual fire loss in Indiana, is expected to result from the program of establishing permanent fire prevention committees of citizens in Hoosier cities and towns by Newman T. Miller, state fire marshal. Already such committees have been organized in Indianapolis and Evansville and the state fire marshal expects to establish committees in Fort Wayne and Kokomo yet this month. His program includes every Indiana city and town.

In ten months' period this year in Indianapolis the fire loss was reduced by \$111,174, this being a 34 per cent decrease in fire loss for this city. The 10 months' activity of the permanent fire prevention committee in Indianapolis is used as a basis for formulating the extensive fire prevention program for the whole state.

"Can Accomplish Same."

"Other cities in the state can accomplish the same results as the fire prevention committee in Indianapolis," says Fire Marshal Miller. "Last year the fire loss in the Hoosier state totaled \$9,924,177, and using the record made in Indianapolis as a basis it can readily be seen where at least \$2,000,000 will be sliced off next year's fire losses by the activities of these citizen fire prevention committees."

"Keen activity of these fire prevention committees during the next five years should reduce fire losses in this state to a minimum," says the state fire marshal. "Since the announcement of the program for fire prevention committees in Indiana cities the department has received many letters asking that such committees be organized in the localities of the writers of these letters."

"This unusual co-operation will result in a tremendous drive for reduced fire losses. Last year's losses exceeded by more than \$285,000 the total paid for state taxes, so it can be seen that stimulation of fire prevention work is the solution of this problem of fire waste. Since the fact is evident that 85 per cent of all fires are due to carelessness, the work of the fire prevention committees in various communities will bring unusual results. Activity of the department's legal staff in co-operation with officials in various parts of the state has resulted in a marked reduction of arson. In fact the record of nine convictions out of every 10 persons tried for arson in Indiana during the past five years shows what constant activity against this type of fires has brought about."

INDIANA FARMERS ARRANGE PROGRAM

Agricultural Men of Corn Producing States Meet at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 29.—Farmers and bankers of ten chief corn producing states met here Tuesday to devise means to prevent the dumping on the market of several hundred million bushels of corn at a loss to the farmer.

One plan proposed was that banks lend money to the Midwest farmers, accepting corn as collateral, the whole scheme to be financed by the war finance corporation. Members of the recently appointed corn belt advisory committee of the war finance corporation, of which Gov. McCray is chairman; presidents of the farmers federations of the ten states; and Indiana bankers and farmers conferred with the governor at the state house.

Eugene Meyer, director of the war finance corporation, attended this conference. A public meeting was to be held this afternoon. The states represented are Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Oklahoma.

THE MAN FELL OVERBOARD

Struggling for life and shouting for help. Some one threw him a crowbar. It's the same way when a man dies without life insurance. Call Fegan, Main 130. 334-1f

JURY DECLARES LAWYER GUILTY

MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 29.—Gene Williams, 31, Muncie attorney and former prosecutor of Delaware county, was found guilty last night on a charge of second degree burglary by a circuit court jury.

He was alleged to have assisted in the burglarizing of the Gaston Hardware Co. of Gaston, Ind., in September, 1919. The indictment against him was brought by Sheriff Halford Johnson, arrested for the burglary confessed, and implicated Williams and Thomas V. Miller, another Muncie lawyer.

The case against Miller was dismissed last week when the trial was called and it was his testimony for the state that resulted in Williams' conviction. Williams is one of about 40 others slated to appear before Judge Anderson in federal court at Indianapolis next week on a charge of violating the liquor laws.

WOMAN KILLS SELF WHILE TAKING RIDE

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 29.—Bringing his wife home from an Indianapolis hospital, Robert Skirvin heard a loud report as his automobile rolled along at a 25-mile an hour pace. He looked for a blow-out, but the tires were sound. Peering then into the rear seat, occupied by Mrs. Skirvin as a bed, he found her dead from a shot through the heart. The revolver was still clutched in her hand.

Skirvin said he did not know how she obtained the weapon.

A nurse accompanying Mrs. Skirvin was riding in the front seat of the machine.

WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN TRIAL THURSDAY

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Nov. 29.—It may be Thursday before presentation of evidence is begun in the trial of Fred Decker charged with conspiracy to murder Leroy Lovett, for whose slaying Virgil Decker, is serving a life sentence term in prison. Thirty-nine of 74 veniremen today remained to be questioned. One peremptory challenge has been used by the defense. The state has excused 8 prospective jurors because of their opposition to the death penalty and four have been excused for having formed an opinion.

WELL KNOWN HOOSIER DIES AT INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 29.—Elmer E. Fornshell, member of Furness and Carpenter, publishers of the *Evansville Call*, died at Deaconess hospital here last night. A sudden collapse followed a long illness.

Mr. Fornshell once served a term in the Indiana legislature and had been Mayor of Elwood. The body has been taken to Elwood. A widow survives. He was 62 years of age.

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG.

If you buy your millinery at Van-Gorder's. We are now showing the very latest midwinter styles in fur coats, gold and silver lace, velvet flowers and ostrich. The proper hats for the winter season to come.

Yeggs Get \$15,000 From Shipsewanna Bank; 3rd Attempt

(Special to News-Times.)
GOSHEN, Ind., Nov. 29.—Fifteen thousand dollars in Liberty bonds, war saving stamps and currency was taken from the Farmers bank of Shipsewanna. The bandits escaped in automobiles.

Using an acetylene torch the robbers burned a hole through the side of the vault and into the safe. They secured \$15,000 in bonds and a small amount of currency. About \$1,500 in gold and considerable silver was not disturbed. More than \$1,500 in paper money was so badly burned it cannot be used. The loss is covered by insurance.

Within 25 years the bank has been robbed nine times. Two months ago robbers secured \$15 in pennies falling to get into the safe. Within the last three weeks three attempts have been made to rob the bank.

MINERS TO TEST VALIDITY OF LAW

Executive Board of Mine Workers Hold Special Meet at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 29.—Within the next few weeks suit will be filed in the courts of Kansas by the United Mine Workers of America to make a thorough test of the constitutionality of the Kansas industrial court law, according to plans outlined Tuesday at the executive board meeting of the United Mine Workers of America at the headquarters here by John T. Clarkson, former state senator of Iowa.

Since the law's enactment it has been opposed by the Kansas miners' organization and has resulted in the sending to jail of Alexander Howat, its president, and his expulsion, together with a number of his followers, from the international organization of miners.

Collects Data.

Mr. Clarkson, it was said, has collected all the materials for his bill of complaint and it will be ready for filing as soon as it is written and the suit formally approved by the executive board. The suit, it was stated late Tuesday, will attack the constitutionality of the law creating the industrial court in Kansas, and the purpose is to carry the case to the supreme court of the United States if necessary.

The board will be in session all of this week and probably most of next week, as reports from the strike in the Colorado field, the situation in West Virginia and the difference between the Illinois district officials and the international, brought about through the Illinois officials supporting the Kansas strikers, are among the matters still to be considered.

Local Young Man Takes Bride at Columbia City

(Special to News-Times.)
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Nov. 29.—Kenneth Mitchell of South Bend, and Miss Ethel Stiecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stiecker of Peabody, near here, were united in marriage at noon Saturday. The ring ceremony was used by Rev. Berger of Huntington, who officiated in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left for Ohio on a wedding trip.

INVESTORS OF MUNCIE REPORT HEAVY LOSSES

MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 29.—Muncie investors are reported to have lost sums amounting to thousands of dollars through the assignment Tuesday of the F. C. Sprague company, brokers.

The Muncie office of the company was open Tuesday afternoon but was accepting no business. Liabilities here are reported as \$60,000 and assets \$200,000. E. W. Shyrook is the assignee.

MAKE IT AN ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS

The Blue Bird Shop, 123 N. Main st., offers an immense selection of ideal gifts which are priced—Oh, so reasonable!

YOU MONEY BACK.

If you can duplicate our style, quality and low prices. Seasonable up-to-date millinery, at all times. None better in the city. Van Gorder & Co. 334

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A wide variety of styles and colors to select from.

These are positively the greatest values ever offered at—

\$10

We advise early shopping, as the best go first.

We invite new charge accounts

ELECTRIC CORPORATION FILES NEW PETITION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 29.—The Indiana Electric corporation whose recent petition for permission to negotiate a twenty million dollar utility merger project was rejected by the public service commission Tuesday filed a new petition asking permission to issue securities aggregating more than two million dollars less than sought in the original petition. The petition filed today asks the commission for authority to issue securities totalling \$18,500,000. The original asked permission to issue an aggregate of \$20,550,000 in securities.

BANDITS BLOW SAFE IN HOOSIER VILLAGE

GOSHEN, Ind., Nov. 29.—The Farmers State bank at Shipsewanna, near here, was robbed early today of \$15,000 by robbers who burned their way into the vault with acetylene torches. The loot consisted of Liberty bonds, war savings stamps and \$2,500 in currency. It was the ninth time since 1907 that this bank has been robbed.

RECEIVE CHARTER

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 29.—Church Service League of Northern Indiana was granted articles of association Tuesday. Mr. A. E. Everill and Mrs. C. Bailey Crankshaw of Fort Wayne are directors.

AUTHORIZE ISSUE

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 29.—The state board today authorized a \$50,000 six per cent bond issue for water works improvement and a \$50,000 six per cent bond issue for light plant improvement at Lagonaport.

HOLD UP HOOSIER

HAMMOND, Ind., Nov. 29.—Hold up men broke a brick over the head of Leo Uricke as a preliminary to a planned robbery. A few stitches repaired the slight damage to Uricke's scalp.

"My salary is \$2,500 a year. What would become of my family if I should die suddenly?" Free booklet explains our proposition. No obligation. Penn Mutual Life, J. M. S. bldg. 334-1f

Xmas tree outfits, \$1.90 at Moran's, 132 N. Mich., st. 334-1f

PLAN OBSERVANCE OF EDUCATION WEEK IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Formulate Plans for National Week at Meet of School Principals.

In accordance with the national observance of Educational week, which starts Sunday, plans were formulated at a meeting of principals of the various schools of the city Monday, for observance of the week in Mishawaka. A letter from the state board of education urging the local school authorities to extend every possible interest in making the period a success was read at the session and Supt. of Schools P. C. Emmons appointed to take charge of the work.

FOSTERING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP

between the parents who have children attending the schools and the places where their children seek daily education is the purpose of the week. During the period fathers and mothers will be urged to visit the schools where their children attend and get acquainted with the teachers.

The week will be formally opened Sunday with announcements in the various churches of the city. During Monday and Tuesday the purpose of the observance will be brought to the minds of parents in divers fashion and on Wednesday a special program is planned at the High school auditorium. A well known speaker will deliver an address at this session in which the fundamental ideas of parent-school relationship will be outlined. Other addresses by school officials will follow the principal talk and arrangements are being made for the presentation of a formal program.

"Go to School" days will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, closing the week. During these

FREE WITH COFFIELD WASHER

Six Roger's teaspoons free with Coffield, \$5 down and \$1 a week deliveries washer. Ask Moran, 132 N. Mich., for demonstration. 334-1f

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Special prices of portable lamps. The largest assortment to choose from in the city can be found at Moran's, 132 N. Mich., st. 334-1f

TODAY
Last Day of
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**10%
DISCOUNT
Off on Everything**
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SAY IT WITH MUSIC
Nothing like records as a Christmas gift. We have thousands of selections from 25c to \$1.50 each. Ukelele's, Banjo Ukelele's, Guitars, Mandolins, Violins, Drum outfits, Music Bags and Rolls for the older ones and bubble books, toy drums, whistles, horns, etc., for the little tots. The O. W. Copp Music Shop, Open evenings. 334-4f

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AND
EVERY O'COAT**

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It Takes Two to Make a Bargain

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Suits and Overcoats

\$35

The styles are all new winter designs, all-wool fabrics of tested quality; every garment expertly tailored to fit and retain its shapeliness. Large varieties; all sizes for men and young men, \$35.

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