

THE EVENING NEWS

JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1929

THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy Thursday
Friday, sunny Thursday
Clear, slightly above freezing
and windy Friday.

A CONSTRUCTION
Is a Pro
Dedicated to the
greater Jefferson

CHARGED WITH LYNCHING SLAY

Kept From Motor On Highway Bridge

"Jo" Keeps Her Christmas In Wabash Jail

EMPIRES MOVE TO SET PRICES FREE

Wells Writes Pungent Notes For His Paper

Noisy Music Starts Crusade

Bank Sleuth Found Dying On New Span

Wabash, Ind., Dec. 26—Mrs. Josephine Alger, wife of Gene Alger, slayer of an Indianapolis policeman and recently given a fifteen-year sentence for bank robbery, spent Christmas in the Wabash county jail here.

Relatives had hoped that Mrs. Alger, who is to become a mother soon, would be released to spend the holiday with them. However, they were unable to provide \$15,000 bond under which she was placed pending trial on charges of aiding her husband in robbery of the Bank of La Fontaine, in October.

"Jo's" father, Sergt. R. L. Miller of the Jeffersonville police department, hopes to be able to give the bond and bring her home for care by her mother and other relatives. Mrs. Alger expects to become a mother and can not have the attention she needs at the Wabash jail, he said.

Bond was originally set at \$30,000 but was cut in half at the suggestion of Claude B. McBride of Jeffersonville, attorney for Mrs. Alger. The judge said that a cut of one-half was the lowest figure he felt justified in setting.

Mrs. Alger denies that she took any part in the bank robbery.

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RUGAR SENATORS DISAGREE PRESIDENT HOOVER

The following interesting comment of Sam B. Wells, Scottsburg attorney, is clipped from his paper, the Scott County Journal:

Sees Graft
"Why should the township trustee have an allowance for traveling expenses? This traveling expense or mileage is eating up the taxpayers' money. Before we will support any candidate for trustee (in the primary or the election) he must promise that if nominated or elected, he will have no 'mileage' graft in his expenses. If a candidate don't want to serve for the regular salary, let him stay at home and earn his bread by the sweat of his brow."

Worth The Money
"A lot of sensible people have concluded that the best way to reduce taxes and get from under the present financial condition in many townships is to do away with the township trustee's office. In our opinion this would be a mistake. The township trustee is the last refuge of the common people against centralized government—the bane of the ordinary citizen. Trustees are an expensive luxury, but not half so expensive as it would be if the unit of townships was destroyed and replaced with the county unit."

School Aid
"Governor Leslie is to be commended for his efforts to solve the situation facing the state aid counties. The men appointed are all high class men, who will earnestly try to solve the painful situation facing many schools in Southern Indiana. We believe that these men will be able to work out a satisfactory solution, and avoid a special session of the legislature. One of the recommendations this committee should urge on the next legislature would be a law permitting 'Home Rule'—permitting the township trustees and teachers to agree upon salaries to be paid. Our schools are too expensive."

Aged Resident Of City Critically Ill

Mrs. Jane Martin, 90, widow of Robert Martin, is critically ill at her home, 231 Graham street, suffering from a breakdown. She is one of the city's oldest residents. Doctors hold out hopes for her recovery, but her condition gives relatives grave apprehension.

Miss Lella Martin, a linotype operator for the Evening News, a daughter, is in constant attendance at the bedside.

Out For Commissioner
William H. Poff, St. Joseph's Hill, announces that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for



George Antheil, "Bad Boy of Modern Music" and (Inset) George Gershwin

By Lin MacDowell
Mechanistic modern music, echoing the hit of riveting guns and the banishes wail of the buzz-saw, has taken refuge in Ireland.

Amstey, the home of jazz, definitely turned thumbs down on its illegitimate child, the maniacal music inspired by the bustle and clamor of the American city. George Antheil, the apostle of the new music, has taken his noise to Ireland, where it is more likely to be regarded as realism than as gaudy reality.

Antheil, an American, began his assault on the comic estrum in Europe just after the war. His feats of virtuosity included playing the piano with his elbows, his wrists, his fists, his nose, and in moments of actual need, even with his fingers. Such tactics won attention, to say the least, and he was looked for a triumphant American debut.

For the first concert in the homeland, Antheil created what may be described as his masterpiece, "The Ballet Mechanique," which was orchestrated for anvils, airplane propellers, electric bells, automobile horns, buzzing saws, firecrackers, torpedoes, repeating air clocks, ratchet drills, automatic screwdrivers, rattles, axes and police whistles.

When Antheil laid down his barrage of cacophony, the audience went berserk. Many had anticipated a riot and had come prepared. Several staid New York newspapers had sent police reporters instead of music critics to cover the event.

Hissing, horse laughs and organized cheering greeted the offering. A group of old gentlemen raised white handkerchiefs on their waikings sticks in token of surrender. The general complaint was not real. Antheil's performance was not realistic, but real. The sounds he evoked were not music but noise, as encountered daily in New York.

Antheil went to the old country, where he is now at work on something appropriately obscure, and left New York to his own resources. Whether he inspired the movement or not, the city suddenly realized that it was becoming tone-deaf to too much noise, musical and miscellaneous, and a municipal noise commission was formed to combat just such nuisances as Antheil's ballet sought to immortalize.

The commission found that music practice, among other things, is a great contributor to metropolitan din. It found, in fact, that all the instruments used in the composer's concentration were old offenders, the automobile horn one of the worst.

Dr. E. E. Pese, a consulting engineer, working independently, discovered that loose automobile parts were the foremost violators of peace and quiet.

It seems now that genuine benefits will result from Antheil's revolutionary music. Recommendations to tone down city noise will probably be acted upon as an indirect consequence of his concert. Among them are suggestions that automobiles be kept in good working order and a penalty of fines that the all-steel automobile body be universally adopted by manufacturers as a boon to the motorist's peace of mind, as well as to his safety. That the use of pneumatic tires be made compulsory on all motor vehicles, and that ball-bearing spring shackles be installed on all passenger vehicles to minimize squeaks and rattles. Radios, of which there is one in every other home, will doubtless come in for a bit of chastening also.

While Antheil is assuming the role of an expatriate, the milder disciplines of George Gershwin's "American in Paris" have captivated New York. Gershwin employs a number of unorthodox instruments, including the automobile horn. But in his case, it is Paris that is being slandered. Americans can stand that better.

Unable to ascertain whether he was knocked from the running board of a car or lost his balance and fell off, Louisville police, Thursday continued to probe the finding of a man in an unconscious condition on the municipal bridge shortly before 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

The man is James Connaughton, 48, of 727 East Jacob street, private detective at the National Bank of Kentucky, Fourth and Chestnut streets, Louisville. He is suffering from a double fracture at the base of his skull and is not expected to live.

Connaughton was taken to the City Hospital by H. D. Mitchell, Clark street, Jeffersonville, who was accompanied by Wilbur Lancaster, 827 East Maple street, also of Jeffersonville. The men told members of the police cruising squad that they were coming across the bridge, trailing a small car either a coupe or a roadster. They said Connaughton was riding on the running board of the machine and that suddenly they saw him topple to the pavement. They did not know whether he had fallen or had been knocked from the machine.

Mitchell said the car on which Connaughton had been riding stopped and someone opened a door and looked back. The car then sped on and turned east on Main street traveling at a rapid rate of speed, Mitchell said.

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CEMETERY ROADS WON'T BE BUILT SOON IS VIEW

BONDED DEBT OF ONE PER CENT FOR COUNTY ROADS IS EXCEEDED

Although two petitions for construction of hard-surface roads leading from highways to rural cemeteries have been filed for consideration of the Clark County Board of Commissioners, it is unlikely that these roads will soon be built, Clark County officials said Thursday.

County Auditor Otis B. Fifer has received a letter from the State attorney general, construing the law under which several hundred petitioners seek to build roads to Shiloh cemetery and to Olive Branch cemetery in Owen township.

The law was enacted by a recent session of the legislature and provides that such roads may be built with money of the county unit highway bonded fund on petition of 300 voters of the county.

The letter from the attorney general points out that such expenditures are limited to 1 per cent of the assessed value of the county. Auditor

O'Bannon Has Been Editor For 23 Years

The News and Journal extends congratulations to Lew M. O'Bannon, who next week will round out his twenty-third year of useful service as editor and owner of the *Corydon Democrat*.

The Democrat will soon be seventy-four years old. The paper is and has been for many years one of the nation's best country weeklies.

Speaking of the approaching anniversary, Mr. O'Bannon says:

"During the twenty-three years we have published the paper we have had splendid help within the office, and loyal support from the people generally, the subscribers, advertisers and the patrons of our job printing department, and we are very grateful. We, at the office, have all worked hard and we feel justified in saying that we have given the people a good newsy paper."

The late Simeon K. Wolfe established the Democrat in April, 1856. Other owners who preceded Mr. O'Bannon were Amzi W. Brewster, Smith Askern, Strother M. Stockslager, George K. Gwartney, Charles W. Thomas, Charles B. Ellis.

Resting Easy

George H. Voigt, publisher of the Evening News, who is recuperating at his home from injuries he received when run down by an automobile while resting easy, it was reported today.

Relatives say that the publisher is growing gradually better.

Governor Will Be Asked To Call Solons

JUST A RUM GO

Indianapolis, Ind.—The law—and his conscience—told Bee Ford, Negro, of Indianapolis, not to drink.

His appetite and his bootlegger told him to keep his thirst down with liberal draughts.

And Ford says the bootlegger backed up his argument

Corydon, Ind.—Thomas S. Jones, of this place, who is Chairman of the Committee appointed at Shoals, December 13, to give special attention to

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