

MARION AND TURNER WANT BETTER ROAD

Community Clubs Hold Joint Meeting at City of Marion

MARION, Dec. 19.—An exceptionally big attendance enjoyed a splendid program at the Marion Community club meeting Tuesday evening. The program was presented by the Benner family of Salem who are very interesting entertainers, there being no dull moments in the program. The club was also addressed by C. A. Bear, president of the Turner Community club, who with a delegation of about 25 members of the Turner club, was present.

The matter of improvements in the road between Marion and Turner, which is rutty and full of water holes during the winter months, was discussed and it was decided that the Turner and Marion clubs would unite in an effort to secure action by the county.

Some years ago a special tax was voted in this district for improvements to this road and the Marion-Stanton road and it was the impression of a large number who were present at the tax meeting that these roads were to have been paved and in fact about a mile and a half of paving was laid, but during the past few years nothing more has been done although almost a year ago applications had been made to the county that this paving be completed, but to no avail.

This road is a main through road serving considerable territory and there is no question but that this road should be completed and to this end the south of the county is beginning to unite.

WITNESS AGAINST RUM RING GUARDED

COUER D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Police said Anthony McGill, government witness in the "rum ring conspiracy" trial probably barely missed being shot to death today, following testimony damaging to Mullan city officials. They reported that a mysterious man entered a restaurant, used by McGill, with his right hand concealed in a paper bag, and searched the place for the federal witness. Guards had been placed over witnesses after McGill and M. D. Needham, former Mullan police chief, declared they had been threatened with death for testimony against the alleged liquor conspirators.

McGill had just concluded testimony that Mullan city officials had run the mining town "wide open," collecting licenses from rum sellers for use on civic projects and told how Mullan police officers warned him during the republican state convention at Kellogg two years ago to try to "keep the boys from getting drunk and keep them off the

APPROPRIATION TO FIGHT FLY IS MADE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—An emergency appropriation of \$1,290,000 to carry on eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly was passed by both houses of congress today and sent to the president for his approval.

The money would be available until July 30, 1930, and the secretary of agriculture is given the discretionary authority to make no expenditures until sums "adequate to state cooperation" have been appropriated.

One million dollars of the emergency fund would go toward actual control and eradication work, while the remaining \$290,000 would be used to reimburse the plant quarantine and control administration for a like expenditure for fruit fly activities.

Congress made available \$4,250,000 at the last session to prevent the spread of the fruit pest, but this fund has been depleted. Virtually all of the work has been carried on in Florida.

The emergency fund is expected to permit the agriculture department to continue its campaign until congress acts on a budget recommendation for an additional appropriation of \$15,381,000 for the next fiscal year. The house appropriations committee will hold hearings on a bill embracing this item after the Christmas recess.

BURKE'S ARREST IS EXPECTED SHORTLY

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Arrest of Fred Burke was promised soon by Patrick Roche, chief investigator for the state's attorney. Early tonight, however, the reputed desperado, bank robber and killer, still was at large.

Roche inferred that detectives had the Chicago hiding place of Burke under surveillance. The investigator also announced he had traced the ownership of two machine guns found in the Burke bungalow at St. Joseph, Mich., after Burke had killed a policeman there last Saturday.

Bullets fired from one of these guns have been identified tentatively as similar to bullets found in the bodies of seven Moran gangsters who were massacred last February in a North Clark street garage.

Roche said gun No. 2347 was purchased Nov. 12, 1924 by Deputy Sheriff Lisle Farmer of Marion, Ill., during disturbances there.

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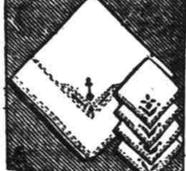
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