

Pagent to Depict Early History of Hamilton County

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DAILY LEDGER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1927

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with Alice Thompson, and
Brewster, Brown, and
... occurred at the Tabernacle
... church, Wednesday
... at 4 o'clock, in Indiana-
... use young folk have come
... dling trip to Canada and
... it home after October 1st
... own home on Washington
... d. The Evans family has
... ived in Noblesville and
... k was born here. Fred is
... he was known, was a
... nd owner. They moved to
... ile, Fla., and Mr. Evans
... her with illness and die-
... ne time ago.

DELTA SORORITY PARTY
Virginia Sohl, of this city,
and Gladys Ervin, living in
... near here, were in Indi-
... Tuesday afternoon at
... beautiful rush-party at
... college. The Alpha-Delta
... use, on Beechwood avenue,
... There were about sev-
... ees present for this de-
... session which was in
... a square lawn party. The
... tables were attractively
... and decorated and there
... ny unique favors given,
... whistles, canes and other
... tridge and other games
... yed and a program of
... ver stunts were given.
... allege will open its doors
... week of September 19th.
... rations will be made.
... it be quite a number of
... le students attending this
... university this year.

FINING IN THIS CITY
omer Davis, of Cleveland,
... Thursday, and is the
... est of Mr. and Mrs. Will
... 2 Clinton street. Mr. and
... is lived in this city about
... ars ago when Mr. Davis
... head of the telephone
... in this city. Mrs. Davis
... "many" of her former
... nd is having a most de-
... sit.

FINING IN THIS CITY
... of Los Angeles,
... ived in the city, Thurs-
... moon, and will make an
... visit in the home of her
... Arthur Traut. She fo-
... ed here; but this is her
... at her former home in
... use years. Her maiden
... as Miss Frank Traut,
... who lived here many
... o Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
... her in Indianapolis by

INNER GUESTS
d Mrs. Ralph Sapper en-
... most hospitably, Sunday
... for 6 o'clock dinner. Mr.
... Chauncey Craig and two
... Mrs. Jacob Sapper. The
... as elegant and the eve-
... socially spent in this
... ntry home.

G IN SISTER'S HOME
eta Longley is visiting in
... of her sister, Mrs. Smith,
... ly, in Anderson. She will
... one, Friday. Miss Osa
... who is the teacher of
... omics in the Noblesville
... will be in the home of
... gley again this year and
... during arrived Friday, to
... up her school work next

IN INDIANAPOLIS
... Baker, who left Thurs-
... Bloomington, to enter In-
... versity for his Freshman
... Neg Shirts in Indiana-
... they went on to Bloom-
... gether. Neg is a mem-
... ber junior class of Indiana
... and both boys will make

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**FOX AND COON CHASE AT
WALNUT GARDENS**

Get out your old hunting clothes
... and brush down your dogs, for there
... will be big doings for fox and coon
... hounds, and their masters, at
... Walnut Gardens, Sunday afternoon,
... September 11th.

Walnut Gardens is a beautiful
... natural park, eighty acres in size,
... located one mile from Camby, In.

diana, on a side road leading off
... from State Road 67.

There will be several stages, with
... various entry fees and purses. The
... coon and fox will be taken over
... the course, then the dogs released.
... The course of the chase will be con-
... fined within the limits of the park,
... so the spectators will be able to
... see the dogs work.

This is just the beginning of an
... effort to help develop fox and coon
... chasing in Indiana, and all lovers
... of this wholesome, thrilling sport
... will be glad to attend—either as
... participants or spectators. Entry
... blanks containing complete infor-
... mation can be obtained from Carl
... Freym, manager of Walnut Gardens,
... 805 Inland Bank Bldg., Indianap-
... olis.

CICERO'S NEW COACH

A. R. McCarty, whose home is
... said to be near Frankfort, has been
... engaged to coach the Cicero high
... school basket ball team the coming
... school term. It is also said that
... he will teach in the high school. He
... resigned from his position as
... who resigned recently to accept a
... much more lucrative job at Lima,
... Ohio.

McCarty is said to have had a
... good deal of experience both as a
... teacher and a coach. Cicero has
... the best record for basketball in the
... team next winter and the boys ex-
... pect to make a good showing on
... their long schedule.

INVITATION

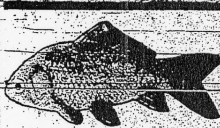
Dr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks invite
... the public to visit their dahlia
... garden at 772 North 10th street,
... Sunday, and see over a hundred
... varieties in bloom. Sept. 9-21.

**M. Haas & Sons
CLOTHIERS**

SOCIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY
Class No. 11 of U. E. S. S. Mrs.
Elvin Poer, 7:30 o'clock.
Royal Neighbors, M. W. Hall,
7:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY
Willing Workers of Clarksville
Forest Park. All-day picnic, with
picnic dinner at noon hour. Mem-
bers, families and friends invited.



**GOLD FISH AND
SUPPLIES**

Mrs. Edward Forsythe
355 S. 9th

OPERA HOUSE
Tonight and Saturday
2 ACTS VAUDEVILLE 2
FEATURE PICTURE

PETER B. KYNE'S
great novel of the West
"Bread Upon the Water"

HOOT GIBSON
in 'A HERO ON HORSEBACK'

Also
Feature
Comedy

Yes Sir! Hoot chills you into an iceberg with his wilder-than-ever stunts and riding. And this stirring Peter B. Kyne story gives him the chance of a life-time. Man, what punch in this tale of a gambling cow-puncher who buys the bank that refused to lend him money. And what laughs.

Matinee Sat., 2:15—Prices, 10c, 25c and 35c.
Night Prices ----- 10c, 30c and 40c

Coming Sunday—One Day
Mary Pickford in

BIBLIC SALE

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