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Rev. Frank Norris, Baptist Minister Convicted of "Vagrancy" After He Departs for His Home City Where the Judge Permanently Banned Him With Open Arms.

Austin, Texas — "A victory, for prayer," was the way the Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist minister, today characterized his acquittal of the charge of" vagrancy" in connection with his departure from the city where his church is located. The acquittal was the result of a court decision that Norris was entitled to leave the city because of a religious conviction.

Norris, who had been charged with vagrancy and had been ordered to leave the city, appealed the decision to the state Supreme Court, which ruled in his favor. The case has been under review since Norris' arrest in 1949.

"I am convinced," said Norris after the verdict was announced, "that the verdict is a victory for the right of the individual to worship as he sees fit, regardless of the wishes of the majority."

Norris' case has become a symbol of the struggle for religious freedom in Texas, where the state constitution guarantees the right of worship to all religious groups. The case has been followed closely by religious leaders throughout the country, who view it as a test of the state's commitment to religious freedom.

The verdict was a victory for Norris, who had been facing several years in prison if convicted. The case has been under review since Norris' arrest in 1949, and his supporters have been fighting for his release ever since.

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WORTH LUMBER CO. CHANGES MANAGERS

Mr. H. C. Rice Promoted to Country-Send Yard; Mr. Armstrong to Take Charge of Sales and Marketing, Effective First of Week.

The George H. Worth Lumber Co. has announced a change in the management of the Company's sales and marketing department, with Mr. H. C. Rice being promoted to the Country-Send Yard, and Mr. Armstrong to take charge of sales and marketing, effective first of the week.

Mr. Rice has been with the company for several years and has shown a great deal of energy and enthusiasm in his work. He is well known in the industry and is respected for his ability to handle the business.

Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of the University of Arizona and has been with the company for the past five years. He is well qualified for the position he is taking and is expected to do a fine job.

The change in management is expected to be beneficial to the company and to its customers. The company is looking forward to a continued growth in sales and profits as a result of the new management.
JANUARY CLEAN UP!

Our entire line is offered in this, the greatest sale we have ever put on. We want to convert several thousand dollars worth of shoes into cash. To do so we are giving you unusual opportunities to buy at great savings. Ours is a clean stock of the best merchandise that can be bought, hence every purchase is a real bargain. BUY NOW—DON'T WAIT.

Cash only. No refunds; no exchanges.

Sale Begins Sat., January 22nd.
CLOSING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd.

TEN BIG DAYS

**Men's Dress Shoes and Oxfords**
- Men's Wash-Over, Black Tan or Brown Oxfords $6.45
- Men's Nunn and Bush Oxfords, $8.95 grade. *Artile Fashioned* $9.95
- Men's $6.00 Oxfords. All styles. All colors and all sizes $4.95
- Men's $4.00 Oxfords. All styles. All colors and all sizes $3.95
- Men's $4.00 Oxfords. All styles. Black on Tea All sizes $3.95
- Men's Dress Shoe. Black Genuine Kangaroo Special $6.95
- Men's Dress Shoes. Odd sizes. All sizes $3.95
- Men's Arch Support Shoes. Black Kangaroo $7.50
- Men's Black Kid Plate Toe. Fur Grandpa. All Leather $3.95
- Men's Black Kid Plate Toe. Soft Leather $3.95
- Men's H. & L. Flora lam Oxfords. Choice $8.85
- $10.00 Oxfords and Shoes. Broken in $6.95
- $10.00 Shoes and Oxfords. Odd sizes $3.95

**All Men's & Women's Fancy House Slippers 20 cent off**

**BIG REDUCTION ON HOSIERY AND LUGGAGE**

**Women's Shoes**
- Every pair of dress oxfords and fancy slippers go into this sale regardless of style. There are no representative styles and you can't go wrong. Colors and stocks.
- Arch and rest loafers and straps. All brogued styles are leather. These dress or $6.00 and $9.00 values. Choice $5.95
- Foot correction low shoes. All $5.95 and $6.95 values in broken in.
- Gripper soft shoe for tender feet. All $5.45 values.
- All $6.00 values $4.95
- Satin slippers. Very good style and quality. broken in. However, if you are sure you will have a variety of color patterns. $5.95 to $7.50 values.
- Women's dress oxfords and straps. Women's fancy straps and oxfords. $7.95 values. Perfect fitting. $5.95 to $8.50 values.
- Women's Fancy slippers and house $6.85 values. Perfect fitting.
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- Women's odd lots of oxfords, slippers, etc. values to $5.95
- Women's drees shoes. Values to $6.00. Black or Brown.
- Women's Comfort Slippers. $8.00 values.
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- Women's shoes. $13.95 values. $4.95

**Children's Shoes**
- Boys dress shoes. Ten Cent or Black Values in $4.95
- Boys school shoes. Tan or Black. Rubber or Leather sole.$4.95
- Youth's school or dress shoes. Fast Culture into.
- Odd lots of children's school or dress shoes. $1.95
- Extra special school shoes, a few pairs.
- Babies dress shoes and booties.

**Men's Work Shoes**
- Famous Wolverine home hide shoes. All $5.95 values.
- All leather work shoes all sizes. $6.95
- Men's All weather work shoes all sizes. Rubber bottom.
- Men's All leather work shoes. $6.95
- Men's Heavy work shoes. Goodyear welt.
- Men's lining cordovan leather. Patons—bar.
- Sizes anywhere at $6.00. Our price is even lower.

**Women's House Slippers** Four Colors Priced

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**Shafer's Shoe Store**

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**Pleasant I**

Reported by Gertrude M
Telephone 112

Mr and Mrs W. W. Pleasant, son of Mr. Pleasant's parents and Mrs. Pleasant have returned from a short trip to the West coast.

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**LADIES AID**

The Ladies Aid Society of First Church met this afternoon with Mrs. H. C. Martin present in charge of the afternoon orders. The social hour this evening was postponed because of the heavy rain of the weather.

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**BASKET BALL AT DAYTON**

The Pleasant Hill High School Boys and Girls' Basket Ball teams will play Fairview, Friday evening, at Dayton.

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**SHOEMAN'S FASHION**

After the regular prayer meeting at the Christmas home of Mrs. Parish and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. W. Turner were taken to St. Church where a very pleasant supper was served. A shower of snowvery muddy and sleety filled the hands brought by the members of the church. There were about eight

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**GEORGE WORLEY**

General Merchandise

Covington, Ohio
**TEXAS PREACHER IS ACQUITTED**

Rev. Frank Norris, Baptist minister, was acquitted by a jury of Harris County, Texas, of the charge of murdering Dexter E. Chappo,umber killer in Fort Worth, last week. It is reported that the murder took place on the second day of the trial.

**1926 TAX RATES ARE ANNOUNCED**

Auditors Report Covering Taxing Rates in Miami County, With Last Year's Rates for Comparison. County Rate Lower This Year.

County Auditor Redbrook announces the tax rates for Miami County for 1926. The county rate has been reduced 10 percent, and in other towns the reduction has been from 10 to 20 percent. This decrease appears in the face of it being necessary to reduce the county rate in order to meet the increased cost of operation of the department.

The tax rate in the county is reduced from 20 mills to 16 mills, and the rate in other towns is reduced from 24 mills to 18 mills.

**Where River May Be Bridged**

This picture shows the gigantic Boulder Canyon on the Colorado River, where the proposed Boulder Dam will be erected if Congress acts favorably on legislation now before the Senate. The dam would provide irrigation for Southern California and Arizona and give out valuable power, according to supporters of the project.

**WORCH LUMBER CO. CHANGES MANAGERS**

Mr. C. H. Rice forwarded to County Seat Yard—Mr. Ammerman to Take Mr. Worsh's Change Will Be Effective First of Week.

The George H. Worsh Lumber Company determined on a change of the management of the Worsh and Troy branches, which is to be effective in May, it is understood.

Mr. C. H. Rice, who conducted the Troy yard for a term of years, will remain in charge of the management of the Troy branch, and Mr. Russell Armour, the bookkeeper of the local yards, has been promoted to the position of the Worsh manager here.

Mr. Rice, it is said, will blend his membership in the local civil activities with his business career, effective at once. Sporting events and social gatherings of the sportsmen of Mr. Rice's community will be the friend of the Baptist minister, who has always taken an active interest in the church, and the minister of the brethren has a number of friends of the sport.

"Harry," is a successful fielder on the Troy team, and his acquaintances will kindly miss him, especially congratulating him on his new position. His acquaintances will kindly miss him, especially congratulating him on his new position.

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On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, we will have a complete line of the beautiful new Chevrolets on display at
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It will be a pleasure to show you the many improvements and to demonstrate the remarkable performance of the greatly improved Chevrolet car.

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EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

Late News Flashes
(L. A. N. Dispatch)

Comment: A truck full, whose polis
valued at $500, has been captured
here in a hunt in which six men and
five dogs pursued the silly animal
for more than 10 miles.

Hudson—The lives of E. T. Metz
and four children were saved here
when two dogs wanery them by
hushing that their home was safe.
They all escaped unharmed but the
animals were burned in death.

Alfred John Berry, 12, who is a
lied to have murdered Robert Pin
don, 40, here last year, has been ar
rested in New York City and will be
released here for trial according to
Sheriff Jacob Bolininger, an advisor
of eastern authorities.

Columbus—Dorothy Lewis Pogue, 5,
was dead here today crushed beneath
the wheels of a motor truck when she
stepped from the side walk into the
path of the machine, while walking
with an older sister and a younger
sister.

Columbus—Using a $50.00 home
made radio transist set, Leon O.
Windom, Columbus, was recently
referred to a British station to Windom, who
formally asked for a New York News
paper.

Columbus—With denominational
meetings being held here today on the
afternoon of the Eighth Annual Ohio
Patrons' convention, interest centered
on the evening sessions of Thurs
day when the reports of the commit
tee on social welfare in the church
throughout community and international
organization will be discussed from the
standpoint of world politics.

"Marmalade," he said, "may prove to
be a man who has been a great loss
in the lives of many. He is a man of
high principles and is devoted to his
cause. What he has accomplished will
surely be a lasting legacy.

"Reports on the Soviet Catholic situation in Mexico," he declared, "are contradictory, depending on the ecclesiastical source.

"Discussing the world war and
peace, the speaker added, "there was
nothing to be proud of for a Catholic
nation.

"The speaker considered the
peace and economy of Evangeline Addie
as a thing to be desired. He said, "I am
here to express the hope that Peace
and economic well-being will prevail.

Bishop T. S. Hendrickson, of Cincin
nati, was the Tuesday night speaker
at Memorial Hall. He discussed ev
enue generation before an audience of
more than 1000 pastors.

Columbus, O.—It is illegal today to
drive a Jackson faster than six miles
per hour at Spring Grove Cemetery in
Holt County.

It is unlawful to play games on
Memorial Day.

In an attempt to repeal these and
other similar statutes now on the Ohio
statute books, Rep. Gilbert Mar
ton, Cuyahoga county, has introduced
a bill in the house here.

One of these statute laws prohibits
persons from carrying "fire across a
wooden bridge, or on a turnpike, or
paved road, except in a closed container
or vessel.

Another one decrees that "drivers
on trains, buses or trucks faster than six
miles an hour on roads, public or pri
cate, shall not be liable to suit for
accidents.

Carpets, rugs, paper, and
paper box shall be subjected to a $50
fine for each offense.

Starting February Ist.
I WILL LOWER THE PRICE
OF GRINDING
Chop Grinding 90c per cwt.
Fine Grinding 1.50c per cwt.
The Valley Mill
D. A. MURPHY

Perfect Children Rare in U.S. Schools, Asserts Engineer

PEORIA—"Till—More than 99
per cent of the school children of the
United States have physical
defects, according to J. M. Roef
health and ventilating engineer.

In an address here

"The education of the student is only part of the
problem. The poor school is the rural school,
where there are no teachers, no books, no
ventilation, which draws in fresh
air. Schools in the city, with more
money and better conditions, are
not as good as schools in the
rural districts. The rural school
is a place where the children
are taught to be independent,
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P A I R G R E E N A N D B L U E COTTON BLANKETS
Size 64 x 78. Formerly priced at $15.50
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P A I R E X T R A R E A W Y Extra large Blankets, grey and tan with a heavy flannel back. Also a Mink. $35.00.
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P A I R BLANKETS AT 54c
These are pretty plaid in grey, tan and red. Each pair only 275c.
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E X T R A G O O D B L A N K E T S
Now our 84c blankets are beautifully knitted cottons, grey, tan and red. In that space bedroom. Extra-proof stuff 640c.
Just a flock of them, 49c each.

George Worley

LATE NEWS FLASHERS

I N S T R O U C T I O N ( I N S T R U C T O R )

New Haven, Conn.—Richard Stohl, Connecticut, one of the world's known authors, has been elected to the New York Bar. He has long been in the city of New York, working on his legal cases. Today, he was appointed to the Connecticut Bar. He is known for his legal work, especially in the field of copyright law.

Cincinnati, O.—An investigation was under way today into the circumstances surrounding the death of John Smith. It appears that Smith was killed in a factory accident. The investigation is ongoing.

Cleveland, Tenn.—George Jefferson, who has been a resident of Cleveland for many years, passed away today. He was well-known for his community involvement.

Cincinnati, O.—Paul McElroy, 37, Pittsburg, Pa., will be sentenced today for mail fraud. He is accused of defrauding several businesses out of over $200,000. He is scheduled to be sentenced today.

A court order has been granted to halt a trial involving Mrs. Brown and her predecessor. The court has ordered that all proceedings be halted until further notice.

Five men, including a blacksmith, were shot and killed during a dance in the town. The shooting appears to be related to a feud between two families. The investigation is ongoing.

A fire broke out in a warehouse in the city, causing extensive damage. Firefighters are on the scene attempting to control the blaze.

A woman was found dead in her apartment. The cause of death is under investigation. The police are looking into possible foul play.

A bomb threat was called in at a local bank. The bank was evacuated, and the police are investigating the incident.

A three-year-old child was found wandering alone in the streets. The child was taken to the hospital, and the search for the child's parents continues.

A person was killed in a car crash on a busy street. The police are investigating the incident, and the fire department is on scene to assess the damage.

A man was killed in a shooting incident in the area. The police are investigating the case, and the motive of the shooting is unknown.

A fire broke out in a factory, causing extensive damage. Firefighters are on the scene attempting to control the blaze.

A shooting incident occurred in the area, and the police are investigating the case.

A bank robbery occurred in the city. The police are investigating the incident, and the suspect is still at large.

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