

HOOSIER CAPITAL COMES TO FRONT AS SPORT REALM

General Athletic Interests Make Indianapolis City of Distinction.

BRINGS RAPID PROGRESS

'Inland Metropolis' Boasts Year-Round Competition for Every Choice.

A city is judged in many different ways, but perhaps there is no surer method of ascertaining the "live" qualities than by glancing over its sport program. Where sports of all kinds are flourishing there usually may be found civic pride and the "get-there" type of citizenship that is not letting any grass grow underfoot. A community that plays well in almost every instance also works well.

Local contests have gradually increased the interest in athletics until events national in scope have become the features of the sport card. Almost every form of athletic endeavor is growing in this city and Indianapolis has found a permanent place on the sport map as one of the leading centers in the United States.

Swimming Championships
An inland city that holds a national swimming championship tournament must surely have some "pep." One of the greatest fields of aquatic stars ever assembled competed at the Broad Ripple pool the second week in August, and Johnny Weissmuller and Helen Wainwright broke world's records. The new Indianapolis Athletic Club, which will be one of the finest in the West when plans are complete, sponsored the meet.

A number of nationally known tennis players live in Indianapolis and only this week a delegation from the city is competing in the United States championships at Boston. The Associated Tennis Clubs of which Ed Wuenesch is president brought the men's national clay courts championship ships here this summer.

Home of Doubles Champs
The Indianapolis pair, Burdick and Bastian, took the doubles title, Johnny Hennessey won the western singles title at Chicago recently, and also took the doubles title. Last year Julius Sagalowsky won the boys' national title and this season paired with his Shortridge partner, Guy Dixon, won the interscholastic doubles championship.

Speedway Shares Honors
The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is known throughout the world and the international races held on May 30 each year draw auto racing enthusiasts from all parts of this country and the world. It was the first big speedway built and continues to hold its prestige through the years.

For the trapshooting fans the Indianapolis Gun Club brought some of the greatest shots in the country to the local traps in the Great Lakes zone tourney held the second week in August.

College, high school and independent basketball games are played almost every night through the winter. The Junior Chamber of Commerce put on a national collegiate tourney last winter in which Wabash College was returned the victor.

High School Meet
The State high school title meet is held at the Coliseum. State fairground, and draws crowds of 10,000 fans. Tomlinson Hall is being used for games.

The football schedule for the coming season calls for more grid contests in this city than ever before. Washington park is utilized for the biggest tilts and Butler plays many opponents on Irwin field. There are also high school contests.

The Indians who represent this city in the American Association are in a slump at present, but have been up in the race all year. Numerous amateur games are played every week. The Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association is holding a season to decide the city champion at the present time. The Times tourney will decide the independent champions.

Boast Seven Golf Courses

Golf is coming along by leaps and bounds. The seven golf courses in the city and the professionals in charge are as follows: Municipal Links—South Grove, Harry Schopp; Pleasant Run, Al Adams; Woodstock, Fred Schopp; Riverside, Pete Hendrick; Highland, Wally Nelson; Otter Creek Country Club, Lee Nelson; Highland Golf and Country Club, Dick Nelson. Various tourneys are held almost every week through the spring, summer and fall.

Since Mayor Shank has been in office boxing has come back and a number of good shows have been held. Fort Harrison holds bouts on Thursday nights in which decisions are rendered. Wrestling matches are also held.

Dozens of Bowling Leagues

The winter evenings find dozens of bowling leagues in full swing. The new Recreation alleys were put to use last season and proved inadequate for the demand. Another new bowling emporium will be ready this season. Ten new alleys are included in the Century Bldg. enterprise.

Pony polo, track, casting, roque, billiards, horseback riding, harness racing, bicycle racing, gymnastics, archery, soccer football, roller skating, handball and volleyball make up a list of sports too numerous to comment on even though handled in the briefest of fashion. Every sport has its group of followers.

Indianapolis is making rapid strides in the sport world along with its other many and varied activities.

Two Y. M. C. A. S.

Both the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. maintain branches in Indianapolis. The cost of construction of the former was \$250,000, the latter, \$140,000. A negro Y. M. C. A. branch was constructed also at a cost of \$250,000.

LEADERS IN INDIANAPOLIS CIVIC AFFAIRS



Here are just a few of the numerous leaders of civic affairs who are helping to make Indianapolis a great city. From left to right (above) they are: J. Edward Morris, Harry B. Mahan, John Madden, H. T. Mott. Those below are: Dr. Carlton B. McCulloch, F. E. Meyers, John D. Meek and Dick Miller.

Municipal Government Keeps Pace With Growing Needs; Improvements Numerous

A million dollar street, alley, sidewalk and sewer improvement program will be completed by the board of public works before cold weather. Rivaling this board in activity the park board will acquire a number of playgrounds and park additions.

Early in the season, Mayor Shank insisted the board of works should improve permanently as many streets and alleys as possible instead of annually dumping thousands of dollars into upkeep of gravel highways which were out by the following spring. As a result work has been finished or contracts let on 222 resolutions, while 108 others have been advanced to the point where contracts will be awarded in a short time.

The work finished or under contract totals \$1,051,395 in value.

39 Sewer Contracts Awarded

Thirty-nine sewer contracts have been awarded for a total of \$159,130.24; nine for resurfacing streets at \$63,085.58; forty-four for permanent improvement of streets at \$628,371.04; eighteen for permanent improvement of alleys at \$47,159.92; and fifty-five for sidewalks, grading of lawns or roadways, curbing or graveling of roadways at \$133,947.42.

In addition, resolutions are under way for opening twenty streets and six alleys and for vacation of nineteen streets and twenty alleys.

Two major street car line extensions have been ordered by the board of works, College Ave., from Forty-Sixth to Forty-Fourth St., and English Ave., from Sherman Dr. to Emerson Ave. Water and gas mains have been ordered extended to keep up with permanent improvement of streets and alleys and the usual number of gas and electric street lights added. Telephone and electric utilities have been urged to put wires underground.

Swimming Pool Completed

Douglas Park swimming pool, begun last year, has recently been completed under the park board at a cost of \$60,000. It is considered one of the finest municipal bathing places in the country. The Willard Park pool, costing \$18,500 last year, was tripled in size for \$4,700, and a new bridge put across Pleasant Run at Ritter Ave., for \$14,000. Sidewalks were built in Meridian St., from Forty-Third to Fifty-Fourth St.

Development of Pleasant Run golf course, bought last year, was advanced to the point where a creditable nine-hole course is available. Much remains to be done to bring it up to the standard of South Grove, River, side and Highland, but this is on the program of the department for next year. Topographically, the course will be one of the most interesting in the State.

Highland links, which have been leased to a private club for years, will come into control of the city about

Sept. 1, increasing municipal golf facilities 25 per cent.

Municipal Theaters.

Mayor Shank's municipal theaters were built in Brookside and Garfield parks at cost of \$2,500 and \$6,000, affording free amusement to from 10,000 to 12,000 weekly through the summer.

The park board has resolutions pending for extension of Pleasant Run parkway from Shelby to Prospect Sts., and from Meridian St. to three blocks west, for acquisition of approximately ninety acres west of the city, Long and Riley Memorial hospitals for a public park or lagoon system as well as land within the quadrangle formed by the hospital for a convalescent park; for acquisition of the block around Riley's home in Lockerbie St., for playgrounds at State and Spauld Ave., Rader and Udel Sts., West Michigan St., near King St., and Brookville road and Pearl St., and for a swimming pool site at Melick and Wyoming Sts. Ground is to be bought near Thirtieth St. and White River for extension north of East River drive and the board intends to buy a playground in Brightwood.

Sewage Disposal Plant

This year will see the major portion of the \$2,000,000 sewage disposal plant at Sellers Farm completed by the sanitary board and a resolution adopted for erection of a new \$250,000 garbage disposal plant. The board has added materially to motor garage and ash collection equipment so that all refuse is hauled from collection points where alley wagons deliver to Sellers Farm. The ancient, leaky wagons with which garbage formerly was hauled to the loading station at Kentucky Ave., and White River were a source of continuous complaint. The board saves money by eliminating the railroad haul from the loading station.

A bond issue of \$425,000 has been sold by the health board for construction of a nurses' home and administration building at the city hospital. A contract will be let this fall and the work should be done early next summer, the board believes. This is part of a four-year program to put the institution among the country's leaders.

New Edifice Planned

Mayor Shank plans a new police headquarters and city court building. Not only has the police and city court departments outgrown present quarters, but more room is needed by branches in the city hall. An ordinance for a \$200,000 bond issue to purchase the quarter block across Alabama St. from the city hall is pending in council. It is planned to put the new building here.

Increases in the number of policemen and firemen to strengthen the

city's protection are planned by the board of public safety in 1923. The board's chief activity has been reorganization of the police department, with installation of a number of new ideas, such as the night rider squads.

City officials have talked of either a new municipal garage or an addition to the present building in E. New York St. The city has far more cars than it can house, it being necessary to keep some of the heavier equipment out of doors.

SCHOOL SYSTEM CARES FOR 48,000 PUPILS YEARLY

Teachers' Payroll Annually More Than \$3,000,000 for 1,500 on Staff.

With an enrollment of more than 48,000 pupils, a staff of almost 1,500 teachers, a teachers' payroll of more than \$3,000,000 annually and a plant consisting of three high schools and seventy-six grade schools, the Indianapolis public school system takes rank as one of the largest and most important branches of public activity.

In a growing community it always is a problem to have the schools keep pace with the growth of population. This has been particularly true of Indianapolis for the past two decades and the school city has been hard pressed to provide housing facilities for the children.

This problem has been made more acute by the educational ideas in America. Not so many years ago school buildings were far more inexpensive affairs than they are today. Then a school building was nothing more than a place in which classes were held, and an eight-classroom building meant only a structure with eight classrooms, cloakrooms and an office. With the coming of vocational training, manual training and the use of school buildings as community centers all this changed. And today an eight-classroom building in a far larger and more costly structure than its predecessor of twenty years ago. For in addition to the class rooms there must be sewing, cooking, manual training rooms, a gymnasium and an auditorium.

This has necessitated greater expenditures for school equipment, and with a school population increasing at the rate of more than 1,000 a year, school boards in the past have been unable to provide sufficient buildings to house all the school children on a full time basis, although an extensive building program was followed throughout 1920 and 1921.

During the last school year the three high schools—Shortridge, Emmerich Manual Training and Arsenal Technical—had an enrollment of 7,518 and a staff of 352 teachers, while in the elementary grades there were 40,357 pupils and 980 teachers.

The newer buildings are modern and up-to-date in every respect and have been taken as models for school buildings throughout the United States. In an effort to abolish half-day classes and give every child a full day's schooling, "portable" school buildings have been purchased for use until permanent structures can be erected.

KREIDLER ON PROGRAM
Chicago Grand Opera Singer Prosperity Day Soloist.

Louis Kreidler, baritone singer of the Chicago Grand Opera Association, will be the soloist at the Twilight Concert and Prosperity Sing this evening in the Coliseum at the fairground. This is a part of the Indianapolis Day celebration held under auspices of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

"We'd like to emphasize that this concert, as well as every other part of the program, is absolutely free," said Elmer A. Steffen, chairman of the committee in charge of the event. Mass bands, led by the Indianapolis Military Band of seventy-five pieces, and the Cadet Tabernacle choir of 1,500 voices, under the direction of Joseph Overmeyer, director, also will be on the program.

Known as Best
The Indianapolis market house is known over the country as one of the best.

FEDERATION HAS WAY OF GETTING OFFICIAL ACTION

City Dads Listen When Civic Organization, Representing 25,000 Citizens, Speaks.

BODY IS STILL YOUNG

E. O. Snethen Champions Program to Give Indianapolis World's Best Market.

When approximately 25,000 of the best citizens of Indianapolis, represented in nineteen civic clubs, decide that such and such a thing will benefit the city the attitude of these citizens is soon known where the knowledge will do most good. Folk sit up and pay respectful attention when the Indianapolis Federation of Community Leagues, nineteen of them, makes its opinion heard.

The federation is young. It is a lusty infant, however, and plans are afoot to take in eight or ten civic leagues not yet members. It was organized in March, 1922.

In the few months since its organization the federation has obtained a place for producers in the city market. It has backed the city zoning plan. All the eighth grade pupils of the city were taken on a tour over the city to let them know just what a big place they do live in.

Has Pretentious Plans

But the federation has bigger irons in the fire. Armed with one of its primary purposes, that of expressing public opinion, it was decided that the public opinion calls for a new civic market house in Indianapolis. A standing committee, John E. White, chairman, is handling the campaign. White will be sent out to Lexington, Ky., to inspect the modern market there, said to be the best in the country.

Snethen for Producers

"It will be the best in the country until we get ours built in Indianapolis. And when it is, the producers can have the space while some of these foreign peddlers take a rest," said Edward O. Snethen, president of the Federation and of Mapleton Civic Association.

Standing Committees

Other standing committees are as follows:

Parks and recreation, chairman, A. LeRoy Porteus of the Federation, vice president and president of the Brookside Civic Association; public utilities, chairman, William T. Quillen, president of the Englewood Hustling Hundred; public schools, George W. Beaman, Mapleton Civic Association; public building and improvements, W. H. Moore, College Avenue Civic Association; sanitation, Dr. Robert Repass, Mapleton Civic Association; city planning, Emmerich Manual Training School; miscellaneous affairs, Clarence McPherson, Woodside Loyal City League.

Just now the paving of streets is receiving close scrutiny from the coldly impersonal eye of the Federation. Better paving laws will be discussed at the next meeting. The meetings are held once a month in the Chamber of Commerce building, each member sending five delegates. The Federation favors the city standing the cost of paving instead of the owners of abutting property.

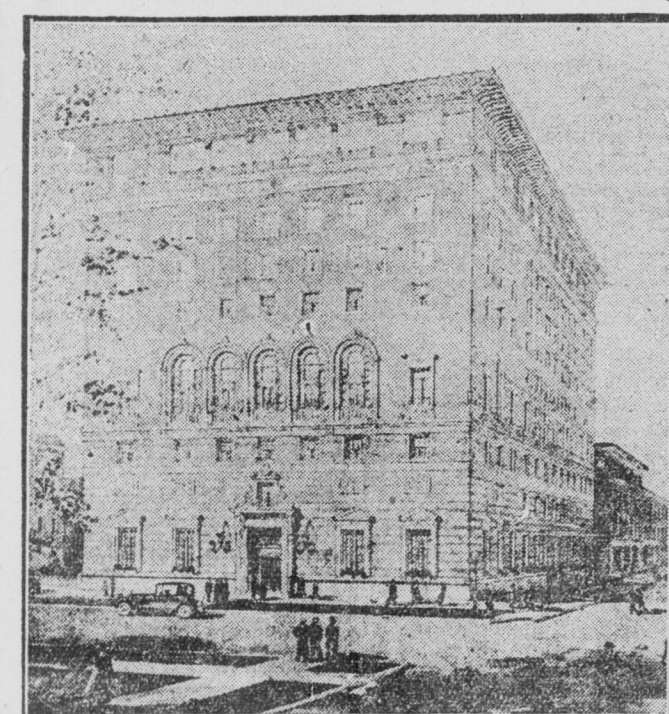
Has Jewish School

Members of the Jewish faith support Talmud Torah, a religious school providing instruction in religion, history and ethics. The sessions are held after public school hours.

Has Big Army Post

Pt. Benjamin Harrison is one of the largest Army posts in the country.

Home of the Indianapolis Athletic Club to Be Finest in Country



Completion of the structural steel framework for the nine-story home of the Indianapolis Athletic Club at Meridian and Vermont Sts., within the next few weeks, is one of the many illustrations of the building activities in progress in this city.

Concrete forms for the flooring in the first and second floors, the basement and sub-basement fits have been placed in position and the pouring of the concrete will be in progress this week. In the structure, 2,500 tons of steel will be used.

The building when completed and furnished, will cost about \$1,500,000 and will be one of the finest club structures in the world. Lounging and smoking rooms, handsomely furnished, and the swimming pool will be on the first floor. Other floors will be devoted to the dining rooms, grill room, gymnasium, recreation rooms, sleeping rooms arranged in suites, billiard and pool rooms, offices, women's rest rooms, lockers and the building will be topped with a glass enclosed roof garden.

The clubhouse is expected to be completed early next year.

John Herron Art Institute Is Cultural Force in Community

"To exalt whatsoever things are lovely . . . and speak in his name for whatsoever things that are good report," reads the inscription on the memorial tablet in the John Herron Art Institute—and for the past seventeen years the building at Sixteenth and Pennsylvania Sts. has been the shrine for art lovers of Indianapolis. Within its walls are reproductions of widely known works of sculpture, the originals of many of them treasures of the Vatican or the Metropolitan Museum of New York. In the rooms devoted to paintings are originals by many well known artists as well as copies of famous works owned by other galleries.

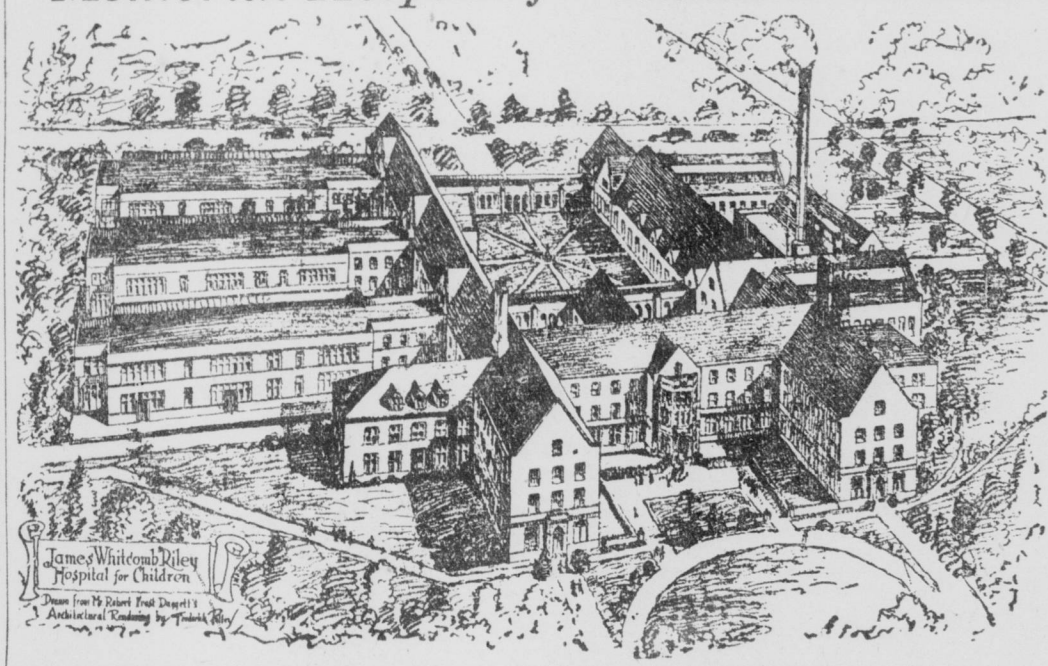
Several large rooms are devoted to collections of foreign curios, donated by public-spirited Indianapolis citizens, while another room houses a comprehensive collection of reference books devoted to art.

The institute is open to the public at all times. During the week a small admission fee is charged, but on Saturdays and Sundays, when school children and those who do not belong to the leisure class, are free to visit the art treasures, no admission is charged, for it is the aim of the board of directors to make the institute to serve the greatest number and instill the appreciation of art in all classes and all ages.

With this aim in view the institute has not waited for art lovers to seek it, but has taken various means to develop an interest in its treasures. Special exhibitions are given. Gallery talks to adults and special talks to art are given by representatives of the institute to pupils of the high and grade schools. Each month a painting from the art school is placed on exhibit in the delivery room of the public library.

Proof of the interest which the public feels is shown by the fact that two members of the Jewish faith support Talmud Torah, a religious school providing instruction in religion, history and ethics. The sessions are held after public school hours.

Rush Construction of First Unit of Riley Memorial Hospital for Indiana Children



Construction work on the first unit of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, being built on a site between the Robert W. Long and the city hospitals, is rapidly going forward, work having been started this week on the pouring of concrete.

The Riley Hospital, to be built from funds obtained by popular subscription throughout the State, will be a State institution for the care and treatment of the thousands of sick and crippled children in Indiana.

How the hospital will appear when entirely completed, at a cost of \$2,000,000, is shown in the above drawing by Frederick Polley, well-known Indianapolis architect.

The drawing is one of the prizes to be awarded in the State-wide poster contest of the Riley Memorial Association to raise money for the building fund. This campaign has been set for the week of Oct. 1 to 7, the latter date being the birthday of the famous Hoosier poet in whose memory the institution is being built.

FIVE INSTITUTIONS OF STATE BUILT IN INDIANAPOLIS

One Located Outside City Hospital Under Construction in Marion County.

NINETEEN IN STATE

Girls' School, Blind, Deaf, Insane and Woman's Prison All Here.

Six of Indiana's nineteen State institutions are located in Marion County, five within the corporate limits of the city of Indianapolis and one, the Indiana Girls' School at Clermont on the Crawfordsville road eight miles west of the city. These within the city are the Indiana State School for the Deaf, the Central Hospital for the Insane, the Indiana School for the Blind, the Indiana Woman's Prison and the Robert W. Long Hospital.

The Indiana Girls' School at Clermont was established in 1869 as a correctional institution for girls between the ages of 10 and 18 years. It is State-maintained but counties pay half the estimated expenses of inmates sent there, or parents, when they send girls at their own instigation and provided they are able to make such payment.

The school is located on a tract of 127½ acres of land and is built on the cottage plan.

School for Deaf

The Indiana State School for the Deaf, an educational institution for the training of deaf children between the ages of 8 and 21, was created by an act of the State Legislature in 1844. The State maintains the institution, requiring only those parents who can afford to do so, to pay for the tuition of the children.

The Central Hospital for the Insane, known under the act of Legislature by which it was created in 1844 as the State Lunatic Asylum, is a charitable institution for the care of feeble minded of twenty-two counties of the State. Half the expense of a patient are chargeable to the county in the regular way.

School for Blind

The Indiana School for the Blind, which now has four distinct branches of education, was created in 1847. The school has developed remarkable facilities for the education of blind children and has wielded a great influence in the State. Teaching of the Braille system of reading, by which the blind read by a touch system, bewildering to those save the sightless, is one of its most commendable achievements.

The Indiana Woman's Prison, for inmates more than 18 years of age, whose commitment there is for misdemeanors, is not as old as some other State institutions but had considerable difficulty in years gone to establish its identity from the girls' reformatory. Legislation finally conquered this obstacle. The institution is wholly in charge of women.

Robert Long Hospital.

The Robert W. Long hospital, made possible as a State institution through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Long, is a distinct part of the Indiana University, having been designated by the Longs and confirmed by the State Legislature at the time the gift was officially accepted by the State.

The hospital's faculties are open to those needing medical, surgical, orthopedic or obstetrical care. An annual State appropriation of \$50,000 maintains the institution. A corps of nurses in training under the supervision of Indiana University is maintained and the university department of social service has its offices in the building.

The Riley Memorial hospital being planned at this time will also be a State institution to be conducted in conjunction with the Long hospital.

BUSINESS GOOD IN STOCK YARDS

Secretary of Exchange Says Trading Even Better Than Expected.

Business is good at the local stockyards, much better, in fact, than anyone could have expected, according to Homer Fletcher, secretary of the Indianapolis Live Stock Exchange.

"Hogs are higher than stockyard traders had anticipated this summer," said Mr. Fletcher. "The strength of the market has been generally attributed by most traders to the fact that Kinsman & Company, the principal buyers in the hog section, secured a large foreign contract, which forced them into the market regularly for large numbers of swine."

Early in the spring many men familiar with hog price movements predicted that the seven-dollar hog would be in evidence by July. As a matter of fact, in that period best hogs brought from ten to eleven dollars a hundredweight.

Hog receipts for the seven months ending July 21 were 1,091,027, a decrease of 567,771 from the corresponding receipts in 1921. This decrease may be laid to the fact that the country's supply of livestock, particularly hogs, was depleted during and after the war, when European countries were depending upon America for a large part of their meat supply.

On the whole prices are holding up remarkably well in the period of depression which has been the result of the war.

Cattle, calf and sheep receipts have fallen off much less than hogs. Cattle receipts for the seven months ending July 31 were 157,321, a decrease of only 11,261, while calf receipts fell off 4,403, with receipts of 111,152. At 67,240, sheep and lamb receipts are practically equal to the receipts in the same period in 1921, the decrease being negligible, 510.

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