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WHERE PLUCK TRIUMPHS **H**ATS off to Miss Ruth E. McCormick. She has just been graduated from Butler University after working for six years as a telephone operator to pay her expenses at Technical High School and at the University.

Work did not interfere with her studies. She was an honor student at Tech and had a high scholastic standing at Butler. And we are willing to wager she had just as good a time as any student in either of the schools.

There are a lot of other girls and boys in Indianapolis and elsewhere who are showing the same commendable spirit as that displayed by Miss McCormick.

This is the sort of thing that makes one impatient with those who insist the younger generation is "going to the dogs," that it takes nothing seriously, and that it isn't what the younger generation used to be.

That kind of talk is bunk.

OFICERS' SIDE IN SHOOTING **U**NWISE use of firearms by policemen has recently been the subject of considerable criticism in Indianapolis and elsewhere. The shooting of an Indianapolis policeman by a prowler rather takes the wind out of such criticisms, according to policemen.

Undoubtedly there have been times when Indianapolis policemen have used their firearms unwisely. But often it is necessary for a policeman to shoot to defend himself.

Look back over the list of shootings of policemen and compare them with useless killings by policemen. Remember the killing of Patrolman Petticord and Russell by Jesse Coe and George Williams? Recall the death of Sergeant Hagerty, shot by a man who ambushed him in the western part of the city? the shooting of Sergt. Wade Hull by "Big Boy" Northington in 1919, and the death of Sergt. Maurice Murphy in a desperate gun battle with "Hell Cat" Thomas in 1920?

There is one outstanding case in which the evidence seems to show policemen shot when it was not necessary. That was the case of the shooting of a high school boy who was said to have been found looking into a woman's institution in the northern part of the city.

It must be realized a policeman must look to the safety of the public as well as to his own safety and that persons who are violating the law place themselves in jeopardy. If a policeman made a thorough investigation, every time he deals with an apparently desperate lawbreaker, the chances are he would not live to make a report.

CITIZENS SHOW POWER **I**T took the county commissioners a long time to realize the community would not tolerate cutting the salary of Dr. H. S. Hatch, head of Sunnyside Tuberculosis Sanatorium. But they should be congratulated for their fair-mindedness in admitting their mistake.

An episode of this kind should prove to those who insist that public officials are not responsive to public wishes that it is possible to cause them to respond. All that is necessary is positive assertion on the part of interested citizens.

Sometimes such affairs are good for the community and for public officials. It lets citizens know their power and causes officials to realize their responsibility.

GIVING LIFT TO CHARITY **S**OME figures have just been made public by the Indianapolis Community Chest that do not look good for the charitable activities of many local citizens. The figures show Indianapolis pays into the community chest only \$1.62 per capita, as compared with \$4.40 in Cincinnati, \$4.31 in Rochester, N. Y., \$3.83 in Cleveland, and \$2.77 in Toledo, Ohio.

These cities were chosen for comparison because they have conducted campaigns within the last thirty days. The figures indicate not only that Indianapolis as a whole is not contributing quite as generously as it might, but also that the budget of the local community chest is lower than some of these other cities.

Recently community chest drives have been hard struggles to obtain sufficient money for charitable organizations barely to exist. This difficulty should not exist.

Questions

ASK THE TIMES

Answers

What diet should be given a groundhog kept in confinement? Groundhogs should be given plenty of green vegetables.

What is tripoli? A mineral substance employed in polishing metals, marble, glass, etc., so named because it was originally brought from Tripoli, Africa. It is a siliceous rock. It is often soft, pliable and earthy, but now and then is rendered firmer and more solid, and even extremely hard, probably from impregnation with opal substance.

What food was eaten by the Egyptians in the time of King Tutankhamen? The food of the Egyptians consisted of fish, game, and vegetables. Dinner was rather informal and lasted many hours, the diners being entertained by music, dancing, and acrobatic feats while they ate. The slaves passed among them while they feasted, filling their wine cups and giving them fresh flowers, and garlands to wear. One ceremony of the feast was the passing of the mummy among the guests. Each was supposed to touch it as a reminder that even in the midst of life and mortality there is death.

What were the Chinese inventives? Some of them are said to have been silk, porcelain, paper, art of printing with wooden blocks, the magnetic needle and gunpowder. Historians are somewhat at variance regarding Chinese claims.

Can the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States be removed? Only by impeachment, trial, and verdict of guilt and removal.

What is the highest peak of Continental United States? Mount Whitney, 14,501 feet above sea level.

Readers Discuss Oil Stations, High Rent and Vice Problem

THE letters printed herewith were received by The Times in response to its request that readers offer suggestions on how to make Indianapolis an even better city in which to live. Perhaps you have a suggestion that would interest public officials.—EDITOR'S NOTE.

Landlords
I would like to see a law or ordinance that would prevent such

high rents. If the landlord nailed on a shingle he should not be permitted to raise the rent \$5 or \$10.

—A CITIZEN.

Visitor's View

Indianapolis is a beautiful town but out of date in a number of things for its size. It is becoming a "gaa" city, with too many oil stations spoiling pretty districts. Too many holes in the streets. Too many overhead wires

that should be underground in a city its size. Bad street car tracks. And it is a foolish idea to tear into the heart of a city for the plaza when there is plenty of ground farther out.

—OUT A VISITOR.

Streets

To boost Indianapolis and make it a better city:

1. Have special streets for underworld characters instead of permitting them in certain hotels and rooming houses. We will always have this kind of people as long as there is time. In my estimation it is better for the city and the people to have places for these people and license such places.

2. The dry law is driving more people to be mean and crooked than any other one thing.

3. It is a shame the way some of the streets have deteriorated. Foreigners live on streets I have in

mind, but they pay taxes, are hard workers and many have little gardens and beautiful flowers and yards. I think the city should take more interest in improving these streets.

4. Quit changing the traffic regulations and parking rules.

5. We have plenty of parks, but we ought to have more small playgrounds for children in some parts of the city.

6. The city ought to do something about certain odors on the river.

7. Regarding the smoke ordinance, I think it all foolishness to try to make the people consume all their own smoke. The great big out of doors will take care of that, and the fact that it only gets things a little black and dirty doesn't amount to anything.

8. Improve the zoo at Riverside Park as fast as can be done and make it one of the greatest zoos in the United States.

9. Five-cent street car fare with a transfer.

A READER.

SKIPPER LASKER'S MILLION DOLLAR JUNKET TRIP ON LEVIATHAN IS ALL 'JAKE'

Giant Ship Has Already Cost American People \$8,000,000.

By W. H. PORTERFIELD
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Six hundred friends on a six days' cruise with Skipper Al to dispel the blues and of course the boys will send back the news from the jolly ship Leviathan.

And Skipper Al will walk the deck and good Uncle Sam, he will cash the check, for what is a million or more, by heck, to the guests on the Leviathan!

So they're off to cruise through the waters of the Caribbean, upon the Leviathan!

Well, anyhow now, everything's "jake" and Skipper Al's super-junket of all history bids fair to be a mighty jolly party.

Pursers List Secret

Skipper Al's office still refuses to give out "the list of acceptances" but it is said many of the guests are going with the mental reservation that they will report just what they see and as they see it.

There will be no stops at foreign ports, it is said, and consequently no "diplomatic immunity." In other words, no official or journalistic bootlegging will be allowed, but for all that a good time is hoped for aboard the world's biggest ship, which has already cost the plain people of our country something like eight million and is now to cost us another million to see whether she's any good or not.

The chief purpose of this super-junket however "is to try out the servants."

Hot Competition

"You see," explained a shipping board official, "if we're going to successfully compete with the Majestic and the Homeric of the White Star, and the Aquitania and Mauretania of the Cunard, and the Paris and France of the French line and similar crack liners, our servants aboard ship must be impeccably trained, so Mr. Lasker selected his 600 guests from among our best families—men who know how to handle servants."

"Does the Government expect to make any money out of the Leviathan?" asked the timid reporter.

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To books and to pencils And all such utensils

The children are shouting "Good-by."

"Good-by to arithmetic, spelling and grammar.

Good-by to geography, too!"

Oh happy the freedom and joyous the clatter

When school days are finished and through!

THE broad fields are calling

With magic entralling,

The swimming hole's placid and cool;

With gay faces beaming,

The children are streaming

Away from the prison of school.

"Good-by study, good-by rule,

Good-by teacher, darned old fool."

Teacher smiles a bit, may be, at this childish cruelty;

Knowing, as wise teachers know, that the kids don't mean it so.

FOR the teacher, too, can feel

She would like to shout and squeal.

"No more note books to correct,

No more spelling to inspect,

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