

SCHOOL PATRONS TO WAGE STRONG FIGHT FOR BUILDINGS

Effort of Fourteen Citizens to Block Needed Improvement
Denounced by Leaders of Parent-Teacher
and Civic Clubs.

School children of Indianapolis will not suffer for lack of proper school buildings through the interference of fourteen persons if civic organizations, clubs and Parent-Teacher organizations of the city can prevent it.

Aroused by the last minute protest of the fourteen against the proposed bond issue of \$1,650,000 for new buildings and additions at eight schools, civic clubs announced their intention today of carrying the battle to the State board of tax commissioners in a determined effort to get the long-delayed school building program under way.

The clubs pointed out that for more than two years no permanent school building construction has been started in Indianapolis and that all attempts of the school board to inaugurate a building program have been defeated by the same old tactics, remonstrances to the tax board and refusal of that body to approve bond issues.

Meantime the housing situation in the schools is growing worse at an alarming rate, it is said. The school population of the city is increasing at the rate of almost 1,500 students a year, and there are no new buildings to care for them.

Using Poor Equipment

Blocked in their efforts to erect new buildings the school board has been forced to use old tumble-down shacks, portables and other structures for school purposes. Almost 5,000 pupils are housed in buildings of this character at present, and the number will increase steadily and rapidly unless permanent buildings are erected.

According to R. O. Johnson, business director of the board, ninety-three portable and temporary buildings, three churches, four rooms on third floors of school building and ten basement rooms are now in use. Ten more portables have been ordered and will be placed in commission this fall. This will make a total of 120 rooms, averaging forty pupils to the room, in use in addition to the regular school building rooms, Johnson said.

Remonstrators Given Chance

Members of organizations interested in getting the children of Indianapolis out of portables, temporary shacks and makeshift rooms into modern, well equipped school buildings, declared that the action of the fourteen in holding on their remonstrance until the very last minute allowed by law was proof that the remonstrance was intended to hold up the building program as long as possible or to defeat it.

The school board, they said, had acted in the utmost fairness. In an effort to avoid friction and settle all disputed matters in advance, the board sent invitations to all organizations interested in the school building program and taxation problems and to the general public to come before the board and talk things over. Dates were set for hearings on the eight buildings under consideration. Not one of the fourteen remonstrators, it was pointed out by advocates of decent buildings for school children, appeared before the board on those dates. They waited until the final hour allowed by law and then filed their remonstrance.

Tax Board Powerful

Under the law the tax board, composed of three members, only one of whom is a resident of Indianapolis, will have the final say as to whether Indianapolis is to have more school buildings or is to muddle through with a constantly increasing number of portables and other makeshifts.

Members of the school board were frankly disappointed at the remonstrance. They had hoped that the building program could be inaugurated immediately.

"Not only are these eight buildings delayed by this action," Adolph Emhardt, chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds, said, "but the entire future program of the board. With these buildings out of the way, we intended to turn our attention to other grade schools and to the high school situation. A new Shorridge at Pennsylvania and Thirty-Fourth Sts., a high school for the west side and high school for colored pupils were to be taken up next. Now they must wait because a few persons in the Baldwin block have the legal privilege of blocking the plans by an appeal to a State board."

Mother Voices Protest

"It just looks as if a few persons who have few children can prevent erection of sadly needed buildings," Mrs. Edward Springer, 3245 Broadway, president of the Parent-Teacher Association of School No. 76, said.

"We have found that those who oppose school construction either have no children of school age or send their children to private schools. Our situation is very bad. Two portables are in use and many of our children must go to other schools at a great distance from home. We had hoped to have this condition rectified by a new building."

"This remonstrance is a badly mistaken move," Mrs. William Headrick, 615 E. Fifty-Third St., president of the Parent-Teacher Association of School No. 70, said. "I just wonder if the remonstrators have no children or if they live in districts that do not need additional schools. At our school we have a portable and use rooms at the Norwood Christian and Meridian Heights Presbyterian Churches."

Need Buildings Greatly

"It seems strange to me that these fourteen waited so long before protesting," Mrs. T. C. Kelley, 28 Miley Ave., president of Parent-Teacher Association of School No. 62, said. "The board held public meetings and invited any one to come in and object to anything they did not like. That was months ago. No objection was made then. Why did they wait so long? Three cottages are in use at our school and we need a new building greatly."

New buildings held up by the remonstrance were planned for the following schools:

No. 23, Missouri and Thirteenth Sts.; No. 30, Elder Ave. and W. Washington St.; No. 38, Winter and Boyd Aves.; No. 62, Wallace and E. Tenth Sts.; No. 67, 3815 W. Walnut St., No. 70, Central Ave. and Forty-Sixth St.; No. 75, Fourteenth and Rochester Sts.; No. 76, College Ave. and Thirteenth Sts.

GRAF DESIRES TO TAKE NAME OFF

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school building program of 1921 he said he had not heard anything about it. When questioned further he refused to make any statement as to his motive for signing the remonstrance.

EDWARD F. KELER, 67 N. Irvington Ave., an employee of McCullough, I believe the issue is larger than is necessary to cover the work proposed. I am in favor of the improvements. I believe the board of tax commissioners should have a look at the issue before the bond issues are made.

HERBERT G. HECKMAN, 5116 College Ave., Another Employee of McCullough—I do not want to buck. We want to get a rehearing and find out where the money is to go. I am in favor of the improvements proposed. All I want is just to find out where the money is to go. The bond issue seems too large for the work done.

EDSON T. WOOD, 4310 N. Pennsylvania St.—I think the matter should be reviewed and the proper amount expended for school improvements. I am in favor of wise use of the money. The issue looks too high. Bids should be taken and the bond issue fixed.

MRS. BELLE BALDWIN WOOD, 4310 N. Pennsylvania St.—We do not have confidence in the school board. I do not think they have merited our confidence in the past two years. I think the contracts should be let first and then seek the bond issue. That is the more business-like way to do it. I do not have any one in school now, but I am in favor of the proposed improvement.

GAYLORD A. WOOD, 4310 N. Pennsylvania St.—It seems ridiculous to give out money in a lump sum. There have been no bids or contracts given out. There is nothing better for the city than improvements and I am in favor of them.

FRANK L. THOMAS, 202 Berkley Rd.—These bonds were to be sold only on architect's estimates. There have been similar proceedings in the past which have saved taxpayers money. The idea of the remonstrance as I see it was not to stop improvements, but to give the board of tax commissioners a chance to review the issue.

JOSEPH A. GARC, 5722 E. Michigan St.—The school board proposes to give contracts without competitive bids. I think the plans for improvements should be submitted to two or three contractors and I am in favor of the proposed improvements, but I think it should be done in a more economical and business-like way.

The following names appear on the remonstrance which do not appear in the city directors and for whom no telephones are listed:

L. M. Reed, 311 N. Audubon Rd.; Joseph J. Mount, 1901 E. Forty-Fourth St.; Lewis A. McCammon, 5702 E. Michigan St.

These remonstrators were not reached.

Bert Bacon, 22 N. De Quincey St., associated with Edson T. Wood, real estate, at 48 N. Delaware; Willis P. Maine, 1437 N. Pennsylvania St., in real estate business at 46 N. Delaware St.

ORIGINAL OF RILEY POEM SUCCUMBS

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., Aug. 10.—"Old Aunt Mary," of whom James Whitcomb Riley sang, has passed to her reward.

Mrs. Mary Tarkington Alexander, 89, widow of Dr. John H. Alexander, an aunt of Booth Tarkington, and the original of Riley's poem, "Out to Old Aunt Mary," was buried here Wednesday.

She was born in Greensburg in 1834, the daughter of the Rev. Joseph Tarkington, pioneer Indiana Methodist preacher. She lived in Greensburg her entire life and was greatly respected by all who knew her. For many years her home here has been the center of old-fashioned Hoosier hospitality.

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CLERGYMEN EXTOLL CHRISTIAN VIRTUES OF DEAD PRESIDENT

Pastors of Various Faiths at Monument Place and in Church Services Dwell Upon Qualities Which Made Late Chief Beloved.

Beautiful tributes to the memory of Warren G. Harding whose body found its final resting place at his old home, Marion, Ohio, today were paid this afternoon by speakers at various memorial exercises in Indianapolis.

The Rev. O. W. Fifer, pastor of the Central Ave. M. E. Church, and the Rev. F. A. Hayward, head of the Federated Baptist Association, were the principal speakers at services at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

"Six times this nation has been brought to the house of mourning by the death of a President in office," the Rev. Fifer said.

Each Has Its Meaning

"Each occasion has had its peculiar meaning and its particular phase of sorrow. President Harding died in prime of age in the very hour when it was thought he had gained the victory over disease. While his devoted wife was reading by his side in happy hope a weakened brain cell gave way and the hard-working President who had sought rest on sea, river and by mountains, found it in the sweet fields of Eden, where the trees of life everlasting are blooming."

Harding "Just Folks"

"In himself rather than in platform or policy he represented the spirit of the people after the World War closed. They wished the war drums to be silent. They hoped to gather again in stores, on front porches and in conventions or societies, shaking hands without suspicion or enmity. Good will is the essence of a people's government. Perhaps Roosevelt was too strenuous, Taft too easy and good humored, Wilson too austere. Harding was 'just folks' to the multitudes. He was so much like them—

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selves that they liked him and elected him. They desired good-will to come again. They saw in him as a presidential candidate their man of good-will."

Meditates Upon Career

"Let us in spirit find a place among the thousands who will be gathered in the beautiful cemetery at Marion and place a tribute of love upon the casket and meditate on the things which the passing of our President suggest," he said.

"More than a hundred million of people are bowed today in deepest grief, and around this great grief-stricken family the whole of the civilized world gathers in loving sympathy."

The address at St. John's Catholic Church was delivered by Mgr. Francis H. Gavisk. The program consisted of the "Funeral March" of Chopin, the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" by the assembly, the authorized prayer of the Catholic Church for the Republic and the reading of the proclamations of the President and Governor.

Portrait Is Draped

A catafalque with the President's portrait draped was erected in front of the chancel.

"As the citizens of the Republic stand in spirit before the tomb this afternoon there is in every heart the conviction that, as chief executive, Mr. Harding was conscientious and sincere and that he had no thought but for the best interests of the Republic and the welfare of his fellow citizens," Mgr. Gavisk said.

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