

WOMEN'S CLUBS JOIN IN FIGHT TO SAVE YOUTH

Greenwood (Ind.) Bible Class Sends Letter to Aid Bernard Grant.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Thousands of persons from all walks of life are signing the pardon petition for Bernard Grant, 19, under sentence of death in connection with a murder. Attorney Thomas E. Swanson is in charge of the fight to secure mercy for the poverty stricken boy announced, today.

More than a dozen women's clubs have taken up the fight, Swanson said. A mass meeting of heads of these clubs was called in Swanson's office for today to adopt resolutions condemning interpretation of the law to favor the rich.

"They will agree that if Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, sons of millionaires, are too young to hang, then Grant, who is of the same age, but poor, very poor, is too young to hang," Swanson said.

Formally Invited

Swanson today formally invited Clarence Darrow, who saved Leopold and Loeb from the gallows for their murder of Bobby Franks, to assist in saving Grant. Darrow, through the United Press, yesterday announced he would take a hand in the fight on his return from his vacation at the Loeb summer home at Charevoix, Mich.

A telegram sent by Swanson to Darrow today follows:

"Your telephone message about the Grant case was received at my office during the Leopold-Loeb trial. I considered you too much occupied then for a conference. Dispatches quote you as saying you would be glad to assist in the Grant case but that your services had not been requested. There is a standing request for your great aid in every case where oppressed humanity cries out because of injustice. I welcome your assistance in this case in behalf of justice and humanity and shall withhold mailing the petition to the Governor until I hear from you."

2,000 Signers

Swanson said he expected to have 2,000 residents of Chicago and Cook County sign the petition. Today he received the copy of a letter sent to Governor Small by the men's Bible class of the Methodist Church of Greenwood, Ind. The letter follows:

"Believing thoroughly that there should be no discrimination in criminal courts in this country in favor of wealth, and that even the hint of such a thing should be met fearlessly, we men of the Methodist Church at Greenwood, Ind., earnestly solicit clemency at your hands for Bernard Grant."

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote, the letter said.

Pastors of Chicago are encouraging Swanson to carry on the fight.

Rev. Simon Peter Long of the Wicker Park Lutheran Church, said:

Badly Interpreted

"I believe the law has been badly interpreted by Judge Caverly. Now that he has made his interpretation, however, it would be highly unjust to exact a stricter interpretation in Grant's case because there are no high salaried attorneys and alienists taking part in the defense."

Major Dyer of Chicago has sent a pardon resolution to the council asking that it be adopted and sent to Governor Small.

Dr. Agnes Lewis, St. Cloud, Minn., urged Swanson to fight to the last, stating he had the sympathy and support of the women of St. Cloud.

City Loses \$900 in Fire

Fire officials are attempting today to determine the origin of fire that caused \$900 damage to a house owned by the city at 1532 Laurel St. late Tuesday. The house has been purchased by the city to make way for Pleasant Run boulevard.



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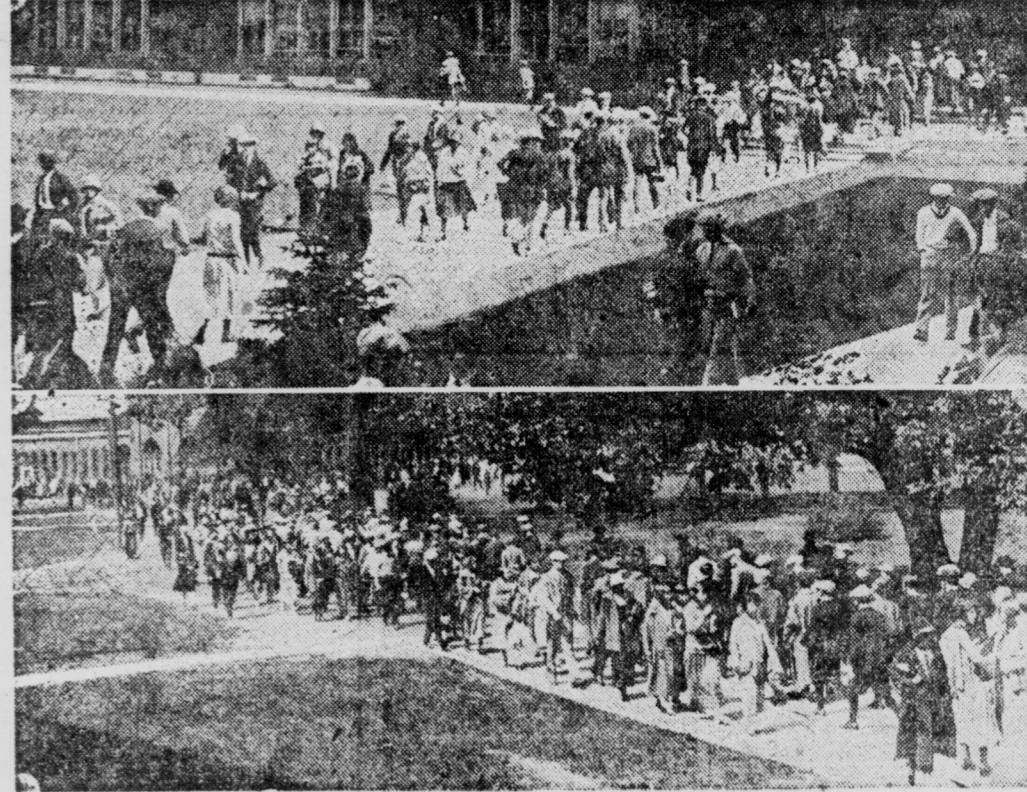
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Traffic Problem at Technical Rivals Downtown



TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

WALB CLAMPS LID ON WASTE

Declares He Will Run G. O. P.
Headquarters.

Republican State Chairman Clyde A. Walb today clamped a lid on waste and extravagance at Republican State headquarters.

Walb returned Tuesday from a business trip to St. Louis, and announced he would "run things himself" at headquarters.

Heretofore all purchases, orders for supplies and hiring of help at headquarters has been done by Dally McCoy, Versailles, Ind., committee secretary.

As a result, according to statement of department heads, clerks and stenographers are falling over each other.

"I'm going to clear out a lot of this padded pay roll," Walb said.

He called a meeting of department heads and declared he would compile and approve requisitions for all purchases and all payments, including labor, material and supplies.

EXPERTS TAKE TRIP

Telephone Valuation Staff to Inspect Exchange and Toll Lines.

Taylor E. Groninger, special counsel in the public service commission in the telephone valuation; Benjamin Park, counsel, and Edward W. Bemis, consulting engineer, and several assistants, left today for southern Indiana, where they will view the exchange and toll lines of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

No appraisal will be made.

Engineers have been at Shelbyville, Ind., and will branch out into other parts of the State making appraisals.

TROUBLE OVER MATRONS

Police Investigate Dance Hall at North and East Sts.

Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff was confronted again today with the hall trouble.

A report came in that there was trouble over the selection of matrons at the P. H. C. dance hall, North and East Sts.

Mrs. Cozetta Osborn, policewoman assigned to dances, investigated. She reported two factions wanted to select matrons.

Visits to other dance halls resulted in reports conditions were good.

MAYOR BACKS MEETING

Pledges Support to Public Health Gathering, Sept. 25.

In a statement today Mayor Shank pledged the support of the entire city administration to the public health meeting to be held in the Castle Tabernacle the night of Sept. 25 under auspices of the Indiana Medical Association.

Dr. William Mayo of Rochester, Minn.; Dr. Hugh T. Patrick, chief alienist witness for the prosecution in the Leopold-Leopold murder case, and Dr. William Allen Fusey, head of the American Medical Association will be among the speakers.

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MODISTE NURSES BRUISES; MOURNS \$100,000 GEM LOSS

Thieves Slug Girl and Her Companion as They Enter Apartment.

By FRANK GETTY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Another girl has come out of the West received Broadway's largesse and paid Broadway's price. Edith Weeks, late of Detroit, today nursed a cut and bruised face from which three teeth were missing and wondered if it was all worth while.

Edith is the "Madame Bobe" of New York's latest sensational jewel robbery, of which the perpetrators remain unapprehended. She and Robert L. Hague, marine superintendent of the Standard Oil Company, were beaten senseless Monday night and robbed of gems worth nearly \$100,000.

Twelve Years Ago

Only chance decreed that "Mme. Bobe" was spared the fate that overtook "Dot" King and Louise Lawson, other miffs around the white light district's flame who enjoyed the patronage of wealthy men and paid with their lives for success.

Twelve years ago, Edith Weeks brought a pretty figure, a face that is called "attractive" and an indomitable determination to succeed to Broadway from her home in Detroit.

In a few short years she was "Mme. Bobe" with an expensive shop and expensive home in that part of the upper east side which is fashionable.

There was an extravagant birthday party at Edith's extraordinarily home Saturday night. The laughter of ninety guests and the popping of corks sounded until dawn.

Edith was reprimanded and promised the landlord to be good, for she said she was going to marry Robert Hague, who played host at her birthday party. He gave her a diamond bracelet with 432 round diamonds and 100 lesser stones, an ermine coat worth \$4,050, a gold clock and some other trinkets.

Monday night, when Edith and her fiance were out for the evening, a man from the drug store appeared at the barred grill entrance of "Madame Bobe's" home with a package. A negro maid, after some hesitancy, admitted him. The package proved a blackjack. The maid went to sleep. The man had accomplices and admitted them.

Edith and Hague returned early about half past eleven.

First Blow Misses

As the front door yielded to the turn of her little gold key, a muscular man standing in the shadows of the hallway made a swipe with a blackjack which was meant to crash on her bobbed curly hair. His aim was bad and the weapon cut a gash in one of the plump cheeks and knocked out three teeth.

Another blow put her escort out of commission.

Edith fought like a tiger. The men tore the new bracelet worth \$10,000 from her dimpled arm and took rings and baubles worth a king's ransom, when finally they departed, not neglecting Hague's watch and cigarette case and "roll."

There have been few clews unearthed. It is believed some of the guests at Edith's birthday party were inspired to perpetrate the robbery, for she numbered among her close acquaintances a few who were quite capable of it.

SITE FOR NEW CHURCH

Irvington M. E. Congregation Given Authority to Build.

The board of zoning appeals has granted the Irvington M. E. Church permission to build a proposed new church on property of Thomas C. Howe, 30 N. Audubon Rd. The property comprises a round plot of slightly more than an acre.

Permit was granted the Court Realty Company to build an undertaking establishment on the south side of Fall Creek Blvd. just west of Meridian St., providing building lines were observed.

Wood said headquarters would be at the Claypool and Lincoln.

CLERKS GO TO SCHOOL

Wise to Present Petition for Purchase of Haughville Site.

Another effort to get a playground at Arnolda and St. Clair Sts. for foreign children in Haughville will be made by Walter W. Wise, president of the city council, before the park board Thursday. Wise has a petition signed by a number of residents asking for the site, which can be obtained for approximately \$7,000. It comprises ten city lots.

The board has looked on a site at Ketcham and Eleventh Sts., with more favor than the St. Clair and Arnolda St. site.

CITY CLERK IS PEEVED

Attacks Horse Thief Sleuth Alleged to Have Raided Home.

By Times Special

CLINTON, Ind., Sept. 17.—A horse thief detective should be a horse thief detective and not a bear sleuth, according to T. L. McDonald, city clerk, who set all Clinton buzzing when he met Harry Brown on the street and took a "left hook" at him.

While McDonald was away alleged members of the Horse Thief Detective Association visited his home, and took samples from 100 bottles of home brew. When McDonald returned he found his wife in a state of nervous collapse and his children crying. He started on the war path, met Brown and accused him of leading the raid.

McDonald admits having home brew at his home but says it is for his own use. No charges have been filed.

Market Stand Indorsed

Edward J. Sexton, real estate dealer, has written to John F. White, chairman of the city market commission, indorsing White's insistence that a new market building be built. Sexton suggested that the building be located between East and Noble Sts. on Washington St., or at Virginia Ave. and Louisiana St.

Open Saturday Till 10 P. M.

A Plea for a Boy's Life

If you believe Bernard Grant, 19-year-old Ch. youth, sentenced to hang on purely circumstantial evidence for alleged participation in the murder of a Chicago policeman, should have his case reviewed and his sentence commuted, sign this petition and mail it to The Times.

The Indianapolis Times then will forward the pleas of Times readers to Governor Small of Illinois, in whose hands the boy's fate rests.

NAME STREET CITY

BARBERS FAVOR BOB LA FOLLETTE FOR PRESIDENT

Photographs to Be Sent Here in Ayres Robbery Case.

Police believe they are on the road toward solution of the attempted \$20,000 robbery of the store of L. S. Ayres & Co. here several months ago.

Photographs of four men arrested at Chicago are on their way to Indianapolis. Fred Simon, acting supervisor of detectives, was informed. The men were arrested with Tomas Toohey on charges of unlawful possession of firearms.

Toohey is under indictment here on charges of auto banditry and burglary as the result of the L. S. Ayres & Co. robbery. He was released recently on \$30,000 cash bond.

The photographs will be shown to several employees of L. S. Ayres & Co. who were bound and gagged by the robbers.

After a brief debate the convention of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union at the Athenaeum, last Friday, endorsed Robert M. La Follette for President and Senator Burton K. Wheeler for Vice President by a substantial majority.

The vote was upon President James C. Shanessy's report which recommended endorsement of the American Federation of Labor endorsement of the Progressive candidates.

Shanessy of Indianapolis was re-elected president of the union. Other administration candidates were successful.

Other offices elected:

First Vice President—Jacob Fischer, Indianapolis (unopposed)

Second Vice President—Roe H. Baker, San Francisco, Cal. (unopposed)

Third Vice President—M. H. Whiteman, Milwaukee, Wis.

Fourth Vice President—John E. Connely, Denver, Colo. (unopposed)

Fifth Vice President—W. G. Birthright, New Orleans, La. (unopposed)

Sixth Vice President—P. H. Reagan, Rochester, N. Y. (unopposed)

Seventh Vice President—Herman Weinstock, St. Paul, Minn. (unopposed)

Eighth Vice President—E. Mehl, San Francisco, Calif. (unopposed)

Ninth Vice President—Anthony Merlino, New Haven, Conn.

Delegates—R. Alexander, Mike Basbous, Charles Boeglen, Louis Brown, Walter Beard, Adriat Chammis, Laura Caldwell, James Fultz, Joseph Foppiano, Eli Grull, Harry Howard, Charles Harrison, Dover Johnson, Samuel Kohn, Mayer Kaplan, Alonzo Le May, Edward Lewis, Lorenz Leppert, Earl Mott, Ernest Mahlon, Charles Medias, Terry Poirier, Harry Ritschel, Mary Rapla, Max Sacks, Ellis Sherrer, Jacob Smith, Rosa Smith, Herman Spack, James Taylor, Herman Unger and Nelson Wells.

Judge Delbert O. Wilmeth today issued a list of bondsmen whose notes will not be accepted by the sheriff's office, city clerk or turnkey as surety on personal appearance of persons in city court. Wilmeth said the list was submitted by the juvenile and Criminal courts, where the men are alleged to be delinquent bondsmen.