

IN JAIL? NO, SHORTRIDGE!



Class in Music in one of the overcrowded basement rooms at Shortridge High School.

Visit to Overcrowded High School Building Discloses Grim Jokes.

By Eldora Field
GOING to school in the cellar! That's what numbers of Shortridge students are doing. Also, they are improving their minds in the atmosphere of rooms 16 by 19 feet, in which as many as thirty-five students regularly take seats or in more rooms 27 by 45 feet with an attendance of 125.

The larger room is a basement room, low-ceilinged, done in pressed tin, and with the average cellar-sized windows. The teacher in the smaller room succeeds in getting in that thirty-fifth pupil by opening a cloak room door and pushing that thirty-fifth desk halfway through the cloak-room doorway. Of course, Shortridge has other rooms, but all are crowded to the gunwales, utterly inadequate in size and number.

Just Visit the Place

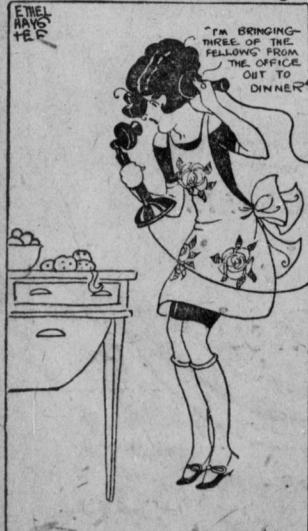
Visit Shortridge! Travel through the dim basement passageways, where the overflow from the upper rooms has to attend classes. Inhale the musty unpleasant atmosphere, then ascend the stairs, and through crowded hallways, enter rooms whose narrow, old-fashioned windows give but a modicum of right ventilation. Then say if you can, that it's not a crying shame to lay one straw in the way of a new and adequate high school building!

"We count on absences," says one teacher. "If the students all come, I haven't seats enough in my room." Yet we are a people who are supposed to foster and encourage education!

"No place to park" would be a suitable slogan for the teachers themselves. They absolutely have no place to call their own. The minute their particular classes are dismissed they must make room for the next class and the next teacher. A number of their desks were observed in the hallways, and several of the teachers' desks were ignominiously holding place in a narrow sort of cloakroom. "It's up to me

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FLAPPER FANNY says



The bride who can cook nothing but soup frequently finds herself in it.

Check Artist Gets \$5,000

He Sniffed a Little Too Late

Officer Picked Up Can First — Defendants Given Freedom.

FOX BROWN and Charles Anderson, both colored, proprietors of a restaurant at 306 N. Senate Ave., were freed of liquor charges today because Sergeant Cummings has a poor nose.

Nov. 12, Cummings walked in the restaurant, went behind the counter and saw a 'lard can' in the ice box. Cummings picked up the can, sniffed and detected booze—namely a quart of white mule. He arrested the proprietors.

Attorney Walter Pritchard today asked the charge be dismissed on grounds that Cummings had no search warrant and that the search and seizure was illegal.

Said Special Judge John W. Kern: "If Sergeant Cummings had smelled the booze before he picked the can up to investigate, the charges would be sustained. As it is, he did not know the law was being violated until he made the search. Next case."

MINE SEIZURE PROPOSED

Norris Suggests Nationalization of Coal Fields.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Government seizure and operation of enough coal mines to provide the Nation with coal in time of emergency, such as he said exist, was proposed today by Senator George W. Norris, Republican of Nebraska.

NEW CABINET TOTTERS

Briand's Ministerial Declaration Received Colder.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Premier Aristide Briand's ministerial declaration to the French parliament today was received colder. The situation was deemed serious, leaving the Government in a position where it was not so certain as it was earlier in the day that it would find a safe majority to support it. The "ministerial declaration" was considered the first test of strength of the new Briand ministry.

CHAPMAN SCORES POINT

Bandit's Case Favored by Evidence Drawn From Warden.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 2.—Gerald Chapman became a prisoner of Connecticut without proper legal procedure his counsel, brought out today at the hearing on the bandit's application to Federal Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus returning him to Atlanta Federal penitentiary.

Grochel drew from Warden Scott of Waterford prison the admission that Chapman's prison number has been changed without the Federal prison's authorization or without notification to Chapman or his attorneys.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 31 10 a. m. . . . 32

7 a. m. 32 11 a. m. . . . 34

8 a. m. 32 12 (noon) . . . 35

9 a. m. 34 1 p. m. . . . 36

CHURCHES MAY BE BOUGHT YET

Purchase of Sites in Plaza Is Possible.

Marion County commissioners may start negotiations in a few days for purchase of the two churches in the World War Memorial Plaza, it was indicated today. Eight members of the official board of the Second Presbyterian Church, one of those involved, appeared before the commissioners Tuesday afternoon and declared the congregation does not want to stand in the way of the plaza project. They are willing to sell at a fair price, it was said.

Monday several members of the church headed by Caleb Denney, a trustee, urged the board to lease the church in the Plaza. Commissioner Charles O. Sutton said that since the men who appeared Tuesday were official representatives, their views would carry more weight.

SEEK TO HAVE BONDS REDUCED

Judge to Rule on Klinik Gentry Motion Thursday.

Criminal Judge James A. Collins Thursday will rule on whether bonds of Earl Klinik and Earl Gentry, henchmen of D. C. Stephenson, serving a life sentence for the murder of Madge Oberholzer, shall be reduced.

USED ALIASES

The man operated under a number of aliases, such as Harry Fields of Philadelphia; Max Meyers, J. D. Mueller, Max Lebor, J. Roach, William J. Miller and Ben Berman.

BANK SEEKS CHARTER

State Board Differs Action on Application for Month.

The State charter board today deferred action for a month on the petition of north-side residents for a neighborhood bank, capital to be \$25,000, at Thirty-Eighth and Illinois Sts.

PLAN PARIS CONVENTION

French Representative to Meet Legion Leaders Thursday.

Commandant Z. Pechkoff, official French government representative, will meet American Legion officials at 9:30 a. m. Thursday to plan for the American Legion convention which will be held in Paris, France, in 1927.

The meeting was to have been held today but the French official was delayed.

Banks and Business Houses Defrauded in Clever Scheme Here.

Indianapolis banks and business houses have been defrauded of between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in cash and merchandise by a clever check forger, police revealed today through the Quigley Hyland Detective Agency.

Squirrel Coat

The man went to the store and purchased a \$425 squirrel coat, giving a check. The store took the check to the bank, which certified it, as the man evidently had an account there. Later the man returned to the store and purchased \$265 worth of Spanish shawls, giving another check. He ordered the coat to be delivered to 108 W. Wilkins St., where he had rented a room. The man, on obtaining the coat, left the city Monday, it was established.

His scheme of operation, by which he obtained about \$4,600 from four banks, was this:

Under different names for each bank he opened accounts with deposits of \$200 or more cash, to establish his credit. Then he cashed checks in rotation at the various banks on his alias accounts at the other financial institutions.

Actual money and merchandise the man obtained was \$5,325.50. Police believed at least \$1,000 has not been reported.

Banks that were victimized were, Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, Indiana National, Meyer, Kiser, and Fletcher American.

KIPLING SERIOUSLY ILL

Author Is Suffering From Bronchial Pneumonia.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Rudyard Kipling is reported seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia at his home in Burwash. The author's illness developed from a chill contracted while he was on a shooting expedition Saturday.

Swords Beaten Into Soup Spoons

POWERFUL Republican leaders beat their swords into soup spoons when they met "by chance" in a restaurant on E. Ohio St., Tuesday noon.

At one table sat Mayor-elect John L. Duval, John Collins, city purchasing agent appointed, and Clyde and Chester Robinson, bankers.

At an adjoining table were Mayor Shank and Republican National Committeeman Joseph B. Keating.

At another, George V. Coffin, Republican county chairman, and George Schmidt, county engineer, slated to be city engineer.

At the fourth table were Charles O. Dodson, county clerk; Cassius L. Hogle, county commissioner-elect, and Charles Sutton, county commissioner.

Mayor Shank and Duval shook hands.

"How about those forty-eight policemen you named, mayor?" Shank was asked.

"Well, I did the best I could," Shank grinned back.

Chamber of Commerce Committee Discusses Bond Fight Stand.

Remonstrance on the \$1,200,000 bond issue for a new Shortridge High School was discussed by the Chamber of Commerce education committee at a noon luncheon today.

The committee did not adopt a resolution presented by Daniel B. Luten, committee chairman calling for a letter to be sent the New York Central Railroad, asking why its agent, Harry Miesse, Taxpayers' Association secretary is retained in Indianapolis.

Board Praised

Luten praised the present school board and talked on the school situation.

"Many Indianapolis schools are composed entirely of portable buildings, and some other structures are cheaply built," he declared. "One Taxpayers' Association director who signed the remonstrance told me the reason for the action was to prevent a rush in giving contracts on the building."

Luten said Weiss had influence with the State tax board.

Philip Zoercher, tax board member, who was present, declared, "Miesse has no influence with the tax board. We don't want enemies, but we are not giving any friends favors."

Lawrence Davis, attorney, defended Weiss.

The State tax board will hear the remonstrance Saturday.

Walter Horne, State tax board engineer, William H. Book, school board business director, W. G. Ginery, head of mathematics department at Shortridge and Murray Dollman of the school board, today conferred on preliminary plans for the new school.

ON OFFENSIVE

Following the meeting Tuesday of the school board, association directors and remonstrance signers it appeared likely that the association will take the offensive. The remonstrators will have the first opportunity to state their case before the board. Fred A. Sims, attorney, and a petition signer, said the association will support the remonstrance, but wants it understood "that it is not being done in a sense of hostility, but as a means of bringing before the public the actual cost of the new building."

WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS

The association agreed that if the tax board found \$1,200,000 was not sufficient to build the proper type of school, they would support efforts to raise additional money.

Fred Bates Johnson, school board member, said he "wasn't so sure the Taxpayers' Association would support the board."

The Indianapolis Real Estate Board, at a noon luncheon, adopted a resolution backing the board.

TO DISCUSS 'MANAGER'

Edward O. Sneathen Will Speak Before Bible Study Club.

Plan of the city manager form of government, advocated for Indianapolis, will be the topic of Edward O. Sneathen, attorney, tonight at a dinner of the Bible Study Club at the Y. M. C. A.

Sneathen is secretary of the executive committee sponsoring the city manager movement here.

GRIEF GOES WITH DUTIES OF BUS CZAR

Public Service Commissioner Jones Cites Difficulties in Controlling Infant Prodigy When Law Gives Utilities Right to Monopoly.

STREET CAR LINES MUST BE CONSIDERED

Says State Is Endeavoring to Be Fair in Local Case — Declares Board Groping in Dark With New Problem and Doing Its Best.

By John L. Niblack

Duties of a public service commission charged with regulating bus traffic, the infant prodigy of transportation, are anything but easy, declares Clyde Jones, commissioner, who heard all the petitions and complaints arising from installation of bus lines in Indianapolis.

The commissioner is czar of the State highways as far as bus lines are concerned, and city streets are State highways. Therefore, control of Indianapolis bus traffic is out of the hands of the city council, and those aspiring to operate purely local lines must go to the Statehouse.

Try to Be Fair

"It is our intention to be fair in the matter of granting certificates to operate," said Commissioner Jones. "There is a lot to contend with in an effort to arrive at what should be done."

The State law governing public utilities in Indiana gives the utilities a right to a monopoly, Jones pointed out. Competition with an existing utility must not be allowed, under the law.

"In considering these rival applications by the Indianapolis Street Railway Company and the Peoples Motor Coach Company the rights of the already existing car lines must be guarded," said Jones. "Bowman (president of the Peoples Motor Coach Company) is sore because we would not grant him the certificate to operate the Guilford Ave. line he

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Chorus to 'Dress' With Fans

By Times Special
BERLIN, Dec. 2.—"If you haven't costumes give them fans." This was a police order Monday to the management of Berlin's largest revue, "For You," following protests against the undress of the chorus. Fans, suggested by the management originally, finally were agreed to by police with the provision that they be large.

TWO ENGINEERS WITNESSES FOR BELL COMPANY

Testimony Bears Out Claim of \$45,000,000 Valuation.

James G. Wray, head of a Chicago firm of consulting engineers, and Cyrus G. Hill, an associate, appeared today as witnesses for the Indiana Bell Telephone Company in its fight to resist reduction, by the public service commission, of present rates and to support its plea for increased tariffs.

Wray and Hill were subjected to direct examination by William H. Thompson, Bell attorney, and then cross-examined at length by Presiding Commissioner Samuel R. Artman and Taylor E. Groninger, the commission's counsel. Testimony of the two, in the main, bore out items on which the Bell's claim of a \$45,000,000 valuation was based, and which would justify higher rates.

Edward W. Bemis, special public service commission engineer, was to take the witness stand later to offer his estimate on the value of the company, using average prices from 1916 to 1920, inclusive.

Bemis' testimony will mark close of the commission's investigation of rates and services of the Bell, preparatory to instituting a new rate schedule throughout the State. Later this week the Bell will present witnesses to fortify its claim for rate increases totaling more than \$600,000 a year.

PERFUME TAKEN AT DRUG STORE

Total Loot, Including Cash and Cigars, \$632.

Bertram Barnhart, druggist, 39 E. Thirty-Fourth St., today reported theft of high-priced cigars, perfumes, narcotics and cash totalling \$632. Bursars took \$132 from the cash drawer.

Entrance was gained by battering the front door with a crow bar. George Voorley, 515 W. Thirty-First St., said his trousers containing \$37 were stolen from his home. Trousers were left outside by the burglar.

BANDIT TRIO SHOOT WAY OUT OF TRAP

Police Watch for Man Believed Wounded When Western Oil Station Is Held Up.

Police today watched hospitals and doctors' offices for trace of a man believed wounded when a trio of bandits shot their way out of an armed trap at the Western Oil Refining filling station at Maple Rd. and Fall Creek Blvd. on Tuesday night.

Suspicious aroused by a man loitering around the station led day men at the station to tell Ben Scott, 716 N. East St., and Paul Estelle, 330 N. Meridian St., of the oil company. Scott hid in a rear room and Estelle went across the street.

The bandits arrived as expected and holding up J. Edward Council-

man, 166 E. Twenty-Fifth St., night attendant, \$16.50 and Councilman's revolver. Scott came out of his hiding place and walked around to the front of the station.

One of the bandits saw him and ran back into the station, joining the second bandit, firing three shots at Scott. Scott said he could not shoot, because Councilman was in the way. The bandits fled from the rear of the station through a window to an auto, where the third bandit sat. Scott opened fire with both barrels of his saved off shotgun and one of the men screamed. Scott is confident he wounded him.

Estelle fired four shots at the fleeing auto.

R. D. Evans, 45 S. Illinois St., said the auto passed his car. Forrest Gider, 721 E. St. Clair St., said a similar car forced him off the road at Sixty-Third St. and Keystone Ave. He gave police the name from the tire cover.

Gordon Toney, Keystone Ave. and Malott Park Rd., said he saw three men in a cornfield near Sixty-Third St. and Keystone Ave., and one was rolling on the ground as if in pain. He said the two ordered him on.

Sergeant Wilson and squad learned that a man stopped at the home of Mrs. Shuttel, near Thirty-Ninth St. and White River, and tried to hire her son to take him to town. Wilson found a coat on river bank in which were keys belonging to Councilman.

A blood stained machine was found in front of 628 E. Twenty-First St., which police said might have been used in the escape. They are tracing the owner.

BUILDING ON UPGRADE

Encouraging Report From State Made to Realtors.

Building throughout the State is on the upgrade, J. C. Shafer, Anderson, Indiana Real Estate Association president, told the Indianapolis Real Estate Board today at the Chamber of Commerce.

Shafer urged support of the Greater Indiana industrial movement and Thrift week, Jan. 17-23.

LOTS IN ONE BLOCK SHOW CITY GAINS

Three North Meridian St. Sites Increase in Value More Than 240 Per Cent in Five Years—Illustrate General Property Advance

REALTOR SAYS STEADY GROWTH HERE ASSURED

Properties Cited Are Athletic Club, New Chamber of Commerce and Filling Station—Gain of \$2,200 a Foot in Five Years.

By Charles Carll
Values of real estate in one block in N. Meridian St. have increased more than 240 per cent in the last five years.

Three sites between New York and Vermont Sts., on the west side of Meridian St., are cited by Indianapolis business and real estate men as examples to confirm this statement.

The sites are those of the Western Oil Refining Company, 302-12 N. Meridian St.; The Indianapolis Athletic Club, southwest corner of Meridian and Vermont Sts., and the new Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, 316-20 N. Meridian St.

Figures Given

Figures show that the Refining Company, in 1920 leased its property on an estimated value of \$1,500 a front foot; that the Athletic Club leased its property on a value estimated at \$2,500 a front foot in 1921, and that each front foot of the Chamber of Commerce site was valued at \$3,700 this year. All the leases are for ninety-nine years.

The oil company has frontage of 112.6 feet on Meridian St.; the Chamber of Commerce site has a frontage of eighty-five feet and the Athletic Club's frontage is 101.5 feet.

These are considered representative of increases in Indianapolis. Although sums of money involved in daily real estate transactions here are not as large as those turned over in the boom State of Florida, Indianapolis business men consider the increases as a conservative gauge of what general values are.

Improvements Aid

The values of each of these sites increases considerably according to the building improvements made. Robert MacGregor, who soon will become executive secretary of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, says that the growth of Indianapolis and the steady increase in real estate values is assured.

"There is no longer speculation connected with such an opinion. It is assured," he said.

OPEN BIDS DECEMBER 8

Air Mail Route Through Here May Start in Spring.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Bids for operating air mail service between Chicago and Birmingham, Ala., will be opened by Postmaster General New on Dec. 8.

The new route which is expected to start early in the spring, will go through Indianapolis, Louisville and Nashville. The new route will operate commercially as well as carry mail. The contractor will be allowed to transport freight and passengers for his own profit.

STATIC IN DUDS LATEST

Don't Dress Mid-Victorian in Radio Age, Says Expert.

"In a radio age, women shouldn't dress in mid-Victorian fashion," Samuel Russell said today, in his color studio at L. S. Ayres and Company. Russell, who is holding a three-day exhibit of "modern art" as applied to gowns, shawls, scarves and sport costumes, is the originator of the idea of applying modernistic designs to wearing apparel.

"Clothes are an expression," Russell said. "This age has a different message and should have a different means of expression from that of the past."

19 MORE SHOPPING DAYS



before CHRISTMAS