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Forecast

PARTLY cloudy tonight, probably becoming unsettled Thursday; warmer on Thursday.

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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 half-way through the cloakroom 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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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 had a poor nose.

On Nov. 12, Cummings walked in the restaurant, went behind the counter and saw a card 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.

By United Press

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 Coldly.

By United Press

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Premier Aristide Briand's ministerial declaration to the French parliament today was received coldly. 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.

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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 Denny, 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 Klinck Gentry Motion Thursday.

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

Ira Holmes, and John Kiplinger of Rushville, defense attorneys, asked Judge Collins today to reduce the bonds. When Prosecutor William H. Remy said he would abide by any action of the judge, Collins told the attorneys to present a formal motion Thursday.

Klinck and Gentry are held in Marion County jail in default of \$10,000 bond each, \$5,000 on charges to commit a felony in connection with the alleged kidnaping of Miss Oberholtzer and \$5,000 on the charge of conspiracy to commit arson in connection with a fire at the Stephenson home last April. Holmes said he believed he could raise \$5,000 for each of the men.

BANK SEEKS CHARTER

State Board Differs Action on Act.

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

The bank will be known as the Maple Road State Bank, if the charter is granted.

PLAN PARIS CONVENTION

French Representative to Meet Legion Leaders Thursday.

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

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HOURLY TEMPERATURE

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7 a. m. 22 11 a. m. 34

8 a. m. 32 12 (noon) 33

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

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

"I'M BRINGING THE FELLOWS TO THE OFFICE OUT TO DINNER."

Illustration by THE HANOVER

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

Bandit's Case Favored by Evidence Drawn From Warden.

By United Press

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.

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

At another, George V. Coffin,

Chamber of Commerce Committee Discusses Bond Fight Stand.

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.

The swindle came to light late Monday when banks investigated a certified check given them by a downtown store.

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.

Used Allases

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.

He was described as being Jewish, and about 47 years of age.

He first came to Indianapolis, Nov. 19, renting the room on Wilkins St., and paying two weeks rent in advance.

Operatives Braughton, Lawson and Gurkin investigated.

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By United Press

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