

FIVE NEW POLICEMEN HAVE COURT RECORDS

SHORTRIDGE IS SEEN AS TRAP BY FIRE CHIEF

Pupils Would Have Little Chance in Case of Blast, O'Brien Declares.

If a fire or explosion should occur at Shortridge High School, there probably would be a great loss of life and property because of the overcrowded conditions, was the opinion today of Fire Chief John J. O'Brien.

"Shortridge High School is continually watched by fire department officials and has good facilities for handling the crowd in case of fire," O'Brien said. "There is danger though, in case of an explosion, as the building is not fire-proof. But few of the Indianapolis schools are fire-proof."

"The trouble with Shortridge is that there are many rooms which are overcrowded. Fire drills are held regularly at the school, but the fact that there are too many children in the building would handicap them in case of fire."

No Investigation

Because no complaint against the conditions has been received by the State fire marshal no investigation of the school has been made by the State department.

There have been two fires in the annex of the old building at Shortridge, but the losses were small.

Hundreds of persons are expected to attend the hearing before the State tax board at 9:30 a. m. Saturday on the remonstrance against the \$120,000 bond issue for the new Shortridge, filed by the Indiana Taxpayers' Association. Representatives of civic clubs, the Shortridge Parent Teacher Association, various lunch clubs and the Indianapolis Real Estate Board will attend.

Indianapolis school board members asked all persons interested in the completion of the school building program to attend.

Lions Club Acts

A resolution favoring immediate construction of the new high school was adopted by members of the Lions Club Wednesday at the Hotel Lincoln. Support of the school board was urged Wednesday by members of the education committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The Indianapolis Real Estate board also went on record as supporting the board.

W. M. Alken, head of a progressive school in St. Louis, speaking to directors of the Orchard School Wednesday night, deplored the crowded conditions of school rooms. He said that because of the insufficient space at Shortridge, proper types of physical training could not be given.

EX-MAYOR UNDER FIRE

Mellett Held as Result of Two Auto Accidents, Nov. 21.

Jesse H. Mellett, 42, of 2816 N. Delaware St., former mayor of Anderson, faced four charges today as result of two auto accidents, Nov. 21. He was arrested Wednesday by Sergeants Smith and O'Neal.

They said Mellett drove the auto that struck an auto in front of 633 Massachusetts Ave., and continued on his way until he struck another auto at Adams St. and Massachusetts Ave.

Mellett was arrested several months ago when his auto struck a car at Fall Creek Blvd. and Meridian St., injuring two colored women. Patrolman Forest Swank, who was riding with Mellett at the time was suspended when witnesses said he was intoxicated.

NO FLOOD DANGER

Engineer Says Elimination of Wall As Ordered Is O. K.

Elimination of a \$210,000 retaining wall in front of the Indianapolis Abattoir. Contracts for flood prevention plans, as ordered by the board of works Wednesday, will not endanger west Indianapolis in future floods, H. W. Cassidy, flood prevention engineer, said today. He said there is a levee back of the property.

Kentucky Ave. and Oliver Ave. bridges will be dedicated next week.

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Says Illinois Man, Disturbed Rest Is One of Nature's Danger Signals.

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Investigation Shows Law Violations Have Been Charged Against Some of Forty-Eight Officers Named Monday.

Five of the forty-eight new policemen appointed by Mayor Shank and the board of safety in a special session Monday have police court records, an investigation today revealed.

They are: Forrest Rominger, Brevoort hotel; John J. Haney, 549 Tibbs Ave.; Burl Adams, 902 Church St.; Howard Martin, 117 Vincennes St.; and Walter E. Lyons, 965 S. Alabama St.

City clerk records show Adams was arrested on a blind tiger charge, Feb. 22, and dismissed because possession of two gallons of alcohol then was not a law violation. On May 14, he was arrested and fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to thirty days on a similar charge, but appealed. Police Lieutenant Eisenhut said he found thirty quarts of whisky in an auto, parked near Adams' home. Adams denied ownership. Eisenhut admitted he tore up a search warrant for Adams' home when he learned that he had been appointed a patrolman.

Dismissed by Board

Rominger has been promoted, demoted, tried, vindicated, accused and dismissed by the present board of safety. The last charge of drunkenness resulted in his dismissal from the force March 3. About that time he was fined on an intoxication charge in a southern Indiana town and is said to be wanted there now on a transporting liquor charge.

Rominger, it was charged, was in an auto accident at Goodlet Ave. and W. Tenth St., May 21, in which Miss Katherine Slatzer, 228 N. Liberty St., was injured. The owner of the auto, H. E. Higgins, was charged with driving while drunk, intoxication and assault and battery. Haney, another appointee, also was in the car and was charged with intoxication. Higgins, in court, said Rominger was driving the auto and fled after the accident. Charges were never preferred against Rominger, although all the others in the car were fined \$10 and costs for drunkenness.

Arrested Twice

Martin was dismissed as patrolman. Since then he has been arrested twice on charges of intoxication and driving while drunk, and blind tiger. He was fined \$100 and costs and given thirty days on the "tiger" charge and fined \$10 and costs on the drunkenness charge. Judgment was withheld on the auto driving charge.

Lyons has been arrested several times and fined on charges of intoxication and associating. Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff said he would investigate why charges were not preferred against Rominger. City Judge Delbert O. Wilmett said, as he remembered, Higgins was dismissed on charges of driving while drunk on recommendation of the arresting officers.

COUNTY CALLS OFF FLOOD WAR

Will Not Delay Elevation Civic Clubs Told.

The county will not stand in the way of the progress of the track elevation and flood prevention projects for the South Side, county commissioners assured representatives of civic organizations today. The \$120,000 track elevation program and \$1,000,000 flood prevention project will not be halted by any move of the county, commissioners said.

Harry Dunn, county auditor, said he would write the board of works assuring them the county was in accord with any move they take. Commissioners said the county first asked signing of flood prevention contracts be delayed because they did not know it would interfere with the track elevation.

AUTO KILLS TEACHER

Gary High School Instructor Victim in Accident.

By United Press

GARY, Ind., Dec. 3.—Miss Gladys McGrath of Galesburg, Ill., young teacher in the Emerson High School here, died today from injuries received Wednesday night when she was struck by an automobile.

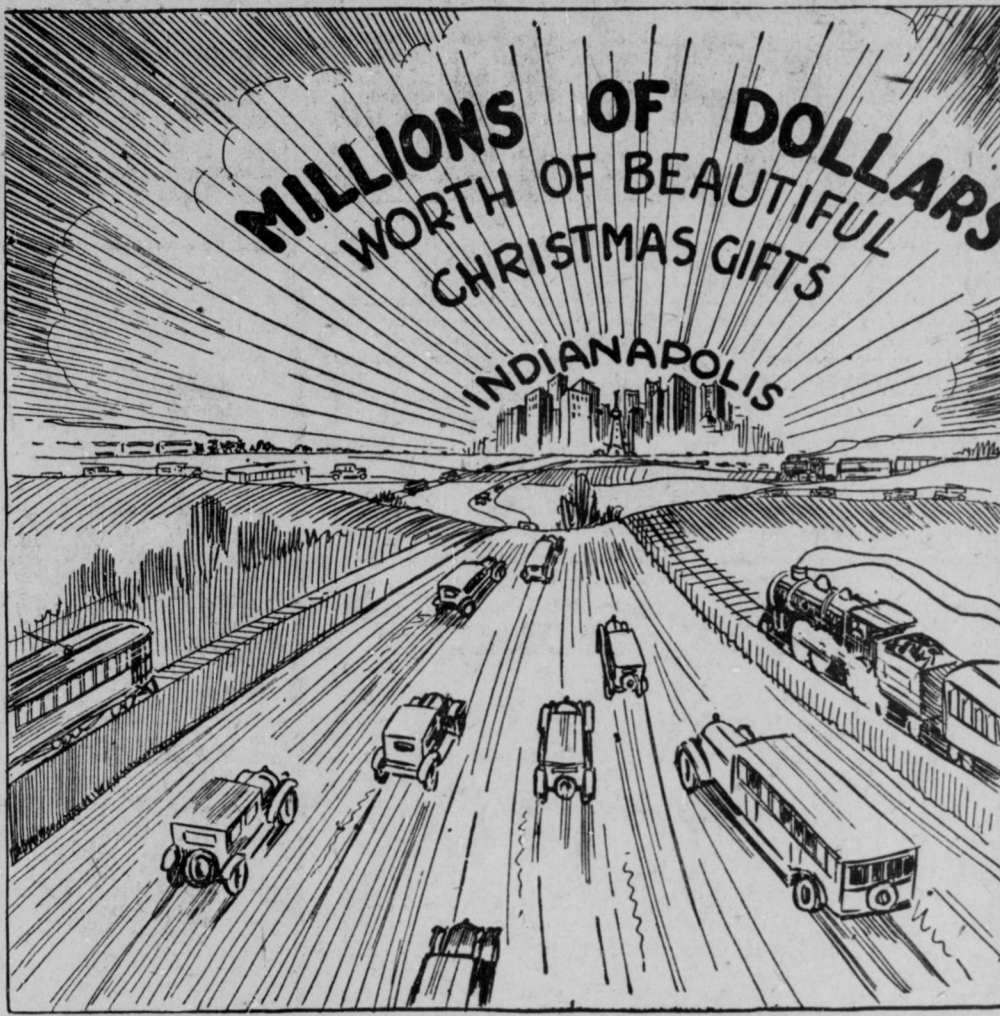
BANK IS LIQUIDATED

Continental National Absorbs Meridian State's Business.

Absorption of the Meridian State Bank business, 1018 N. Meridian St., by the Continental National Bank, Monument Circle, was announced today by officials.

Following liquidation the Meridian Bank was closed Wednesday and approximately \$150,000 in deposits transferred to the liquidating bank, C. W. Smalley, liquidating agent and Continental vice president, said. "Stockholders sanctioned the move Friday."

Emerson W. Ghallie, realtor, has been president of the north side bank since its organization two years ago. Banking fixtures will be sold.



Heaven Near-Yet So Far

Several bystanders watched a little serio-comedy at Pennsylvania and Ohio Sts. today. The actor, a friendly, brisk little dog with intelligent eyes, but an unattractive yellow body, had valiantly tried to cross the street, but was constantly driven back by passing machines.

Finally he sat himself down on the curb, his bright eyes roving. Suddenly, as he turned his head in the direction of a pet shop near the corner, his ears went up sharply, he gave a glad little bark and darted toward the window. There they were—a whole beautiful dog family before him. Loudly and gladly he barked and wagged his tail and his body until they were fairly a yellow blur, but the glass of the window puzzled the friendly fellow. Right inside were friendship and warmth and dog biscuit—he could see them all plainly, but that glass!

A half-hour later he had not abandoned the window. He still stood on his hind feet and occasionally wagged his tail, but the glad barks were now little whines, and the bright eyes were disappointed and puzzled. "That dog's just as good as the ones inside, and 'bout as good looking, too," an elderly man observed. "only no one's taken the trouble to bob his tail for him."

MITCHELL CASE TO JURY DEC. 15

Army, Navy, General Staff to Have Inning.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Court-martial of Col. William Mitchell entered its sixth week today, with the end of the famous proceedings almost in sight. Army prosecutors predicted the case would go to the jury in generals by Dec. 15. All

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PATRONS TO PAY FOR BELL FIGHT, AUDITOR ADMITS

A. T. and T., Despite Contract, Will Not Foot New Rate Battle Cost.

Although the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, through its contract agree to supply the Indiana Bell Telephone Company with accounting and engineering aid, no such assistance was received by the Bell in the present rate case before the public service commission, Thomas R. Keyes, Bell auditor, admitted today.

Questioned by Presiding Commissioner Samuel R. Artman, Keyes said the expenses incurred by the Bell in its current fight for increased rates has been charged to operation, which eventually is paid by patrons. Artman referred Keyes to the 4 1/2 per cent contract with the A. T. and T. wherein it agrees to provide engineering and accounting advice and assistance.

"Why aren't these rate expenses charged to the A. T. and T. under this contract?" Artman asked him.

Keyes said he did not feel qualified to interpret the contract, through which the parent concern collects 4 1/2 per cent of the annual gross receipts of the Bell. Keyes said, so far as he knew, the Bell had asked the A. T. and T. for no such assistance.

During the wind-up of the case, several witnesses who have appeared before during the three-week hearing were called back to the stand for further examination. Artman requested the Bell to prepare some additional exhibits, which may mean a continuation of the hearing the remainder of the week.

Following completion of evidence the commission will study the matter some time before ordering a new schedule of rates. The Bell has asked for increases, which would boost its earnings more than \$600,000 a year.

YOUTH SENT TO JAIL

Anthony Jenkins, 16, colored, was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced ten days in jail today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins on a charge of vehicle taking. Thomas Lowery, 38, colored, 1710 Yandes St., was sentenced two to fourteen years at the Indiana Reformatory on a burglary charge.

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FRATERNITY DELEGATE I. U. School of Medicine Senior Will Attend Convention.

Howard Allen, Indiana University School of Medicine senior, will represent the local chapter of Phi Rho Sigma, at national convention Dec. 27-29, at New Orleans, La.

A movement has been started to bring the next convention here.

GOLDEN RULE CONCERT

Young Women's Orchestra Will Broadcast Sunday Afternoon.

Radio fans are invited to listen Sunday afternoon when the Indiana Golden Rule Orchestra, composed of thirty-two local young women, will broadcast a Golden Rule dinner concert from the First Presbyterian Church over WFBM, Merchants Heat and Light Company.

The concert directed by Leslie Troutman, will be given from 1 to 2 p. m. Marimba solos, to include "A Dream" and "The Rosary" will be played by Miss Esther Carlisle.

LEGION PLANS PARIS MEETING

French Representative Confers With Officials Here.

Commandant Z. Peckoff, French government representative, today conferred with American Legion officials about plans for the Legion convention at Paris in 1927.

A letter from Premier Aristide Briand states the French people are making extensive plans for the Legion visit.

"We are anxious to show France in peacetime, and are arranging a hospitable reception," the letter stated. Grand palace will be leased to the American Government for \$1, to enable the convention to be held on American soil.

Commandant Peckoff, was wounded in July while in Morocco during the Rifian revolt.

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