

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 \$1,200,000 bond issue for the new Shortridge, filed by the Indiana Taxpayers' Association. Representatives of civic clubs, the Shortridge Parent Teacher Association, various luncheon clubs and the Indianapolis Real Estate Board will attend.

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

Both factions in the remonstrance fight have withdrawn their weapons and are waiting until Saturday's session with the tax board.

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. Aiken, 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 Company property from 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.

I SLEEP BETTER

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

C. E. Hodges, Unity, Ill., says: "Lithiated Bichlor" relieved me of a bad case of insomnia. I slept all night and am better in daytime. It has also helped my wife. I will tell or write the experience to any one. Lithiated Bichlor is a safe, non-narcotic sedative on the nerves. Drives out abnormal deposits and neutralizes excess acids, thereby reducing irritation. The tablet cost 10 cents at the drug stores. Keller Laboratory, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Locally at Hook Drug Co. -Advertisement.

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The All-Comers Tournament will start at the Claypool Billiard Parlor some time next month. Gene Henning, the manager, says: "Everyone is free to enter the tournament. The entry fee is \$10.00 to any player who defeats Mr. Henning. Transportation paid to and from Indianapolis in the State of Indiana. Lowest price, \$10.00. Highest, \$20.00. Win the trophy and think of the Claypool Billiard Parlor. It is the best place through the lobby. Bring your friends and see Henning make the pool balls talk."

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, Brevort hotel; John J. Haney, 549 Tibbs Ave.; Burl Adams, 902 Church St.; Howard Martin, 117 Vine 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 Slater, 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 died 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 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.

ARMY, NAVY, GENERAL STAFF TO HAVE INNING.

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 aristocratic 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 un-

till 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."

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MITCHELL CASE TO JURY DEC. 15

Will Not Delay Elevation Civic Clubs Told.

By United Press
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