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MENACE FOR NEW SCHOOL PLANS SEEN

Incoming Board Members Express Approval of Restraining Order.

HEARING SET THURSDAY

Givan to Act on Permanent Injunction Plea.

Parents who have fought for years to get their children out of portable school buildings and half-day classes today foresaw the doom of their hard-won school building program in statements of new members of the school board, who will take office Jan. 1.

The three new members expressed approval of a temporary restraining order against the present school board continuing with its building program granted by Superior Judge Clinton H. Givan Monday afternoon.

"The new board members are in favor of the school building program, but the program must be carried out in an economical, legal and business-like manner," Theodore Vonnegut, who is spoken of as president of the new board, said today.

"We do not believe that the manner in which the school board has gone about carrying out the building program has been correct. From what we have observed of the school board's business policies, since we have been elected, we are in favor of the restraining order against the board, if the facts will confirm our opinion that the board's operations have not been strictly businesslike."

Fee Same

Charles W. Kern and Mrs. Lillian Sedivky, the other two new members of the board, said they felt as Vonnegut did.

The temporary restraining order, keeping the present board from executing contracts with architects for constructing six new elementary buildings, was issued on a petition filed by Kay K. Wark, 3370 McPherson Ave., building contractor. In the petition, Wark said the resolution selecting the architects was presented and adopted at the board meeting Dec. 8, and the rules of the board demand that any resolution calling for expenditures of more than \$100 must not be finally passed until the succeeding meeting after its adoption.

Judge Givan announced that the hearing on the petition for a permanent injunction will be held Thursday.

Date Not Changed

Thomas Garvin, work's attorney, today asked Judge Givan to see the date of the hearing later than Thursday. Judge Givan refused.

It was learned that Adolph Embhardt, board member, said to be considered as attorney for the new board, was the only member who received notice of the hearing in the court Monday. Embhardt signed the receipt of notification.

William H. Book, business director, said he was not aware of the action until a copy of the order was read to him by a deputy sheriff in his office.

Two Have Rules

It is said that Book and Embhardt are the only persons who have copies of the board rules, quoted by Wark in his complaint. Book said he has the original book of rules and that it has never left his possession.

Attached to the complaint were copies of the contracts for the six elementary schools, held by school board members only.

The original hearing date, set out in the restraining order, was Jan. 24. Following a visit of Joseph Daniels, acting school board attorney, to the court, it was said "an error had been made" and the date was changed to Dec. 24.

Board to Defend Self

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The question as to whether or not a permanent injunction, if issued, will affect the new members, was being discussed in school board circles today. Vonnegut said he did not know "the legal side of this question." Book said that since the school board is a continuing corporation it also will tie the hands of the new members, if issued by Judge Givan.

SECRETARY REINSTATED

Police Chief's Aid Made Lieutenant—Woman Is Appointed.

Oscar J. Quessner, secretary to Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff, today was reinstated and made a lieutenant by the board of safety. He was assigned to the chief's office. The board also appointed Frieda Saunders, 11 Graystone Apt., Illinois and New York Sts., a policewoman.

Resignation of Frank D. Allen was accepted. Eighteen applications for the police force were examined.

'Shortest' Day Brings Joy and Woe

But Tonight City Can Get Longest Sleep—Just Before Christmas.

"Yes, today's the shortest day in the year."

Mamma tells it to Papa and Papa passes it on as original information to the kids at breakfast.

In theory the sun rose at 7:04 a.m. and is slated to disappear at 4:23 p.m.

"Well, it sure is the shortest day for me," said a street car rider, thumbing over the casualties among the dollars listed in his bank book. "The balance is \$1.02 after my wife finished her shopping and I haven't begun."

No Grace to Cashiers

Indianapolis bank presidents today announced there would be no grace

COULDN'T YOU GET IN BEFORE DARK?
GOSH, MA—THIS WAS AN EXTRA SHORT DAY!

to cashiers found short.

"Take it from me, you'd better be long even on the shortest day in the year," a hard-boiled head banker advised his staff.

Husbands were especially cheerful on this shortest day. They hoped the evening repast would find the pie crusts reasonably short.

Then the short sports were not compelled to stage take phone calls when the checks arrived for luncheon. They just said off-hand:

"Why, it's the shortest day of the year and I'm celebrating it."

Short-change artists moaned the fact that county fair season is over but warmed to their work in smaller establishments.

Not to Appoint "Shorty"

Mayor Shank denied at sunrise he would appoint "Shorty" Burch mayor for the day, but advised all patriotic citizens to celebrate the shortness by attending a Tom Thumb show tonight.

And then tonight. All available records show it is the longest nocturnal period for 1925, and In-

YOU MUST GET YOU HOME EARLY TODAY?
IT'S THE SHORTEST DAY IN THE YEAR AND I GOTTA GET MY HOURS SLEEP.

Officers of the Weiler store placed stock loss alone at more than \$200,000, only a part of which is covered by insurance.

The law libraries, furniture and equipment for physician's offices was estimated to have been worth at least \$150,000.

The building was worth at least a like amount.

DECATUR IS THREATENED

GARAGE Burns at Second Indiana Town With \$12,000 Loss.

By United Press

DECATUR, Ind., Dec. 22.—Fire today destroyed the P. B. Hebbe garage with a \$12,000 loss.

Fourteen automobiles burned.

The blaze threatened the downtown district.

The fire started when a tank of denatured alcohol exploded.

NEW DUNES BUY IS ANNOUNCED

State Secures Waverly Beach for Park.

Purchase of Waverly Beach, near Michigan City, at a total cost of \$131,612.50, declared the key point in the State's plans for the Dunes Park, was announced today by Charles G. Sauer, assistant director State conservation commission.

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HOOSIER ROBBED

By United Press

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Helen Antowski, Hammond, Ind., reported to police here today that her purse, containing \$25.10, had been stolen by a purse snatcher.

SEEK "HIT AND RUN"

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Police today are seeking the driver of an automobile which collided with a car driven by Frank Thompson of Valparaiso, seriously injuring Mrs. Thompson and her small son.

HUGE LOSS, 2 HURT IN STATE FIRE

Portland's Main Business Building Burns in Early Hour Blaze.

\$500,000 DAMAGE SEEN

Store Proprietor Seriously Burned in Rescue Work.

By United Press

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 22.—Two men were injured, one seriously, and losses estimated at between \$500,000 and \$750,000 were done in a fire which early today swept Portland's business district.

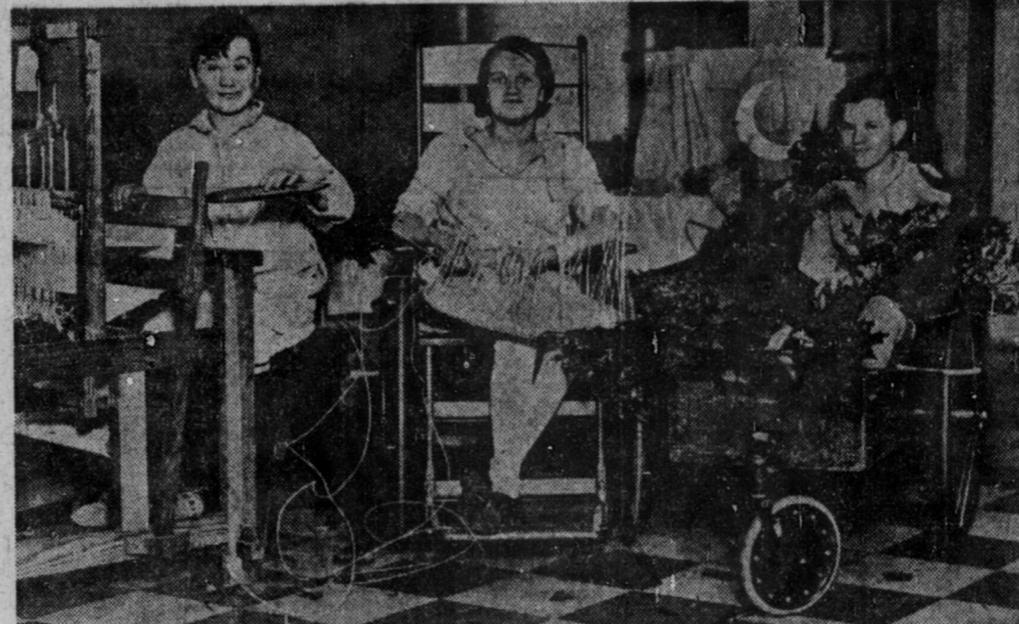
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CRIPPLED CHILDREN AT RILEY HOSPITAL MAKE GIFTS IN CLASS



Little patients in the Occupational Therapy Ward, Riley Hospital, working on Christmas decorations.

VAUNTED STRENGTH OF WETS IS A MYTH

Drys Win Prohibition's First Test Vote in New Congress.

Manager Burned

James Limley, manager of the shoe department of the Weiler store, was burned seriously about the body and face in his efforts to save part of the store stock.

A janitor in the Weiler Brother's department store discovered the blaze shortly after 6:00 a.m. in an elevator shaft.

Before the fire fighting apparatus of the city could reach the scene the flames were beyond control.

Two United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The modest increase in strength of the wets in Congress was put on the scales today in prohibition's first test vote of the session and found solidly wanting.

The House, 129 to 17, defeated an elimination amendment to the proposed appropriation of \$250,000 for the "purchase" of evidence by dry

lawyers.

The amendment would have for

bidden the use of "fraud, deceit, or falsehood in procuring evidence."

Against suspected violators.

The amendment was offered by Representative Tucker, Virginia, Democrat.

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