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TEN GIVEN CITY JOBS BY MAYOR

Shank Makes Last Minute Appointments in Street Commissioner's Office—Edward Rochat Named Department Head.

JOHN F. WALKER IS AMONG APPOINTEES

List Submitted to Joseph L. Hogue—Adds Strength to Story of Alliance With Klan to Defeat Coffin—Conference Is Reported.

By Jepson Cadou

With only five days of his term remaining, Mayor Shank today appointed a new street commissioner and nine others in the street commissioner's department. The new officials will take office Jan. 1.

John L. Duvall will become mayor at noon Jan. 4, and he is expected to make his own appointments in this department. The appointments followed the action of the retiring board of safety Tuesday in naming fifty-four new policemen.

The latest Shank appointments: Edward Rochat to succeed Martin J. Hyland as street commissioner; John F. Walker, now superintendent of street cleaning, to be assistant street commissioner; William Carter, barn foreman; W. E. Williams, chief clerk; W. P. Hargan, time-keeper and clerk; Katherine Noonan, typist; Ed Smith, Duncan McDonald, H. E. Musgrave and W. L. Resoner, inspectors.

Armitage and Hogue

The appointments came after a conference between the mayor and William H. Armitage. They were submitted to Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, for approval.

The new appointments added strength to the story that Shank has joined forces with the Klan to unseat George V. Coffin as Republican political boss of the county. Hogue is said to be greatly interested in this movement and he has been taking an active part in making new appointments.

The Shank-Klan combine was effected at a meeting of seven prominent politicians, including George S. Elliott, Marion County exalted cyclops, it is said. Charles W. Jewett and Ralph A. Lemcke, said to have been invited, failed to appear.

Jewett for Watson

Jewett's support of United States Senator James E. Watson is said to have been a factor aiding Coffin. Politicians believe Coffin must back Watson to obtain renomination for Senator Arthur R. Robinson.

The fifty-four policemen Shank appointed Tuesday are largely Klansmen. Many of them have had "military" experience as horse thief Detectives.

The list was provided by Klan leaders, although Shank and board of safety members added a number of personal appointees.

Hogue Responsible

Hogue was the guiding spirit in persuading Shank to effect the Klan tie-up, the politicians say. Hogue is said to be slated for county chairman.

Shank included in the appointments two members of the famous Klan drum corps and quartet that sang "Lumber Lumber Lew" at the Duvall keynote meeting. That lullaby nearly lost an election for Duvall, because Shank, nettled, wondered whether to support Walter Myers, Democratic nominee. The musical Klansmen are Carlos Jones, bass, and Dale Smith, leader of the foursome.

YOUTH, BRIDE FACE U. S. TRIAL

Pair Charged With Forgery Orders Stolen Here.

By United Press
FREEPORT, Ill., Dec. 30.—Phillip Kaler, 23, and his 17-year-old bride, from a month ago by a Federal grand jury, charged with passing thirty forged money orders in Illinois which were stolen from the Indianapolis postoffice are to be brought here for Federal trial. Kaler, alias Phillip Van Courtland, was arrested on the eve of his falling heir to one-fourth of a million dollar estate at Portland, Maine.

He and his bride were indicted here a month ago by a Federal grand jury, charged with passing thirty forged money orders in amounts from \$35 to \$100. Orders for his removal here were issued today by a Federal judge.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	10 a. m.	23
7 a. m.	20 a. m.	25
8 a. m.	21 12 (noon)	27
9 a. m.	21 1 p. m.	27

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Forecast

PARTLY cloudy tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; lower tonight about 25.

STATE LIFE TO BUILD ON SCHOOL SITE

Company Purchases Present Shortridge Location for \$641,000, or \$5,000 Above Appraisal Price—One Other Bidder.

MAY BE OCCUPIED UNTIL JAN. 1, 1929

Board Has Special Meeting for Opening Offers—Structure to Cost \$1,000,000 Being Planned, Same Officials.

A home office of the State Life Insurance Company, costing about \$750,000, will be built on the Shortridge high school site, Pennsylvania and North Sts., purchased today from the Indianapolis school board at a special meeting, H. W. Bennett, State Life president, announced.

The Shortridge buildings and site sold for \$641,000, which was \$5,000 above the appraisal value, Charles R. Yoke, board president, said. Gavin L. Payne & Co., which proposed to purchase the north part for \$226,000, was the only other bidder.

Accepted Unanimously

The board voted unanimously to accept the State Life bid.

Payne bid \$1,400 a front foot on the north part and the State Life bid \$1,530 a front foot for the entire property.

The school board may occupy the buildings until Jan. 1, 1929, at rent of 5 per cent a year on the purchase price, William H. Cook, business director, said.

Cash purchase price will be paid ten days after delivery of an abstract.

Ample provision will be made for the State Life Insurance Company expansion in the next fifty years. The building will be for exclusive use of the company and located in the center of the site.

In Harmony With Plaza

"Our proposed new home will be in harmony with the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza, which is an ornament to the city," said Charles F. Coffin, general counsel for the company.

A new \$1,200,000 Shortridge High School building will be erected at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts. within two years. Book said bids will be asked Jan. 20.

To Aid Program

Proceeds from sale of the Shortridge site will be used in completing the \$85,000 elementary school building program, outlined in the 1925-26 budget.

Old Shortridge consists of two buildings, and the property has a full block frontage on Pennsylvania St. and 168 feet on North and Michigan Sts.

In spite of opposition of Dr. Marie Hasle and Adolf Emhardt, minority board members, the board has authorized Cook to advertise for bids on construction of the new Shortridge.

AUTO OWNER ARRESTED

Woman Charged With Blind Tiger and Transporting.

Police today arrested Ruth Hill, 36, of 1427 N. Capitol Ave., on charges of blind tiger and transporting liquor. It was said that she reported stolen an automobile deserted after it collided with a street car at Morris St. and Sheffield Ave. on Dec. 27.

A quart of mule was found in the auto, officers said. Two young men, driving the auto, ran after the accident.

NOTICES SENT TO BANKS

Come Under Provision of State Securities Law.

Approximately 900 banking institutions and 100 securities brokers in the State will come under provisions of the State securities law, according to notices being sent out today by David H. Jennings, State securities commissioner, following receipt of an official opinion from Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom.

Many of the institutions and brokers will be forced to register with the commission as authorized dealers. The fee is \$25 for dealers and \$5 for agents. According to Jennings, only about fifteen of the banks have registered.

ADMINISTRATOR SUES

\$10,000 Damages Sought From Driver in Fatal Accident.

The Fidelity Trust Company, administrator of the estate of the late Charles J. Johnson, today filed a suit for \$10,000 damages in Superior Court Three against Miss Mercedes Hanna. Johnson died as result of an automobile collision several weeks ago at Fifty-Seventh St. and Washington Blvd.

Complainant charged that the car Miss Hanna was driving was going at forty miles an hour when it crashed into the Johnson machine.



ASKS COURT TO RESTRAIN FLOOD WORK

Poet Flees "Tragic Life of City"

By United Press
EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 30.—Much civilization is a farce, modern society is a fraud, and life in a metropolitan center is a tragedy, Prof. Lew Sarett of Northwestern University, and accounted one of the leading poets of the Nation, declared today in announcing his decision to flee to the forests of northern Wisconsin.

Sarett wants the "unspoiled" society and surroundings of the woods.

The modern large city, "with its emotional stress, its social complexity, its hot house coding, its hectic jazz life, destroy happiness and manhood," Sarett declared. He wants to get away from "the shrieking taxicabs, the jazz bands, the jammed street cars, the mad hurly-burly, the stench and the smoke."

Taxpayer Charges Board of Works Failed to Give Notice of Hearings—Would Stop Letting of Contracts.

TRACK ELEVATION TO BE STOPPED BY DELAY

City Body Had Planned to Make Awards This Afternoon—Secret Meeting Is Prevented by Summons Before Judge.

A petition for an injunction to enjoin the board of works from receiving bids or letting contracts for the proposed flood prevention program was filed in Superior Court One today by Louis Brown Jr., a taxpayer.

Suit said the board was to open bids and award contracts at 2 p. m. today.

Judge James M. Leathers granted a temporary restraining order to prevent action on the bids.

Delay in the flood prevention work, it was said, will delay elevation of the Belt Railroad tracks on the south side. A clause in the track elevation agreement provides that the railroad is not compelled to begin work until thirty days after completion of the flood prevention agreement.

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A temporary restraining order against the board was issued Tuesday by Judge T. J. Moll of Superior Court Five on petition of Harry G. Gaylord, a taxpayer. Motion to dissolve the order was filed by William Bosson, city attorney.

Railroad Benefited

John J. Kelly, attorney for Gaylord, declared that the street improvement was done for the benefit of the Pennsylvania Railroad, whose property adjoins the street. Suit charged the railroad was awarded \$1,842.50 damages.

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Gaylord said he would investigate as to how many of the alleged loggers had taken out their first papers.

The Government can prevent them from obtaining their final papers and becoming citizens," he said.

Minton said if they have not obtained their papers they could be deported if they violated other laws later.

Two aliens were deported at Gary recently when they were found guilty of other offenses after conviction on liquor charges.

Recommendations to halt the citizenship papers will be made through the commissioner of immigration at (Turn to Page 2)

Extension Opposed

Eddy contended the course of Cruse St. was being changed and the street, extended to Bates and Shelby Sts. He said it was understood the street would only extend to Bates St.

No Hearing Notice

The complaint alleged there was no full and proper notice of hearings given by the board of works for the proposed improvements.

It was charged that opening bids and awarding contracts will be invalid because of this. The suit asked that the board be instructed to advertise and hold hearings for the proposed improvements.

U. S. SENTENCES THIEF

Man Who Broke Into Postoffice Sub-Station Given Three-Year Term.

Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell today sentenced Robert Blair to three years at Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Blair was returned here from New York charged with breaking in Postoffice Substation 27 and stealing \$39 money order blanks.

Five Bandits Rob Bank

Kansas City (Mo.) Downtown Institution Held Up.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—The Argyle State Bank, in the downtown district, was robbed of \$20,000 by five bandits here today, according to early police reports. The bandits escaped in an automobile.

AUTOS CAUSE 115 DEATHS IN COUNTY

Increase of Twenty-One From Last Year, Coroner's Report Shows—Total Unnatural Fatalities, 383.

Out of the total of 383 persons who died by accident or by violence in Marion County in 1925, 115 were killed in auto accidents, according to the report of Coroner Paul F. Robinson, made public today. Last year there were 328 unnatural deaths. The auto accident toll, the least for any individual cause, is an increase of twenty-one over a figure of ninety-four for 1924.

Of the 383 deaths investigated by the coroner, 205 were found to be natural causes. In 1924, a total of 662 deaths were investigated.

Figures for this year were compiled up to today.

The coroner is called only in cases where there is some doubt or controversy as to the cause of the death.

Deaths From Falls

Deaths from falls this year took the lives of fifty-five, ten of these being in falls from buildings. Last year twenty-eight persons died as a result of falls.

Suicides had their own, the total for this year being sixty-four, the same as last year. Murders decreased from fifty-four for 1924 to thirty-nine for 1925. Of the latter, six were held justifiable.

In the list of suicides twenty-five were by poison, nineteen by gun shots, eight by hanging, five by

U. S. PLANS TO BLOCK CITIZENSHIP OF ALIENS CAUGHT IN BOOZE RAIDS



FRAUD CHARGED, COURT CALLS IN CITY OFFICIALS

Board of Works Members Ordered to Testify in Cruse St. Fight.

The Government today took steps to keep aliens arrested Tuesday in the city's biggest liquor raid from obtaining United States citizenship.

Twelve of those arrested are of foreign birth and have taken out their first papers. R. C. Minton, legal adviser of the Thirteenth Prohibition District, said an effort would be made to halt issuance of the final papers.

He said individuals arrested or convicted on liquor charges could not be deported.

Sixteen Released

A total of seventy-five were arrested in the raids. Sixteen were released. The remaining fifty-nine will face Criminal Judge James A. Collins Tuesday morning at 9 in a special arraignment. Eighteen were in jail, unable to provide bond.

The raiders, who included Federal agents, deputy sheriffs and local police, visited poolrooms, dry-beer saloons, restaurants and homes. Arrests were made to agents who have been working here secretly for several months.

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