

## GERRYMANDER OF PRECINCTS SAID TO BE ON

Democratic Leader Charges Changes Are Not Announced.

County commissioners, stimulated by the George V. Coffin Republican party faction, are gerrymandering voting precincts and delaying announcement of the new precinct boundaries to halt opposition of the Republicans and the formation of a Democratic organization.

That was the charge today of Hendricks Kenworthy, Democratic Ninth ward chairman, who carried his ward most heavily Democratic in the last municipal election.

Kenworthy said he had asked the commissioners to give him an outline of the new precincts, but had been put off. He said he fears the commissioners will delay announcement for political purposes.

Meanwhile, a back-to-the-precinct movement is under way in Democratic circles. The chieftains who have been at staff headquarters will go to the front-line trenches, on the theory the precinct is the real service center. Russell J. Ryan, county chairman; Joseph P. Roles, secretary; Charles Welliver, who directed circulation of the petition to nominate Evans Wooller for the senatorial short term; Humphrey Harrington, registration board member, and Kenworthy all are candidates for committeeman in their voting precincts.

## PROTEST MADE TO VONNEGUT

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consider bids for School 78 construction, was started at 10:30. All board members were there.

Emsley Johnson, spokesman for the 200 protesters, said he was speaking as a patron of the school and with no unselfish view in mind. "The primary consideration is the fact that more children can be accommodated by locating the school for the one on Forty-Sixth St. than at the other site," Johnson said. "The Thirty-Fourth St. location affords adequate facilities for a building large enough. There is no need for an athletic field especially in the such congested district. This would be all right if the building were erected in an outlying section.

**Three-Fourths of Patrons**

"We came here to let you know what we wanted, which is a building on that site. I am appealing in behalf of three-fourths of the Shortridge patrons."

Vonnegut then said that he guessed "that" all there was to be said.

"We'd like to hear from you," Johnson said.

"I have nothing to say," said Vonnegut.

Kern said: "Give them a chance to say what they want to, so they can't say they haven't been heard."

William Bosson, attorney, said that the residents in deciding to petition the board to give further consideration to their moves to relocate the school, had believed the board would welcome comment.

"I am making no apologies for my presence here, gentlemen," Bosson said. "I come here on my constitutional rights as a citizen. You are the representatives of the people of this good city. You have a right to consider and criticize anything they might over, and we have a right to present things for your consideration."

"We have a right to know your reasons for your action."

Applause and cheers greeted his last statement.

Bosson said he did not think the question of building the school was one of location or costs, but of best advantage to the citizens.

He then quoted from the analysis by The Times of the situation and a Times article on the prevailing conditions at Benjamin Harrison school where Shortridge, freshmen had been in conditions creating a fire hazard.

**Congested Conditions**

Bosson pointed out that with the school at Forty-Sixth St., along with the elementary school on an opposite corner, conditions will be congested.

"Do you want to take the responsibility as school board members of telling parents that on Jan. 1, 1929, their children will have to be distributed to other schools in Indianapolis in order to obtain an education which they have a perfect right to?" Bosson asked.

Bosson referred to the possibility that Shortridge will be without a home after Jan. 1, 1929, if the new building is not completed by then. The present building had been sold and must be vacated by that time.

Johnson then asked the board again to give the patrons some idea of their future plans.

"I'll give them my views in the papers in a few days," Vonnegut said.

"Then we might as well go to the courts," Johnson said.

"Go ahead if you want to," Vonnegut said.

Minority member Johnson then made the motion to rescind all ac-

## KIEFER IS CANDIDATE

Candidacy for Justice of Center Township Is Announced.

Announcement was made today that Louis L. Kiefer, 431 N. Sherman Dr., will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for justice of peace in Center Township in the May primary. Kiefer was elected a justice in 1914 and 1918.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows, K. of P. and Modern Woodmen. For a number of years he served as Republican Tenth ward chairman.

tion and take no further moves until at least March 24, when the site is to go on sale.

The motion was defeated by the majority.

Harry Meyer, a protester, told Vonnegut the board was the people's servants.

### Not Servants

"We are not your servants," Vonnegut asserted.

Meyer later said that he had "worked like a cur" to put the majority faction in office and was opposed to them reversing their campaign stand that they would "serve the people and work for community good."

Some one in the audience said "amen."

The session closed with Emsley Johnson remarking that the board would lose \$42,000 paid for plans for the building.

Kern said that if the building was erected on Forty-Sixth St. it could be erected for \$1,000,000 instead of \$1,200,000.

The board then received bids on the heating and ventilating and plumbing for School 78. The bids were referred to the buildings and grounds committee and superintendent for analysis.

### Protests Meeting

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The resolution which was adopted declared it was unnecessary and contrary to the interests of the great majority of school patrons to abandon the Thirty-Fourth St. site for the one on Forty-Sixth St. if the board should acquire another adjacent to the Thirty-Fourth St. site on the north, and that the school board be urged to rescind all action that has been taken looking toward abandoning the Thirty-Fourth St. tract and acquiring the Forty-Sixth St. land.

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of the advisory committee, he and other members collected data on the site believing the "board was public spirited."

He pointed out that in a mile circle of the Thirty-Fourth St. site, there are 1,082 Shortridge pupils, and that only 640 live within the same distance of the proposed Forty-Sixth St. location.

He said 44 per cent of the children can walk to the Thirty-Fourth St. tract but only 26 per cent could walk to the other site.

Johnson showed that with the annexation of lots along Forty-Sixth St., the board would have only 11-10 acres more than if they annexed additional property along Meridian St. adjacent to the Thirty-Fourth St. site.

Three hundred and eighty-five feet along Meridian St. can be bought for \$42,000, he said.

He said transportation facilities at Forty-Sixth St. cannot be compared with those at Thirty-Fourth St.

### No Money to Waste

"The school board hasn't any money to throw away," Johnson said. "The board has spent \$42,000 for the preparation of plans to erect the school at Thirty-Fourth St. In a few weeks the board will come to the conclusion the plans are inadequate. They will be cast aside."

"We want the children away from the building at Pennsylvania and Michigan Sts. We want children in a new building in 1927."

"We've got to fight. We won't get our rights unless we fight."

It was pointed out the majority school faction said they wanted a new site with grounds for an athletic field, but that this idea had been abandoned.

"If a building is erected at Forty-Sixth St. it will have to have a capacity of 5,000 children," Johnson said.

He said patrons will save \$100 a day in transportation costs if children attend school on Thirty-Fourth St.

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**Done in Secret**

Bosson said the proposal of the school board to buy the Forty-Sixth St. property from Frank F. Woolring, real estate man, who held options on the ground, was prepared and signed before it was made public.

"I blame the board most for its undue hate," Bosson declared.

"This, and the fact that they did not present their ideas to you intelligent people. They ought to halt and listen to the voice of the people. If they do this the building will be at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts."

Harris said the "juggling on the part of school board is criminal."

"I'm in favor of fighting to the limit, to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, and money will be provided," said Shelton.

Cheers and applause followed his speech.

O'Hara said that if "we aren't a lot of cowards we'll not let that bunch get away with it, without fighting to the last ditch."

It was pointed out that the lots along Forty-Sixth St., which the board must condemn, will cost them about \$30,000.

## CITY MARKET PRICES DROP

Strawberries were 5 to 10 cents lower, selling at 65 and 65 cents a quart today on the city market. French endive prices tumbled 10 cents and were 50 cents a pound, but curly endive was unchanged at 20 and 25 cents a head. Mushrooms also took a 10-cent drop to 50 cents a pound.

Other prices included: Butter, 58 cents a pound; eggs, 35 and 40 cents a dozen; chickens, 42 and 50 cents a pound; peans, 30 cents a pound; green beans, 60 cents a pound; head lettuce, 10 and 20 cents a head; leaf lettuce, 20 cents a pound; honey dew melons 75 and 85 cents each, and oranges 25 to 60 cents a dozen.

New turnips were seen on several stands for the first time and sold at 15 cents a bunch. Lemons were 15 to 50 cents a dozen; pineapples, 35 to 50 cents a each; tomatoes, 20 cents a pound; radishes, 10 cents a bunch; cucumbers, 30 cents each; tangerines, 60 cents a dozen, and grapefruit, two and three for 25 cents.

## 4 YOUTHS ARRESTED

Leroy Allen, 18, Negro, of 1354½ N. Senate Ave., is held on charges of speeding and vagrancy, and his three Negro companions, Eli White, 21, of 1813 N. California St.; James Allen, 18, of 454 W. Eighteenth St., and Wilbur Edison, 20, of 2423 Northwestern Ave., are held under high bond on vagrancy charges pending an investigation.

Motorcyclist William Miller and P. McMahon arrested the four youths at Fourteenth St. and Capitol Ave. Police said the auto in which they were riding bore only one license plate, wired on. They did not have a certificate of title.

He declared that the written statement of this committee presented to the board at special meeting a week ago Thursday after the ground already had been purchased, was practically ignored by the board's majority faction, composed of Vonnegut, Charles W. Kern and Mrs. Lillian Sedwick.

"This meeting was called hastily after demands on the part of interested parties that something be done," Hoffman said. "It was called hastily in order to keep up with the hasty actions of the school board."

Johnson said that, as a member

## COULDN'T OPEN SAFE

Burglars at the Family Wash Laundry, 838 E. Washington St., Friday night, broke the combination on the safe, but could not open it, L. C. Stoeling, manager, reported to police today. Entry was gained through a rear door. The safe, containing about \$125, had been moved into a back room.

**This Gun Carries "Smokes"**

When is a gun not a gun? When it is a cigarette case.

This is what police decided after making a trip to a downtown theater late on Friday night, on a report of a youth in the show with a revolver. They found John Hess, 2129 S. Meridian St., cousin of Patrolman Dalley, with a cigarette case fashioned like a revolver. No arrests were made.

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## Orphan Girl Here for Meeting



Zadi

Zadi, Near East orphan, ambassador for 100,000 fellow orphans, is in for a busy church program tomorrow.

The girl, with her foster-mother, Mrs. C. R. Gannaway, who rescued her from the Turks, are at the Spin-Arms.

Zadi speaks Sunday night at St. Paul M. E. Church, Eugenia and Rader Sts. Mrs. Gannaway will occupy the pulpit of East Tenth Street Methodist Church on invitation of Dr. George S. Henniger, pastor, Wednesday morning. Students of Shortridge High School will greet Zadi.

## RADIO HOUR-BY-HOUR

(All Central Standard Time)

### Today's Best

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WSAI, WGR, WCAE, WTIC, WSD, WGN, WJAR, WFID, 8:15 p. m., EST.

—Intercollegiate Glee Club contest, direct from Carnegie hall.

WJZ, New York (484 M), 9 p. m., EST.—Personal radio appearance

Douglas Fairbanks; Mortimer Wilson conducting symphonic orchestra.

WOR, Newark (405 M), 8:45 p. m., EST.—Talk, by Fred S. Ferguson, president of the Newspaper Enterprise Association on "Your Daily Newspaper."

WEER, Boston (349 M), 8:10 p. m., EST.—Boston Symphony Orchestra.

WOC, Davenport (484 M), 8:20 p. m., CST.—Glee Club of Dubuque University.

WJR, Detroit (470 M), 11:30 p. m., CST.—"The Jester Old Chieftain."

WOAW, Omaha (636 M), 10:10 p. m., CST.—"Fireless philosophies."

WLS, Chicago (345 M), 7:20 p. m., CST.—"Fireless philosophies."

WMAQ, Chicago (447 M), 8:30 p. m., CST.—Radio photologue, "Constantinople."

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