

## VALUE OF POLL ON PROHIBITION IS DISCOUNTED

Dry League Committee  
Studies Gilliom's Con-  
tempt Charges.

A wet and dry poll in Indianapolis would have little significance, Dr. E. S. Shumaker, Indiana Anti-Saloon League superintendent, declared today on his return from a conference of professional drys in Washington. "A poll means nothing unless every vote," said Shumaker. "In a straw vote those who favor a change in the prohibition law will vote while the drys will refuse."

Shumaker said the defects in polls were revealed clearly when Ohio and California voted wet in polls and a few months afterwards voted against wine and beer in an official referendum.

With Shumaker's return, headquarters committee members of the League were to meet today to consider the action of Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom asking the Supreme Court to cite Shumaker, Jess E. Martin and Ethan A. Miles, League attorneys, for contempt.

Resolutions endorsing the League's activities were adopted at a meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. at the Fletcher American National Bank Friday. Mrs. H. E. Summers led devotions, Mrs. Clem Johnson conducted a parliamentary bee. Others on the program were Mrs. Austin Black, Mrs. Anna Mae Griggs and Mrs. George Bingham. Mrs. J. W. South, presided.

## HALLWAY NOT PUBLIC PLACE

Judge So Rules in Nolleing  
Liquor Charge.

A hallway in a rooming house is not a public place, according to Special Judge Edward W. Felt, who, in Municipal Court One, nolled a drunk charge against Miss Frankie Sanders, 71½ Virginia Ave., Friday afternoon. Miss Sanders was not present.

Special Deputy Attorney General Joe Rand Beckett and Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack clashed over the charge, Niblack insisting that it should be nolled on the grounds that the defendant was not intoxicated, as alleged, in a public place, the rooming house hall.

"If the officer said he arrested this woman in a public hall, his testimony isn't worth a hill of beans. The evidence, as Mr. Niblack has obtained it, is that she was arrested in her rooming house," Judge Felt said.

## HOOSIER KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Double-Header Passenger  
Leaves Rails.

By United Press  
HIGHLAND, Ill., March 13.—An engineer, Smiley Hackett, of Terre Haute, Ind., was killed and other members of the crew seriously injured when a Pennsylvania Railroad train was derailed at 5:45 a. m. here today.

The train was a doubleheader, having two complete crews. Those who received serious injuries are:

Harry Bennett, Terre Haute, engineer on the other engine.

Charles Smith, fireman, Terre Haute.

Bernard Hedding of Brazil, Ind., also a member of the train crew.

Charles Egelfeld, mail clerk of Brazil, Ind.

Little hope was held for the recovery of Hedding and Egelfeld. Both were scalded. Bennett and Smith will recover.

Four mail cars were pulled down and nine coaches and two Pullmans derailed. The train carried only a few passengers. None was injured.

A defective switch is blamed.

STATE BUYS 40 ACRES

Addition to Indiana Dunes Park Is  
Announced.

Through the purchase of twelve small tracts of land on the south shore of Lake Michigan, forty additional acres have been acquired for the Indiana Dunes Park, it was announced today by Conservation Commissioner Everett L. Gardner. The park now has an acreage of 252. Legal size limit is 2,000 acres, although some additional tracts probably will be acquired through donations.

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## They Back the Team



Some of the Shortridge girl rooters who went to Muncie today. Above (left to right), Eula Heard and Hazel Henson. Below, Marion Ramsey, with her mascot, Felix, Fern Siler and Mary Elizabeth Sharp.

Becketed Rooters Go to  
Muncie on Special  
Train.

"Will we win? Yes we'll win!" That was the spirit of the hundreds of exuberant Shortridge touts that tumbled into the Union Station to take an early morning train to Muncie, where the Blue and White battle in the regional tournament today.

And although the defeat of Shortridge somewhat dampened their spirits, the local rooters remained to pick favorites in later games.

The girls were on the scene first at the Union Station. Many of them carried mascots and all were adorned with trailing blue and white ribbons.

"Say, I think some of these young folks have been here since daylight," declared a station employee. "If the Shortridge team has as much pep as the young folks here, they're surely going to win!"

FLAPPER FANNY says



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Many a poor fish has money.

## OLD-TIME MUSIC WINS APPLAUSE

Old-time melody night was a big success on the Times radio program Friday evening over WFBM from the Severson Studio according to many messages received.

"Dad" Quakenbush, a real old timer when it comes to fiddlin', and Cecil Hudson with his guitar, created a veritable sensation. Quakenbush and Hudson "ripped" off the old-fashioned music and before they had completed their first group, messages for more such melody came pouring in.

Old-time music was played by Leigh Fischer on the harmonica. He knows how to get volume and melody out of this instrument.

Classical piano selections were played by William Senges on the Baldwin Grand. Senges will appear again soon on another Times program.

The Blue Dragons Orchestra with its first appearance on a Times program, received so many requests for special numbers that it was impossible to answer the demands. This organization more than made good.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

SEEK TO BUY S. H. S. SITE

School Board Fund Transfer Motion  
Hanging Fire.

The Indianapolis school board is seeking to take money from a special fund to buy a site for the new Shortridge High School on Forty-Sixth St. between Central Ave. and Washington Blvd. Final action on a motion to transfer the money from the special fund cannot be taken until the next regular board meeting.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### WHITE-NEGRO CONTROVERSY IS DISCUSSED

Ministers Suggest Improve-  
ments as Solution of  
Problem.

Improvement of housing conditions, paving of streets and equalized service from city departments for the Negro district were suggested to solve the controversy arising from introduction of an ordinance to prevent a person of one race from living in a district occupied primarily by persons of another race.

The suggestion came at a meeting of twenty-four white and Negro ministers with members of the city council's public welfare committee, headed by Councilman Otis E. Bartholomew.

#### No Decision

The committee had reached no decision on the ordinance today.

Both white and Negro ministers discussed freely the problem arising from a Negro invasion of northwest Indianapolis.

Negro ministers expressed opposition to the ordinance, while nearly all of the white ministers believed the ordinance would serve as a temporary armistice between contending parties, pending improvement of conditions in the Negro district.

#### Ordinance Advocated

The Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, A. S. Buchanan and Elmer Jones, all northwest Indianapolis church pastors, advocated the ordinance. Other speakers were Omer S. White, man, White People's Protective League attorney, and Homer W. Bost.

Negro ministers who spoke were the Reverends A. T. Clark, F. E. Farrell, H. L. Herrod, W. D. Shannon, S. B. Butler, E. A. White and Charles Lewis.

### MUSIC CLUBS END MEETING

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