

DUVALL DEFIED BY PARK BOARD HEAD IN LETTER

Emsley Johnson Gives
Reasons for Refusing to
Resign Post.

Emsley W. Johnson, deposed as park board president by Mayor Duvall, today defied Duvall and announced he would retain his position.

Johnson, in a letter to Duvall, denied a statement by the mayor that he and Johnson had talked over Johnson's resignation.

Belief that employees of the parks and recreation departments should "give their time to their work rather than to the promoting of a political machine," was cited by Johnson as one of his reasons for retaining his position.

Pressure From Coffin

Insiders said Duvall removed Johnson, because of pressure from George V. Coffin, Republican County chairman, who seeks to bolster his political control by turning over additional city jobs to the faithful.

"You know as well as I that neither of us ever at any time had a conversation about my resigning as a member of the park board," Johnson's letter declared. "I never had any intention of resigning; I did not resign, and I will not resign."

Cites Compliment

"In our last conversation, which was the only one we have had for over a month, you stated to me that you were well pleased with the work of the park board and that you wanted us to keep up the good work."

Johnson said his interest in making Indianapolis beautiful, desire to retain trained employees, wish to give the taxpayers' their money's worth, and pleasure of association with other board members, were other reasons for his refusal to resign.

JOCULAR WILL IS DISREGARDED

Jovial Pallbearer Request
Denied.

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 16.—The will of Frederick Leander VanGrit, 75, Kansas political writer, who in his set forth elaborate plans for his own funeral, will be disregarded by his family on the grounds that it was written in a facetious mood.

This decision was announced following VanGrit's death and the discovery of the jocular instrument by which he proposed to direct his own burial.

The document, written more than twenty-five years ago, set forth: "That the undertaker be humble and modest, giving the corpse a chance for public attention—it's last chance."

The pallbearers are not to be labeled. They will be distinguished from the corpse by the fact that they will be alive and their duties will be understood without wearing a printed sign.

"The horses horses must not wear any signs of mourning—for all leads look alike to horses; tomorrow may be drawing a swill cart.

The undertaker is not to wear a plug hat or a diamond stud, or a dressy Prince Albert coat, or in any manner seem as if he had been snatched for a moment from a banquet to bury the dead.

The pallbearers must be good fellows—bright fellows, and are requested to beguile their way to the grave with cheerful anecdote of their dead friend.

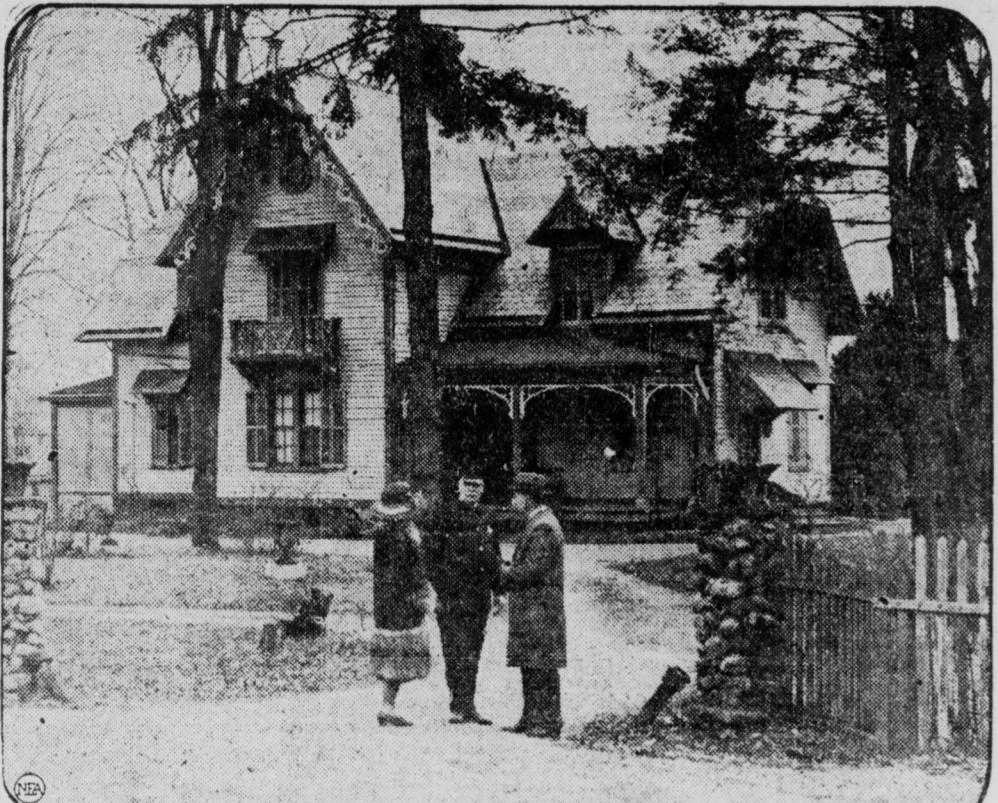
MILLIONAIRE ENDS LIFE Steel Man, III, Shoots Self Through Head.

By United Press
CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 14.—Despondent because of ill health, Price McKinney, 63, millionaire steel and mining operator, committed suicide here Tuesday night by shooting himself through the head.

BRIDGE BILL SIGNED

WASHINGTON, April 14.—President Coolidge today signed the bill to extend the construction time of a bridge across the Wabash River at Vincennes, Ind.

CINDERELLA'S PALACE CLOSED



The fairy palace of Prince Charming and Cinderella No. 2, at Clear Springs, N. Y., has been closed. Edward W. Browning, 51, New York real estate man, and his bride, Frances (Peaches) Heenan, 15, are honeymooning elsewhere. Crowds of curious folk, who flocked to Browning's home after his hasty marriage, forced the couple to leave. They may never return. Note the policeman on guard to keep away the curious.

SUGAR AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

Cuba Asks Lower Tariff to
Relieve Depression.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Sugar has been forced into the limelight here again by demands from Cuba that the tariff be lowered to relieve economic depression in the island. A reduction would throw the present surplus there on the market in this country and lower the price still further for the American housewife, who will prepare soon for the canning season.

President Machado of Cuba has suggested that even a slight cut in the tariff would aid the economic situation in the island, which is laid in many quarters to the huge sugar surplus.

BIDS ON ROAD WORK ARE LOW

More Than \$50,000 Under
Engineers' Estimates.

Low bids received today by the State highway commission on approximately 245 miles of penetration roads and road-surface treatment fell more than \$50,000 under engineers' estimates unofficial tabulations showed.

Low offers on the six projects totaled \$195,079, against an estimated cost of \$249,164. Assistant Maintenance Engineer Le Roy F. Wertz, said.

L. S. Tobitt of Tiffin, Ohio, was low bidder on several road surfacing jobs in central Indiana, including work on State Roads 1, 12 and 39, in Marion County. His offer was \$25,651, against an estimate of \$32,434. Other low bidders:

The Barrett Company, Chicago, \$37,501 on work in northwestern Indiana, estimated to cost \$42,000; the Lebanon and Frankfort and State Rd. 32, \$19,452; the Cawfordsville Sheldon G. Hayes, Indianapolis, \$64,150 on work in northwest Indiana, estimated to cost \$70,000; the Construction Company, Indianapolis, \$30,822 on work in southeastern Indiana, estimated to cost \$38,000; and a job near Paoli, estimated at \$44,808.

Smith Estate Income Available—Win Tax Fight.

Approximately \$120,000 of accumulated income from the estate of Delavan Smith, former Indianapolis News publisher, has become available for use of the Indianapolis Foundation, the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, executor under Mr. Smith's will, announced to foundation trustees today.

At the same time it was stated by trust company officials that they believe litigation over the Smith estate practically has come to an end. Miller, Dally and Thompson, attorneys for the trust company, were notified this morning by the Supreme Court of Illinois that that body had overruled a petition for rehearing of the inheritance tax case against the Smith estate, brought by the Attorney General of Illinois.

Overruling of the petition brings to an end the attempt of the State of Illinois to assess a tax of approximately \$200,000 against the residue of Mr. Smith's estate, about \$800,000 held in trust perpetually by the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company as trustee for the Indianapolis Foundation.

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