

Pupils Strike in Two State Schools to Save Teachers

SIX MONTHS' ROW OVER SHORTRIDGE BIDS NEAR END

Settlement Expected Tonight With Acceptance of Freyn Bros. Cut Figure.

"Finis" is expected to be written tonight to the six-months-old controversy over the heating, ventilating and plumbing of new Shortridge High School when the school board will meet to accept the altered bid of Freyn Bros.

Total cost of the work, including architects' fees and \$18,000 spent on plans which later were scrapped, will approximate \$280,000.

Shipp System Fight Center

Of this figure, \$50,000 will have to be transferred from the general school fund because the State tax board refused to allow more than \$200,000 for the work. The tax board protested the \$200,000 allotment on the grounds of being excessive and allowed it to prevent general construction delays and a possible suit with the general contractor.

Contractors over the engineering bids resulted from the school board's insistence upon C. C. Shipp's "Direct-Indirect" system of ventilation and closed bids to all other types of ventilation.

Original bids were rejected by the State tax board because they were too high and the school board was ordered to receive bids on competitive ventilation systems.

A second set of bids were received but the school board again refused to receive bids on any ventilating systems except the "Direct-Indirect."

Bid Reduced \$37,000

Although the second bids were lower than the first, the tax board still insisted they were too high and censured the school board for closed bid tactics.

In a final effort to gain the tax board's approval and prevent construction delays, \$37,000 was pared off the Freyn Bros. bid by eliminating twenty-eight Shipp wall boxes, automatic radiator controls and minor boiler room matters.

Fred Bates Johnson, minority school board member, protested changing the Freyn Bros. bid without readvertising to allow other bidders the same privilege, but he was over-ruled at the last special meeting of the board.

RUTH UNMOVED AMID SHUDDERS

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skull, of the bruises on his body; of the blood that spurted from nostrils and ears; of the tongue swollen thick as he struggled.

They craned their necks—this way and that, over around the press—to see the heavy window shutters and the picture wire that caused his strangulation.

Lady of Snow

They rose in their seats, then shivered and shook their heads and looked again at the quiet, corseted woman—only the head of her head could they see. Ruth—Ruth was turned in exquisite profile, white, gold, chiseled, less moved, it seemed, than anyone else in the courtroom—a woman in black, a lady of snow.

They had come for scandal, and scandal was theirs, as witness after witness (office manager, room clerk, floor clerks, etc.) established the fact of their love nest at the Waldorf—time after time they had registered there as "H. Gray and wife."

"The purpose of this testimony," the judge explained to the jury, "is to establish the motive for the crime, not to show that adultery was committed."

Nudges and Smiles

But that's what it meant to the crowd: the illicit love of a cowardly traveling man and a cheating wife. And they nudged each other and smiled a little. How cheap, how tawdry—and yet, how human! It's happening somewhere this very day, and it will happen again tomorrow!

And somehow you begin to see how this double life was a preparation for the murder. For months they had lied to their families and practiced constant deception in order to carry on their intrigue, till lies were second nature, till standards were gone, till moral fiber was eaten away—step by step, unconsciously, perhaps, they approached the murder.

Wives sickened in nausea as Newcombe told how she made her husband drunk, lay by his side till he fell asleep, then stole from the bed to plot his death with her lover.

Shuddering Mothers

And yet, so often had she betrayed him, this was only one time more! Mothers shuddered in revulsion as he told how she and her lover murdered the sleeper while her child lay slumbering in the next room, but she was used to Lorraine—had even taken her to meet Gray two weeks before when he gave her the sash which they intended for the death. What a luncheon party that must have been with that grownome instrument between them!

And the crowd turned to study her again, this marble woman—no wonder she didn't cringe or weep or faint; long practice she's had in hiding every emotion, in steeling her heart and blood.

And they wondered, woman-like, the secret of her appeal to men. The more technical points they didn't care for—just little points that may mean grounds for reversal or appeal—why should the crowd care for these? They came for blood and dirt.

Well, they're getting it.

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JAIL FAILS TO CALM JILTED HUSBAND'S SIRE

Not Sorry for Attack Following Divorce Trial Which Brought Sentence for Contempt of Court.

A county jail cell today had not chilled Joseph Kline's determination for "vengeance," nor will it, he declares. "Every time I meet that guy Wilbur Elliott I'm going to 'sock' him, and if I were let out of here right now, and met him, I would do it," Kline said.

Kline went to jail Monday evening for six months for contempt of court. He had "knocked Elliott cold" in Judge William O. Dunlavy's court room just after Judge Dunlavy had granted Kline's wife, Eva, a

ALFRED F. POTTS, ATTORNEY, DIES

Funeral Services Wednesday for Pioneer Citizen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Alfred F. Potts, 70, of 237 E. Fifteenth St., an attorney and business man here for many years. He died Monday after a four-year illness. Services will be held at Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, 25 W. Fall Creek Blvd., at 3 p. m. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Potts was active in public affairs, being one of the founders of the Commercial Club, forerunner of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and the Century Club. He was a member of the Meridian St. M. E. Church and the Woodstock Country Club.

Surviving are the widow and two daughters, Mrs. Don Marquis, wife of the New York author and columnist, and Mrs. Norman W. Cook of Englewood, N. J.

USE AUTO TO ROB BEN DAVIS STORE

Burglars Haul Away \$400 Stock—Miss Cash.

Reward of \$200 was offered today by Edward Betatz, proprietor, for capture of the burglars who early today "moved out" much of the stock of the Dan Dunham Company drug store, Ben Davis, and hauled it away in an auto. Loss was estimated at \$400.

Forcing the rear door with a crowbar, the robbers entered the store between 1 a. m. and 7 a. m. They took ten flashlights, all watches, pens and pencils in the case. Then they carried away the store's entire supply of baseball equipment and fishing tackle, a large quantity of perfume and many compacts. All the cigarettes and most of the supply of cigars also were stolen. Two radios were carried out.

The thieves, however, found only \$2 in cash and overlooked about \$400 in change which Betatz had hidden in the store.

80 Still Keep Life in Paralyzed Youth

Bu United Press. VA., April 26.—Friends who for four days and five nights had pumped air into the collapsed lungs of 18-year-old Walter L. Booth took heart at continued success of their efforts today, while physicians shook their heads and said "hopeless."

The youths clung desperately to a faint thread of life in a hospital here despite intense pain. Paralyzed from the waist down since an operation for automobile accident injuries dislocated a vertebrae and caved in his lungs, Booth submitted with alternate smiles and tears as eighty young friends continued artificial respiration.

PLAN SOUTH BEND TRIP

B'nai B'rith to Send Delegation to South Bend Meeting.

One hundred members of Indianapolis Lodge 58, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, will attend a group meeting at South Bend, May 1. Plans for the trip were made Monday night at Kirschbaum Community Center.

Plans were also made for an initiation ceremony and entertainment to be held here May 9. Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg, Dayton, Ohio will speak and one hundred candidates will be inducted. Dance will follow to which all Indianapolis Jews will be invited.

CHURCH UNION ELECTS

McKamey Is Chosen President of Presbyterian Society.

C. A. McKamey of Sutherland Church, was elected president of the Presbyterian Union at the annual meeting Monday night at Fairview Presbyterian Church. Other officers: H. S. King, vice president; D. H. Whitman, secretary, and J. Edward Stiltz, treasurer.

Dr. Jesse Heermann of Cincinnati, Ohio, declared sincerely, sympathy, intelligence and faith are fundamental qualities in developing an open view on life.

divorce, and denied Kline the decree on cross-complaint in which he charged Elliott, who lives at 702 W. Michigan St., with being the "home wrecker."

Knocked Him Unconscious

When the divorce had been granted and those interested in the case were filing with Superior Court Three, Kline walked up to Elliott, a witness in the trial, and "pasted" him on the right jaw. Elliott stretched out on the floor, unconscious. When he "came to" he was taken to city hospital, where his injury was treated.

After Kline had sent the powerful right to Elliott's jaw he turned to Judge Dunlavy.

"Sentence me if you wish," he invited the court.

"I will. Six months and \$250, contempt of court," the judge shot back. And Kline, resident of the Stubbins Hotel, was led away.

Today, however, Judge Dunlavy reduced the jail sentence to three months.

"It probably would have been cheaper if I hadn't hit Elliott until we left the courtroom," Kline declared, adding:

Elliott Denies Charges "I told my attorney I was going to 'sock that guy' and I did. I'll sock him again, every time I see him. He'd better keep out of my way. He cost me my home, happiness and several thousands of dollars. That's why I'm in the 'socking business.'"

Kline declared that he married his ex-wife, now 24, when she was 13. Kline is 33. They have two children. Elliott, on the stand Monday, denied the "socking" charge.

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Indiana tax board has approved bonds totaling \$160,000 for two Marion County paving projects. Issue of \$134,000 was approved for the Frank Mann road over which there has been much controversy. The road extends 5.43 miles on what is known as the Mars Hill or Spring Valley gravel road, from No. 12 to the south county line. The board has refused the first petition for bonds, as State highway officials would not accept the county specifications.

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Theft was discovered by Elgin when he appeared at garage soon after Bland's departure.

HUNT \$2,000 DIAMONDS

Detectives watched pawnshops today for a diamond pin, containing forty stones, valued at \$2,000. The pin was lost by Mrs. C. F. Klee, 3635 N. Pennsylvania St., Saturday between her home and the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

DALE'S LIBERTY SAFE FOR FORTY DAYS AT LEAST

U. S. Supreme Court Mandate Will Not Reach Indiana Immediately.

Roscoe B. Fleming Times Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, April 26.—George Dale, Muncie (Ind.) editor, may remain out of jail forty more days. The mandate of the United States Supreme Court that it has dismissed Dale's appeal from the ninety-day penal farm sentence and \$500 fine given him for contempt of court by Judge Clarence Dearth in Muncie will be sent to Indiana forty days from yesterday, it was said at the Supreme Court office today.

The Supreme Court yesterday finally dismissed Dale's appeal from the sentence after it had once been reinstated on motion of Dale's own chief attorney here, former Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota.

Clapp said he had become convinced from studying the record that the case involved "no Federal question and none upon which the court could pass."

Dale's Contention The Federal question Dale had attempted to raise was of his protection against illegal imprisonment, according to E. M. White, assistant attorney general of Indiana, who, with Edward J. Lennon, also an assistant attorney general, had come here to argue the case against Dale.

White said the point made by Clapp was one that he had raised in the brief he had filed against Dale's appeal. "Technically, it was not a Federal question," he said. "Dale had not made the point of his constitutional rights before the State courts and under the Federal code was not entitled to raise it before the United States Supreme Court. It had nothing to do with the 'truth is no defense' dictum of the Indiana court, although that dictum under the special circumstances is also upheld by former United States Supreme Court rulings, White said.

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SHOPPING IN CANOES



Arkansas River flood waters inundated most of the business section of Little Rock, Ark., but failed to quench the enterprise of some of the merchants. This picture was taken in a store where customers were taken up and down the aisles in a canoe, while clerks in boats worked the cash register.

DEFEAT WIDENING PLAN

Senate Ave. Property Owners Also Object to Resurfacing. The plan for widening and resurfacing Senate Ave., from Washington to Indiana Ave., was abandoned Monday by the board of works following a public hearing on the petition. The majority of property owners objected to the measure.

RELIEF SEEN FOR E. SIDE TRAFFIC

Pratt St. Improvement Will Remedy Situation. With the advertising of bids today for improvement of Pratt St. from Keating Ave. to Sherman Dr., some relief from the East Tenth St. blockade at the Belt Railroad appeared likely soon.

The improvement resolution was adopted by the old board of works and advertising omitted through an error. City Engineer Frank C. Lingenfelter called the new board's attention to the omission and advertising was ordered.

Pratt and Tenth are both blocked at the elevation, making it necessary for east side citizens to drive blocks to Sixteenth or Michigan Sts. The assessment roll for E. Tenth St. is expected to be ready Wednesday, enabling the board to purchase adjoining land and improve the roadway beneath the elevation. Virgil Vandagriff, board president, ordered the project rushed.

Lingenfelter said it is possible that the Pratt St. project will be finished before the Tenth St. elevation is opened. Bids also have been advertised for improvement of Keating Ave. from Tenth to Pratt Sts.

TOWNSHIP BEE IS HELD TODAY

Intendant of schools, to direct the county bee. The judges and the pronouncer also were chosen by the committee, and were in direct charge of the contest, when the spellers took their places on the platform.

And, while Marion County was naming its spelling queen—because no boys survived the township spelling tests—principals in eighty-one grammar schools in Indianapolis were preparing for the Building Spelling Bees, to be held tomorrow at 5:45 a. m.

Selection of city building champions will be under direct supervision of the principal of each building. The words will be selected by the principal for each building contest, to be taken from the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade pages of the McCall Speller. The contest will be written and the same words will be pronounced to all grade champions in each school. Should a tie result in any contest, Wednesday, the principal will select the winner by oral spelling contest, in which other teachers will be the judges.

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Through the plans of the City Spelling Bee Committee and the grade school principals, the zone bees will be in charge of principals from another zone.

Words for the zone spelling bees are being chosen from the McCall Speller, but are being compiled mostly from those misspelled in grade bees. When the papers of the building bees are graded, the misspelled words will be listed, and additional words will be added for the zone bees.

The winner of the State Spelling Bee will be sent to Washington, D. C., late in June, to enter the National Spelling Bee, in which a cash prize of \$1,000 is offered the winner. All expenses of the State champion and the chaperone to Washington will be paid by The Indianapolis Times.

ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES

Nordyke & Marmon Employee Succumbs to Injuries Suffered April 9. William White, 51, of 1434 S. Harding St., Nordyke & Marmon Co. employee, who was found in an unconscious condition in a coal chute at the plant April 9 after a heavy wrench accidentally struck him on the head, died at the Indiana Christian Hospital at 7 a. m. today.

White is survived by the widow, two sons and four daughters.

Students at New Albany and Jasonville

Walk Out to Force Board to Re-instate Popular Instructors.

Students of two Indiana high schools were on a strike today to force school boards to reappoint popular teachers.

Virtually every student at New Albany remained out of class this morning. They seek to force the school board to re-name Charles B. McLinn, principal for twenty years, and Miss Alice Funk for thirty years teacher of botany.

More than 200 pupils at Jasonville, near Terre Haute, were out because the board there refused to reappoint Jerry Naugle, athletic coach, Mrs. Nina Neal, teacher of dramatics, and A. W. Preden, a commercial teacher.

Peace Move Made The Jasonville school board met today in a peace move. New Albany students staged their second parade this morning, carrying banners demanding the reinstatement of the two teachers. More than 500 students, headed by the school band, took part. Seven hundred marched Monday morning.

Only four pupils went to school today. Two mass meetings have been called in favor of the students. One will be held tonight under the auspices of the High School Alumni Association. The "citizens' committee" has called another for Friday night at which Prosecutor Chester V. Lurch will preside. The Parent-Teacher Association has adopted resolutions, declaring sympathy for the pupils but advising them to return to school.

Board Adamant Dr. H. W. Harris, school board president, said "We are not going to do anything about it. Let the kids go on and have their fun. They'll soon begin to realize I am not an ogre."

Harris and John T. Hahn voted against reinstating the two teachers, opposed by Mrs. Mary Clark, the other member of the board. No specific reason was given. High feeling at Jasonville over the school board's action culminated in a mass meeting in which the students voted to strike. Coach Naugle has turned out a number of successful football and basketball teams and is intensely popular with the students.

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CUT TAX BILL OF STREET RAILWAY

Valuation Reduced \$260,000 by Board. Reduction of \$260,000 in valuation for taxation of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company properties over that of 1926 was granted by the Indiana tax board at a hearing today. The 1927 figure is \$9,021,106, while in 1926 it was \$9,281,237. The company had asked a reduction of approximately \$400,000.

Company representatives pointed out company deficit last year was almost that of the valuation reduction allowed by the tax board. The company officials also asked a reduction for the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. They recited inroads made by buses in revenues and the ever increasing annual deficit. Last year the T. H. I. & E. valuation of the road was \$4,407,584. Tax Board Chairman John Brown declared that, since this was but \$7,500 for each mile of tracks, it was almost a valuation at junk prices.

Bus lines were also blamed for the red figures in the annual report of the street car company. petition is now pending for the company to purchase the Peoples Motor Coach Company and thus own all city bus lines. It is scheduled for hearing before the Indiana public service commission, May 9.

Home Beets on Market Stands Report Scarcity of Spinach—Green Beans 25 Cents. Homegrown beets, selling at 10 cents a bunch, were on city market stands today for the first time this season.

No other new commodities were received. Spinach, rather scarce, was quoted at 15 cents a pound. Argentine grapes, which arrived Saturday, were still plentiful at 40 cents a pound.

Spring chickens dropped 5 cents on the pound, now 70 cents. Green continued selling at 45 cents a pound. Green beans advanced 25 cents a pound. Carrots were 10 cents a bunch. Strawberries were still 30 cents a quart.

CAR LINES ARE MERGED

Company Moves to End Confusion Pending Repair of Bridge. Merging of the College Ave. line north of Thirty-Fourth St. with the Central line in an effort to avoid confusion was planned today by the Indianapolis Street Railway Company.

The board of works granted permission to mark College Ave. cars routed beyond Thirty-Fourth St. with a Central sign during the blockade of the College Ave. bridge at Fall Creek. Renamed cars will bear a smaller sign, indicating whether they are bound for Forty-Sixth St. or Broad Ripple. They have been using the Central Ave. bridge for some time. The only cars marked College Ave. are those running on College to Twenty-Seventh St. and return.

The present schedule will be maintained, according to Superintendent James P. Tretton.

Retains Dr. Shanklin Reappointment of Dr. Eldridge M. Shanklin, Hammond, to the State board of medical registration and examination for four years has been announced at the Governor's office. Shanklin, a Democrat, was chosen secretary of the board several weeks ago upon resignation of Dr. W. T. Gott of Crawfordsville.

LEAGUE OFFICER ADMITS BOOSTING 'PROHI' DIRECTOR

Wheeler Spread Propaganda for Haynes as Dry Chief, Says Shumaker. Edward S. Shumaker, Indiana Anti-Saloon League superintendent, today admitted that Wayne B. Wheeler, national counsel for the league, conducted a "high powered propaganda campaign" to have Roy A. Haynes made permanent prohibition director.

The charge was made by officials of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment in letters to President Coolidge and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

President Stanton of the wet organization quoted letters from Wheeler to State League superintendent urging them to have Mellon and Coolidge flooded with requests for Haynes, who was appointed "acting" commissioner by Mellon a few weeks ago. Haynes served three years and was replaced by Assistant Secretary Andrews. The Wheeler instructions advised that the President be urged to make the Haynes appointment permanent.

"Of course, we used our influence to see that a friend of prohibition was appointed to the place," Shumaker declared in defending Wheeler.

Had we not done so we would have failed in our duty. Indiana really preferred the appointment of E. C. Yellowley, but we are back of Major Haynes."

WARNS OF HIGH WATER RECORD

(Continued From Page 1) direct cause of many of the 100 or more deaths which have been recorded.

The stream of refugees from the delta region continued pouring into Vicksburg in endless procession today. Additional territory is being inundated by the rise of the river south of here. It is believed that the actual crest of the flood has now passed Vicksburg.

South of Natchez the river is rising at an alarming rate, according to reports to engineers working with the Red relief organization here. Hundreds of motor boats patrolled the new flood danger districts, removing inhabitants to the safety of refuge camps. Large numbers were taken to towns south of Vicksburg that are safely out of the area threatened with inundation.

RECESSION IN NORTH

Mississippi River Lower Above Memphis—Farmers Move Back. Bu United Press. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 26.—The Mississippi River has started to retreat from the hundreds of square miles of territory in the northern valley engulfed