

SOUTH SIDE PLANS MASS MEETING ON MAYOR TANGLE

BARTHOLEMEW WANTS CHANCE TO STATE CASE

Delay Action on Resolution
Asking Councilmen to
Offer Resignations.

IS READY FOR DEBATE

Council President Asserts
He'll Not Quit Post,
Despite Challenge.

A mass meeting of south side citizens Wednesday to hear Council President Otto E. Bartholomew's defense of city council's attack on Mayor L. Ert Slack was considered today by south side civic leaders.

No meeting place has been selected.

Southeastern Business Men's Association delayed action Wednesday night on a resolution asking Republican councilmen who voted to oust Slack as mayor to resign.

A group of south side leaders met to adopt the resolution, but postponed consideration because Harold Koch, president, believed such a question should not be discussed in a private business place.

Bartholomew Is Defiant

All Republican councilmen who are fighting Slack, a Democrat, are under indictment except O. Ray Albertson, who turned State's evidence on the other councilmen. Bartholomew and Walter Dorsett, who introduced the resolution to oust Slack, voted with three democrats to elect Slack mayor in Nov. 8.

Bartholomew, one of the councilmen whose resignation was to have been requested, appeared shortly before the meeting convened.

"Just what is this meeting for?" asked the council president. "A number of false rumors are going around. I wish you would call a mass meeting and I'll be glad to tell the people the straight of the story.

Won't Resign

"I have no reason to bow my head in shame and will be pleased to look the south side in the face any time you say. I'll say now that I do not intend to resign.

"I'll debate the council's stand with anyone," Bartholomew declared.

Noble T. Crane, South Side Citizen editor, said a representative of the Slack administration would be invited to attend the mass gathering. The session will be an "open forum."

Some south side civic leaders were working "under cover" to prevent interference from politicians.

Emil Schaad, South Side Boosters president, announced the organization will meet Monday night at Garfield Park M. E. church basement, Shelby St. and Southern Ave.

Resolution to Come Up

Schaad said a resolution on the political situation probably would "come up."

Reports that the Republican councilmen planned to impeach board of safety members who ordered a war on gamblers recently, at a special meeting soon, were circulated at city hall. Councilmen denied they planned another special meeting.

Councilman Walter Dorsett is reported to have called a safety board member and Police Chief Claude M. Worley, asking "who ordered police men to guard city hall."

Safety board members ordered the officers to guard Mayor Slack's office when it was rumored councilmen planned to seize the office, after naming Ira M. Holmes, Republican, as mayor.

BRIGGS FACES ACCUSERS

Diploma Mill Defendant Returned to Washington, D. C.

Otis E. Briggs, Indianapolis, facing Federal indictments at Washington, on an alleged diploma mill's operations here, was taken to Washington Wednesday night by Harry Wertz, deputy United States marshal. Wertz was accompanied by Albert C. Sogemeter, deputy United States clerk.

The Rev. Charles H. Gunsolus, Indianapolis, similarly indicted, recently gave \$5,000 bond to appear in Washington for trial.

Grieving Father Kills Self

ELWOOD, Ind., Feb. 2.—Guy Osborne, 50, grieving over the death of a son in an accident recently, killed himself by hanging in a barn at his farm home, seven miles north of here.

BABY HAD ECZEMA BADLY

Was Very Uncomfortable.
Healed by Cuticura.

"My baby had eczema quite badly. It broke out in spots at first and then formed like a rash and spread nearly all over her body. She was very uncomfortable and was cross and fretful. The trouble lasted about three weeks.

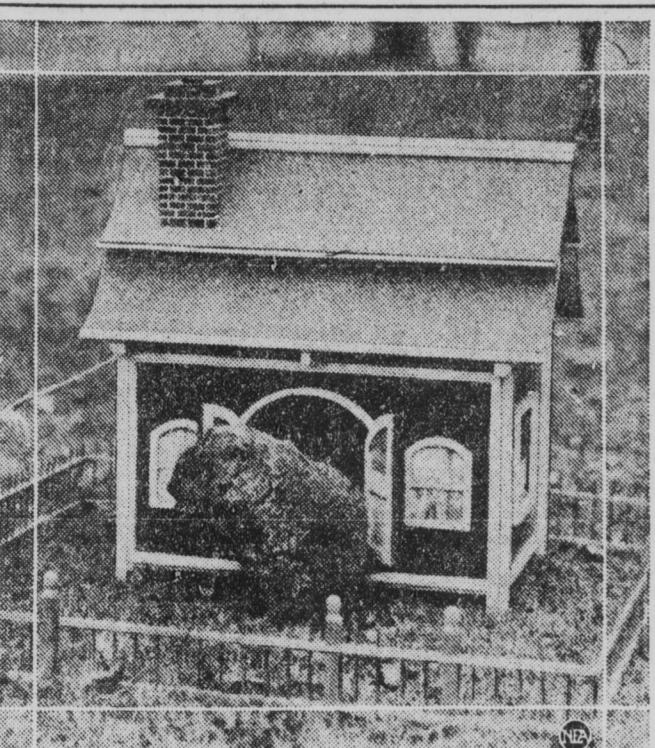
"I tried several other remedies but they did not do any good. A friend advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment so I purchased soap and after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment she was completely healed." (Signed) Mrs. R. T. Cook, Rt. 1, Duncombe, Iowa.

Daily use of Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, will keep the skin and scalp healthy.

Cuticura Soap, 25¢ and 50¢. Cuticura Ointment, 25¢. Cuticura Soap and Ointment, 50¢. Cuticura Shaving Stick, 25¢.

FAKE, SAYS 'MONAX'

Groundhog Denies He's 'Shark'



Arctomy Monax, alias woodchuck, alias groundhog, in his pretty home—a photo from the family album.

BY ARCTOMY MONAX
NEA Service Writer

I never have been able to learn the identity of the person who fastened on me the reputation of being a weather forecaster. But whatever it was, the thing has gone far enough.

I want to make one final and unqualified denial that me and my shadow have anything to do with the end of winter and the coming of spring. The idea is too ridiculous for words.

For one thing, they say I never wake up from my winter slumber until the second day of February. That's pure canard. I'm no such sleepy-head. See the picture that accompanies this article—the one of me and my suburban home? Well, it's an old one out of the family album, and it was taken, I remember, on the 20th of January.

Time after time this tal kthat I'm a weather regulator, has been disproved. But still people hang onto the old hoakum. How can they be so silly?

I might say that I'm writing this piece mainly as a matter of justice to the United States Weather Bureau. If you really want to know what sort of weather there's going to be after Feb. 2, ask your nearest meteorologist. If he tells you wrong, don't blame the groundhog.

Arington promises warmer weather tonight and Friday. The lowest temperature tonight should be between 25 and 30 degrees above zero, he said. The coldest last night was 15 above at 6:30.

FUND PASSES \$400

Destitute Family Assured
Necessities; Drive Ends.

The fund for the relief of Mrs. Leroy Arnold and her two babies today reached \$436.25, assuring the little family of the ex-soldier a much happier future than they faced when a week ago Wednesday a hit-and-run driver killed the father.

Members of Company F, 11th Infantry, at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, sent \$11.10 to Treasurer Edward B. Raub. Arnold was discharged from the Regular Army at Ft. Harrison in 1925.

Pumper Company 20 of the Indianapolis Fire Department sent in \$2 collected from its members.

The total amount will be turned over to Raub, Indianapolis Insurance Company vice president, late today.

A committee from the auxiliary of the John Holliday Jr. Post, American Legion, will administer the fund.

The committee will consult with Mrs. Arnold. As the total already received is regarded as sufficient to assure the future of the widow and her babies no further gifts are solicited.

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HIGH MARK OF SAFETY IS SET AT AIR FIELD

Only Two Fatal Crashes in
Two Years Here, With
Three Dead.

Flying in Indianapolis has kept pace with the advance throughout the country in the matter of safety, according to statistics made public today by Captain H. Weir Cook, U. S. Army instructor assigned to the Indiana National Guard and on duty at the Indianapolis airport.

There have been but three fatalities at the airport in more than two years, Captain Cook reports. At Schoen Field, the aviation division of the U. S. Army at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, there has not been a single mishap injuring personnel during the last two years. Damage to planes at both places have been slight.

Figures completed by Captain Cook, and on file at the National Guard armory here, show that officers and men spent 1,303 hours and 33 minutes in the air between June 30, 1926, and June 30, 1927.

Two Fatal Crashes

These are actual "flying hours," that is, hours of the various ships in the air. "Man hours," meaning the number of hours men were in the air, sometimes two or more in a single plane, total 2,470 for the period.

Fatal accidents at the airport occurred in October, 1926, when a National Guard lieutenant was killed and in August, 1927, when a sergeant and a woman passenger fell several hundred feet and died shortly afterwards.

Lindbergh's flights greatly have stimulated interest in flying here as elsewhere, and commercial and several private planes are making daily trips at the airport.

All in the Day's Work

"Persons no longer are afraid to fly," Captain Cook declared. "To most of us it is all in the day's work now. Flying is both safe and practical."

Inauguration of the air mail here was another boon to aviation. Records of air mail fliers have been unusually free from serious accidents and the few deaths have largely occurred during storms.

Record for safety and service of the air mail is reflected in the following statistics of miles travelled with mail: In 1923 there were 2,976,764 miles travelled, with 9,300,520 letters; 1924, there were 2,558,137 miles, with 14,145,640 letters; while in 1927 there were 2,329,553 miles travelled, with 22,385,000 letters. Letters average 40 to the pound of mail.

So safe has flying become that many insurance companies have abolished the practice of requiring suspension of policies during the time spent in air. They now require an additional premium, about \$25 or \$1,000 insurance, from those engaged professionally in flying.

The person who takes an occasional flight as passenger, no additional premium is required and the policy remains in force. A questionnaire must be answered by each applicant regarding his aviation tendencies, however.

New ships acquired by the National Guard at the airport will make flying even more safe, Captain Cook asserts. The latest acquisition will be flown here from Buffalo, N. Y., on Friday.

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FACES DEATH CHARGE

SEYMOUR, Ind., Feb. 2.—William Judd is awaiting trial on charges of manslaughter, liquor possession and driving while drunk as a result of the death here a few weeks ago of Melville S. Coruya, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad crossing watchman.

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