

players, and the taxpayers are going to appeal to us against this.

"There will be no more cases like Shortridge, where we had to shut our eyes because the need for the school was so urgent," Brown declared.

"Are you going to substitute yourselves for the school board and decide the type of heating plant to be used? I maintain the school board has the right to select the heating system," Vonnegut said.

Banging his fist on the table, Brown rejoined: "We don't select the heating plants, but when you come in and want to install a system at an excessive cost, we will halt it."

Hugg declared that the tax board should give the school board the benefit of its knowledge concerning the exorbitant rates, declaring that the charges were only heresy.

Wants Explanations

"What would you say if we told you that we had engineers check the specifications and found that our charges were right? That they were not our engineers, but outside competent engineers?

"Why not give us a chance to explain?" Hugg asked.

"I want explanations," Brown said. "You want me to shut the door to further information, but it can't be done."

"You haven't a right to determine on this without our explanation," Hugg asserted.

"I want to know right now why the heating plants are purchased for the Indianapolis schools at higher prices than other schools in the State pay?" Brown asked.

Hough interposed with the statement that the board "just had let a contract" for a building at the Arsenal Technical High School at double the cost that a larger school building was being erected at Lafayette.

Ship System Not Used

"And the ship's heating and ventilating system was not used, but another that is very satisfactory.

"Our investigations and comparisons of proportionate costs show a great discrimination against the Indianapolis schools," he added.

"I want to leave one thought with you people right now," Brown said, "and that is we have no friends to favor or enemies to hurt. There has been mighty strong evidence that heating and ventilating plants have been installed in Indianapolis school buildings at excessive prices, at the expense of the taxpayers, and we shall exert every influence to protect the payers."

He added that he was willing to have the school board compare the costs of construction of school buildings in other cities with those in this city.

Asks Where \$120,000 Went

Hough asked what had become of the \$120,000 set aside from the still uncollected levy with which to build the addition to School 47.

"It was used in installing necessary equipment in the schools," Hilkene explained.

"Don't you know that this fund was set aside especially to build this addition to 47 and for no other purpose?" Hough asked.

When Hilkene explained that as it was school funds they could use the money wherever necessary, Hough declared that it was against the law to use money set aside for

Worley Has Brain Throb



Police Chief Claude M. Worley had a brain throb today, and above is the result, according to the rules of the "Loose Nut" contest conducted by The Indianapolis Times.

Lee Williams, staff cartoonist, illustrated the Chief's Loose Nut idea and passes it on for the edition and delight of readers.

The Times will pay \$2 for the best ideas submitted by readers which can be illustrated by Williams and published. In addition to the cash

award, the winner will be given the ORIGINAL drawing by Williams in an appropriate frame.

This is a wonderful chance to win \$2 and the ORIGINAL framed drawing by Williams. Start right now. Sit down and write out that elusive brain child that has been bumping around in the old cranium for so long.

Make the idea as simple and as crazy as possible, and outline it so that Williams successfully can make an illustration from the story.

There is nothing complicated about the "Loose Nut" contest. It's just simple and crazy.

And don't forget to address all communications to the "Loose Nut" Editor, The Indianapolis Times. Do it right now, and you may be the winner.

a specific purpose for something else.

Brown explained that a letter was sent Nov. 9, 1927, to Ure Frazier, at that time business manager of the school board, on disposition of the money to be spent for schools.

Urgency Existed

"We included in the tax levy amounts sufficient to pay for one-half of the construction of each of the schools at 73, 47 and 15 according to the plans of financing proposed by the school officials in their original budget," it read in part, "and suggested to the board that Schools 80 and 84 be constructed by issuance of bonds without delay, as an urgency existed."

There was no need for a bond issue for School 47, as the money had been provided by levy, half to be raised this year and half next year, the tax board explained.

Before the meeting adjourned, William Book, of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a list of proposed elementary school improvements to be made over a five-year period.

Acting on the board's request for the bond issue will be announced within several days, Brown announced.

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