

# IRVINGTON GROUP DISCREDITS SCHOOL BOARD'S ALIBI

## BRANDS MONEY SHORTAGE PLEA 'BUCK PASSING'

Mrs. Henry H. Prescott  
Denies Tax Commission  
Opposes New Building.

## NEW SITE IS PROMISED

Agree to Buy Location for  
New High School When  
Taxes Are Paid.

Irvington residents seeking a new east side high school today were considering their next move, following visit of a delegation of Irvington parents at the school board meeting Tuesday night, when board members declared the school city is financially unable to build the school at present.

The delegation decided today not to visit school board offices to study financial figures, as agreed at the meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. Robert Hall, 129 Downey Ave., said, because they already have all the necessary figures.

### May Visit Tax Board

It was reported the committee might visit the tax board to obtain reassurance of support for the new school.

The meeting Tuesday night resulted into a bitter argument between Mrs. Henry H. Prescott, 15 S. Bolton Ave., delegation chairman, and board members, resulting in promises to buy a site within a month or two.

Commissioners Charles W. Kern and Theodore F. Vonnegut charged the State tax board with "hood-winking, passing the buck and insincerity."

### Attacks Board's Delay

"An Irvington delegation first visited you and showed the need of an Irvington high school two years ago," Mrs. Prescott said. "Since then many new homes have been built and the school population has increased. This delegation is here earnestly to inquire into the delay."

"Mr. Zoercher of the tax board has assured us the tax board stands ready to authorize the necessary funds as soon as the school board obtains a site. Does that leave room for further delay?"

Vonnegut declared the tax board removed a \$30,000 appropriation for a site from the budget last year.

"Zoercher has my hearty contempt for the way he has passed the buck," Vonnegut said.

### Blames State Tax Board

Kern explained the board had planned to build the Irvington High School late this year or next, but that tax board budget cuts had prevented.

"It has been our plan to build high schools from bond issues and grade buildings from direct taxes," Kern said. "The tax board cut forced us to launch a \$600,000 bond issue for grade buildings which should have gone into an Irvington high school, but was needed worse for grade buildings."

"You are not obscuring the issue to these women here," Mrs. Prescott said. "The tax board asked definite figures on cost of a definite site and I admire their definiteness. If there is any fault, it is in this school commission."

### Charges Insincerity

At this point Kern interjected "that just goes to show you do not know what you are talking about."

"The tax board is not sincere. We had a definite price on a definite site," he said.

"You are our only recourse," Mrs. Prescott said. "What if you were here for us to do but to come here?"

"There is no use for you to come here," Vonnegut said.

"What do you suppose the tax board means?" Mrs. Prescott began, when Vonnegut interrupted.

"They mean to hoodwink you," she said. "When they get a definite price at a definite price they will approve it," she continued.

### Pay Taxes, Then Buy

Kern explained that after repayment from spring taxes in May or June of a \$500,000 loan, the board will have sufficient financial power to buy a site and promised it would do this.

Transfer of \$13,640 of school funds to meet deficiencies, advertised for hearing Tuesday night, was referred to Martin M. Huggs, school attorney. There were no objections present.

A \$215,000 bond issue for the Arsenal Technical High School auditorium was authorized by resolution and advertisements for bids to be received May 3 were ordered.

The board purchased a Studebaker automobile costing \$1,495 from the Armco's Auto Company for use of Superintendent Charles F. Miller. Contract was authorized with the park board for use of playgrounds at six schools for recreational purposes this summer.

**Shirts Stolen From Line**

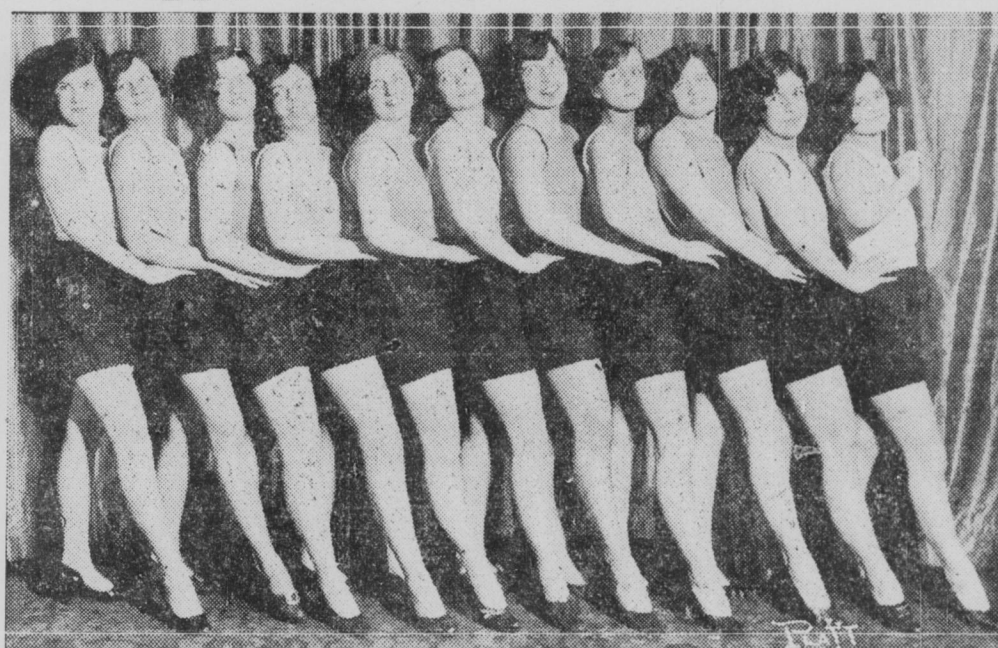
It isn't even safe to hang the family washing out to dry, Mrs. Charles Feeser, 1837 N. Gray St., told police today. Five shirts, valued at \$12.50, were taken from her clothes line, Mrs. Feeser said.

**Prevent This!**

Interview our expert at no cost, and get a correct combination for your feet. Our Health Shoes are only \$5 and \$5.85; made in AAAA to EE, of patent and colors.

Heid's 233 E. Wash. St., 3337 E. Wash. St., 1246 N. Illinois St.

## Peppy Chorus for Butler Follies



These Butler University girls make up the pony dancing chorus in "Fairview Follies," to be presented at the Murat April 21. They are: (left to right) Dixie McKay, Naomi Guild, Mildred Sullivan, Helen Baughman, Mary Louise Pierce, Kathryn Kinnaird, Mary Hoover, Virginia Ballweg, Clara Foxworthy, Dorothy Ragan and Margaret Shanklin.

## ASKS G. O. P. TO OUST GRAFTERS

Urges Indiana to Follow  
Illinois Example.

Possibility of a "Republican house-cleaning" in the Indiana primary election, May 8, was increased by the sweeping defeat of the Small-Thompson-Klan combination in Illinois Tuesday, declared Republican leaders here today.

"Illinois cleaned house in Tuesday's primary; Indiana Republicans can follow suit on May 8," was the pronouncement of Ralph Kane, manager for Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom's campaign for the Republican nomination for United States Senator, in a statement representative of opinion in Hoosier "new-deal" circles.

"By their primary vote," said Kane of the Illinois upset, "the people annihilated the forces of the Small-Thompson-Klan combination and rescued party control from unworthy hands."

"In Arthur L. Gilliom the people of Indiana have the opportunity to do for their own State what the citizens of Illinois did for theirs. By the control of certain organizations, some of which were organized and maintained for laudable purposes, the leaders, through misrepresentation, deceit and other improper and fraudulent practices, have utilized them for the purpose of perpetrating great wrongs against the public interest."

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

O. B. Montz, 713 N. Delaware St., Ford, Meridian and New York Sts.

May Allison, 428 W. McCarthy St., Ford, Meridian and Ray Sts.

Truman Toon, 1156 S. State Ave., Ford, 42-070, Washington St. and White River bridge.

Averitt D. Corley, 28 S. Sheridan Ave., Ford, 625-851, 600 N. West St., K. R. Hoover, 18 N. Illinois St., Oakland, 629-783, Market and Delaware Sts.

Sarah Sheets, New Augusta, Ind., Ford, 630-606, Capitol Ave. and Market St.

Joseph L. Doerr, 1431 Union St., Studebaker, 651-174, 1300 N. Delaware St.

### BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Louis Sagalosky, 129 W. Merrill St., Chevrolet, at 600 block Madison Ave.

Howard Chown, 509 Merchants Bank Bldg., Pontiac, at Highland Golf and Country Club.

**Boy Runs Away from Home**

Robert Anderson, 17, left his home, 1261 W. Thirtieth St., Sunday night with a sack filled with clothing over his shoulder, his father told police in asking aid in.

## 3 HOOSIERS HELD IN MURDER CASE

By Times Special

NTL, Mich., April 11.—Miss Marguerite Bumbaugh, 32, and her brothers, George and Girard, all of Warsaw, Ind., today are held to the Berrien Circuit Court for trial on first degree murder charges.

The accused offered no defense in a preliminary hearing here Tuesday before Justice of the Peace Harry Langston in the slaying March 30 of Walter H. Cook, local basket manufacturer.

Although offering no defense in court, counsel for the three, in a long statement to the press, declared Miss Bumbaugh killed Cook because he had wronged her and performed three illegal operations upon her; that he repeatedly failed to keep promises to divorce his wife and marry her; held back salary she earned as his private secretary and failed in promises to repay.

**Charges Woman Wronged**

"Miss Bumbaugh didn't go to Cook's factory with the idea of killing him," Attorney Edwin J. Donahue of defense counsel said. "He owed her \$3,879 and he had continually refused to pay her this. During the past three years she has been in dire need and every

## False Hoodoo

Accidents Do Not Gain on  
Friday, the Thirteenth  
Figures Show.

HERE'S a jolt for those folks who have been living a rabbit's foot to the radiator cap and taking out a new insurance policy every time Friday the thirteenth stole up on them, and even now are nervously viewing the approach of one this week.

There are no more accidents on Friday the thirteenth than any other Friday—in fact there aren't half so many as on the average rainy Sunday.

"Take the last Friday the thirteenth—in January—for instance," said Lieut. Frank Owens, head of the police accident prevention bureau. "We had fifteen accidents. The day before there were seventeen and on Saturday the fourteenth there were twenty-four."

"Carry the rabbit foot; take out the insurance policies, if you want to, but if you want to live and prosper at the same time don't jay walk, don't speed into preferential streets, don't speed at all, be sure your brakes are working; just be a cautious motorist, whether it's Friday the thirteenth or Monday the empty-umph."

## BICYCLIST HURT IN MOVIE-LIKE CHASE

An automobile chase following an accident Tuesday evening sent Charles Shipman, 39, of 835 N. Gray St., to city hospital, an innocent victim, with one hip fractured. He was pedaling his bicycle home when he became involved in the melee.

The race through city streets and the manner in which the fleeing driver was stopped, rivaled movie thrillers, police say.

Jesse Wolf, 42, of 435 N. Jefferson Ave., alleged to have been driving under the influence of liquor, drove his machine into one pilot.

**BRENNAN OUT OF RACE**

Leaves Two Democratic Candidates in Prosecutor Field.

Two candidates were left in the race for the Democratic nomination for Marion County prosecutor upon withdrawal of Edward C. Brennan.

Raymond F. Murray, the nominee in 1926, and Clyde E. Karrer are left to contest the nomination.

**MOTHER, BABY SOUGHT**

A search for Mrs. Dovie Wethli, 22, and her three weeks' old baby, was begun by police today. Mrs. George Wethli, 2315 Station St., with whom Mrs. Wethli boarded, requested the search, stating that Mrs. Wethli left another child with her, asking that she care for it a few minutes while she went to a nearby store. Mrs. Wethli is separated from her husband, Mr. Wethli said.

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**INJURED AT BALL GAME**

Negro Boy, Eager to See Hit Made, Struck With Bat.

Eager to see his teammate, John Primes, 11, Negro, 1103 N. Traub Ave., get a hit in a sandlot baseball game in the neighborhood, William De Grappened, 11, Negro, 1106 N. Traub Ave., crowded near home plate. William struck out and accidentally hit John with the bat a hard blow over the left eye and nose.

**Bus Fight to Supreme Court**

MUNCIE, Ind., April 11.—This city's six-year bus litigation is to be passed upon by the Indiana Supreme Court. Appeal bonds were filed Tuesday by independent operators against whom the Union Traction Company obtained a restraining order preventing operation of the independents' busses.

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## SPLIT VOTE ON NORRIS, HOOVER IN NEBRASKA

Favorite Son Captures Only  
Part of Delegates: Howell  
Holds Lead.

By United Press

LINCOLN, Neb., April 11.—Returns from Tuesday's primary in Nebraska showed that four races may be in doubt until the last precincts are heard from.

These were United States senatorial nomination race between Senator R. B. Howell and Attorney General O. S. Spillman, on the Republican ticket; the contest between Norris and anti-Norris delegates to the Republican national convention; the Dort-Sorensen battle for Republican nomination for attorney general and the Democratic contest between Arthur Mullen and William Ritchie Jr., for national committee-man.

Howell held a small lead over Spillman with the main returns from Douglas, Lancaster, Hall and York counties, all of which were counted upon heavily by Howell men. First returns from the northeast section of the State indicated that this lead would be rapidly diminished.

It became apparent today that the Republican delegation to the national convention will be split between those pledged to support the native son candidacy of Senator George W. Norris and the so-called administration ticket, pledged to no one, but favoring Herbert Hoover.

As in the Howell-Spillman fight, the brunt of early returns came from Norris territory, and the administration forces expected to overcome the lead established by the Norris group.

Former Senator G. M. Hitchcock was without opposition for the Democratic presidential nomination.

**Oklahomans Uninstructed**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 11.—A coalition of Democrats favoring the presidential candidates of Governor Al Smith and Senator James A. Reed won control of the State Democratic convention here Tuesday and elected an uninstructed delegation to the National convention at Houston.

The coalition group elected every candidate on its slate despite a vigorous battle on the part of those opposed to the Missouri and New Yorker. Several times during the convention battle the sergeant-at-arms was called upon to enforce order. Many delegates at the convention accused the Smith-Reed coalition of "steam roller" tactics.

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## Actress Sends Warning to Millionaire Husband



Connie Bennett Plant and (inset) Philip Plant.

PARIS, April 11.—"Join me in Paris by June 1, or it'll all be off."

That in effect is the ultimatum which Connie Bennett Plant, actress, has sent to her millionaire husband, Philip Plant, Broadway leading light, according to best advices here.

Rumor says Plant has been most attentive to Margot Keene, one of the famous Keene twins.

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