

LAST THREE COUNCIL VACANCIES TO BE FILLED TODAY

CIVIC GROUPS NOMINATE LIST TO TAKE POSTS

Action Today Completes Work of Revamping City Group.

ONLY 2 OLD MEMBERS

Springsteen and Raub, Who Were Not Indicted, Keep Their Seats.

Three remaining vacancies in the city council created by resignations of bribery-involved members, were to be filled this afternoon at a special council meeting.

The council was expected to elect a successor to O. Ray Albertson, Third district; Austin H. Todd, Fourth district; and Otis E. Bartholomew, former council president, Fifth district, from the lists recommended by the joint civic committee.

Final recommendations of the civic committee composed of Chamber of Commerce, City Manager League and Board of Trade representatives, were made late Friday when a list was drafted to succeed Albertson.

William Fortune, who headed the group, complimented the work of the committee and thanked those who had aided in rendering the city public service.

Two Councilmen Remain
Filling of the vacancies today completed revamping of the council personnel. The only remaining vacancies were those of the councilmen who were elected at the 1925 election are Robert E. Springsteen and Edward B. Raub, Sr., Democrats. They were not indicted.

The new council will be composed of four Democrats and five Republicans. The O. P. will hold a majority. Indications are that the council will steer away from party politics to a great extent and take up the task of "redeeming the city."

Cooperation with the administration of Mayor L. E. Slack, Democrat, who pledged himself to an administration in preparation for the adoption of the city manager form in 1930, is expected from the revised council.

Gerds Not to Serve
Those recommended to succeed Albertson, Third district:

Edward W. Harris, secretary and assistant treasurer of Hamilton-Harris Company, 3510 Washington Blvd.

Guy A. Walnwright, vice president and general manager of Diamond Chain and Manufacturing Company, 4139 N. Capitol Ave. (Declined to accept.)

Mrs. Frank D. Hatfield, former president of Indianapolis League of Women Voters, and former president of the American Association of University Women of Indianapolis, 3853 N. New Jersey St.

D. J. Angus of the Esterline-Angus Company, residing at the Y. M. C. A.

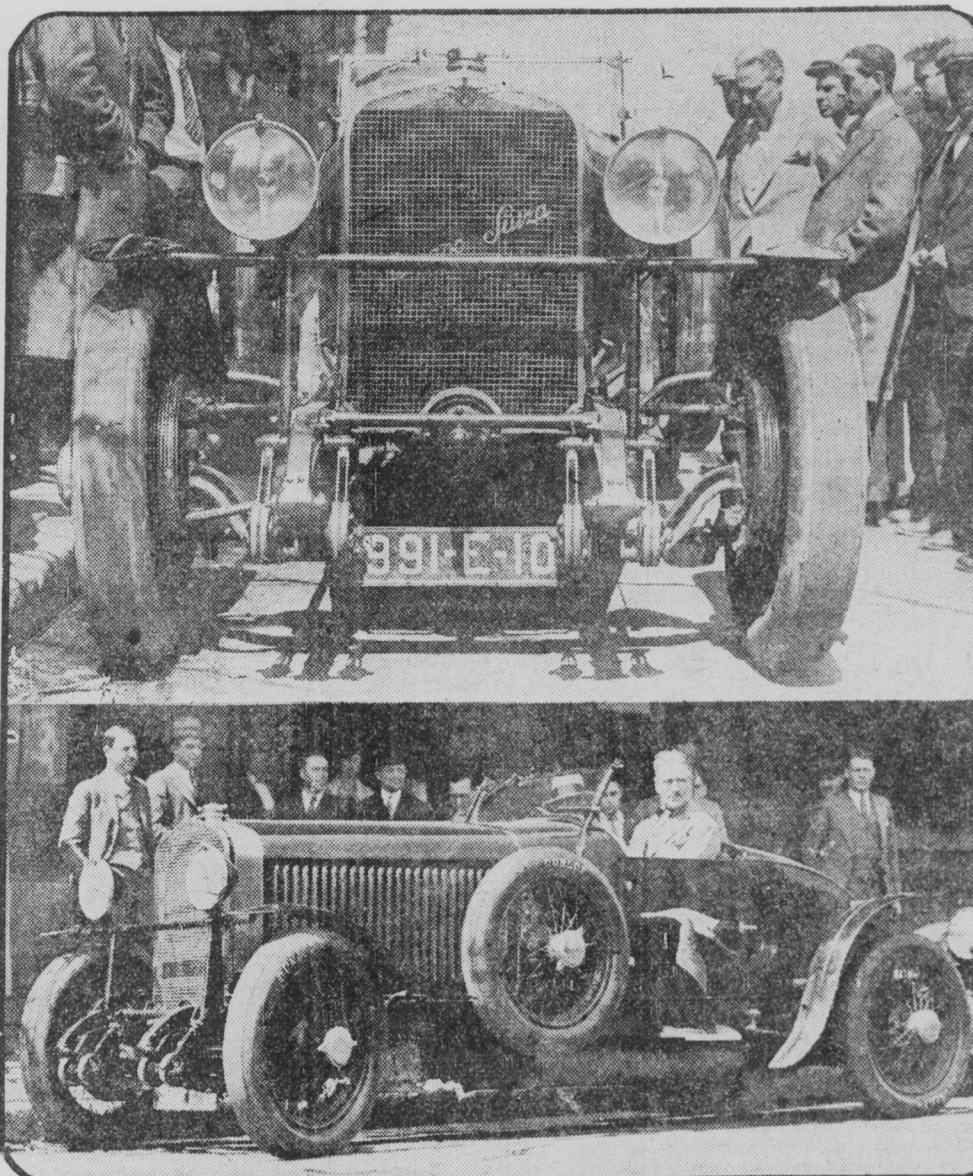
To succeed Todd, Fourth district:

Horace B. Hewitt, the Rev. Clarence C. Baker and Earl Buchanan.

Refusal of Walter E. Gerds, 604 Bradbury Ave., to accept his election to fill the seat of Otis E. Bartholomew, made necessary selection of a successor today.

H. H. Bishop, 968 Garfield Dr., and Paul E. Rathert, 737 S. Meridian St., will be suggested to council by the committee.

French Car Here for Race With Stutz



This is the Hispano-Suiza, which will meet a Stutz Black Hawk in a twenty-four-hour race for a side bet of \$25,000 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway beginning at 1 p. m. Wednesday. Charles T. Weyman, Paris, owner of the car, is at the wheel in the lower picture, but only the top of his hat can be seen. Robert Bloch, French driver, who will alternate with Weyman at the wheel during the race, is seated at the right.

UTILITY VALUES UP

Indiana Phone Companies Do Increased Business.

Indiana utilities showed an appreciable increase in business during 1927, John J. Brown, chairman of the State tax board, said Thursday during a hearing on the fixing of valuation for telephone companies for taxation purposes.

"The greater majority of telephone and other utility companies which have so far appeared before this board have shown an increased business," he declared.

Taxation valuation of five telephone companies was fixed today, and but one decrease was made, and this was a result of loss of subscribers through moving.

Although the mile wire line charge of the Home Telephone Company of Noblesville was cut from \$40 to \$35, the company showed an increase of more than 400 subscribers and the valuation was raised from \$64,080 to \$71,085. Valuation of the Greenfield Telephone Company remained the same at \$59,000; the Greencastle Telephone Company was increased in valuation from \$64,000 to \$70,000; Fountain Telephone Company of Covington was increased from \$31,500 to \$35,700, and the Melott Telephone Company was decreased from \$6,556 to \$4,680.

Brown County Pupil Wins District Spelling Contest

By Times Special

NASHVILLE, Ind., April 13.—From the hills of Brown County will be sent the champion speller of the district to Indianapolis May 4 for the State Spelling Bee held under the direction of The Indianapolis Times.

Miss Antonia Cesnik, rural route No. 2, Morgantown, Ind., will be the Brown County representative.

The Brown County contest was sponsored by Grover G. Brown, county superintendent of schools.

"The Indianapolis Times is doing a fine piece of work in making the State Spelling Bee possible," says Brown. "We have held spelling bees

in this county for five years, with the exception of last year, and I believe they are eminently worth while.

"We were unable to find a newspaper to take over the contest here in the hills, so I am sponsoring the contest," he says. "We are backing the Brown County winner to win the national contest in Washington, D. C., May 22."

The winner of the Indiana contest will be sent to Washington by The Times with all expenses paid. The contestants from all parts of the United States will be entertained for five days by The Times and the Louisville Courier-Journal.

8,000 TEACHERS APPLY FOR 175 POSITIONS HERE

School Officials Burdened by Great Flood of Applications.

More than 8,000 applications are on file for the 175 vacancies on next year's teaching staff of the Indianapolis schools.

School officials face this burden as they work at the task of assigning Indianapolis teachers for the school year beginning next September.

And it is some burden and grief, school board members and officials say.

Board members complain so many men and women seeking Indianapolis school jobs beset them daily begging the aid of their influence that their private business suffers.

At present officials are classifying and assigning teachers already teaching here. When this is completed, vacancies will be filled from applications on file. School board members were to meet this afternoon to discuss assignments.

Nearly 1,700 teachers are employed in the Indianapolis schools, but annually the vacancies amount only to about 175 positions.

Murray A. Dalman, school research director, estimated the board has applications from 8,000 to 10,000 teachers. The number is so great no attempt has been made to count them.

Most of the applications are from teachers in other Indiana cities, but several thousand are from other States.

Dalman estimated that nearly 90 per cent of the applications were filed by teachers who have positions in other cities, not more than 10 per cent being beginners, or experienced teachers without jobs.

"While there are more teachers available than there are positions for them," Dalman said, "there is never an oversupply of good teachers."

According to school officials, the teacher tenure law, which became effective last May, has not affected the situation of teachers here greatly. The law provided that teachers who have served five years may not be dropped without cause and a hearing before the board.

In many communities, school boards and township trustees have evaded intent of the law by refusing to employ teachers for more than four years. "This is thought to be partially responsible for the unusually large number of applications here this year."

Among the teaching problems confronting the board is the proposed automatic retirement rule. The board is considering a rule automatically retiring teachers having served forty years and reaching 68 years of age.

Teachers are eligible to the maximum pension after teaching forty years and reaching the age of 60 years. Forty-six Indianapolis teachers have taught forty years or more, sixteen of these having passed the age of 63 years.

Man and Wife Feature Clowns in Police Circus



Mr. and Mrs. Harry La Pearl, who will do the feature clown act the week of April 21 at the Policemen's and Firemen's Emergency Fund three-ring circus at the State Fairground. Their winter home is at Five Points.

Mrs. Loretta La Pearl, said to be the only woman clown in circuses, will be seen at the Indianapolis Police and Firemen's Emergency Fund three-ring circus April 23-28, at the Indiana Fairground.

She and her husband Harry La Pearl, veteran clown, will do the feature clown act. Mrs. La Pearl like other women, is interested in her home at Five Points, southeast of the city, but not after the advent of spring.

"I am interested in cooking and sewing the same as other housewives during the winter, but the first sign of springtime makes me want to hit the circus trail," said Mrs. La Pearl.

"Women are entering every other field of activity occupied by men, so I thought there was no reason why I should not take up clowning. I have been at the game eight years. "My mother died when I was fourteen and I took up the study of music. At seventeen I met Harry La Pearl at Cincinnati. After we were married I became interested in his work. Now housework holds no attraction for me after the circus starts playing."

"No matter how old a circus actor is, he always feels the call of the sawdust ring when spring comes. So every year we strike out together for the season and in the fall return to Indianapolis."

"The laughing thousands have their fascination for anyone who ever played in a circus," she said. "I was born and raised in a circus. My father, J. H. La Pearl, owned a circus which toured Indiana for

NEW CHURCH ON BROADWAY TO BE DEDICATED

Bishop Spreng to Preach at Special Ceremonies on Sunday.

Dedicatory services will be held at Broadway Evangelical, the new community church at Broadway and Fifty-Sixth St., Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, Pastor Lloyd E. Smith announced today. The day's program will be headed by Bishop Samuel P. Spreng, D. D., who will speak at all services.

The morning program will open with Bible school at 9:30, in charge of Superintendent Russell Hirschman. Worship will start at 10:30, the pastor repeating prayers with responses by the congregation.

Invocation will be given by the Rev. C. P. Maas, P. E. of Elkhart, and prayer by the Rev. J. O. Moister, P. E. of Van Wert, Ohio. A quartet from the Second Evangelical Church will sing and new members will be received.

Afternoon services will commence at 2:30. The Rev. Earnest N. Evans will present greetings from the Indianapolis Church Federation. Bishop Spreng will preach. Arnold Spencer will sing a solo, and the boys and girls' Bible School a chorus.

At 7:30 the evening services will start. Mrs. Frank J. Billeter will be the soloist, the choir and a quartet from Beville Ave. Church will sing, and Bishop Spreng will read the dedication service, with responses from the congregation. A special souvenir program, containing the dedicatory prayers, has been prepared.

The new church has been erected on a lot bordering 160 feet on Broadway and 268 feet on Fifty-Sixth St. It is of brick, trimmed in Bedford stone, and cost \$50,000.

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