

CITY'S COUNSEL BEGINS STUDY OF GAS SITUATION

Holtzman and Gause Start Preliminary Work on Utility Case.

John W. Holtzman and Fred C. Gause, employed as special counsel for the city, today began an extensive study of the Citizens Gas Company case, preliminary to the city's taking over the utility.

Holtzman and Gause were voted \$15,000 for their services in 1929 on recommendation of Mayor L. Ert Slack. Slack announced the city will proceed with its plans to "save the gas company for Indianapolis," as originally intended.

Holtzman, twice mayor, is familiar with the gas case, having been executive when the gas franchise was granted in 1905. He resigned the corporation counsel post and was succeeded by Oren S. Hack, former works board president, today.

Dammeyer Is Named

Theodore H. Dammeyer, assessment bureau clerk, and Emsey W. Johnson succeeded Hack and Charles Riddle, Republican, whom Slack ousted.

Glenn B. Ralston succeeds Dammeyer.

"Outside litigation in connection with the gas case will be a hindrance rather than an aid," declared Mayor Slack, in discussing the suit of John P. Sears, real estate dealer, in superior court to obtain a declaratory judgment filed Monday.

Sears Files Suit

The suit of Sears was filed before Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott by Attorney George Sheehan of Harvey & Sheehan law firm to obtain an interpretation of the 1905 contract, sustaining the city's ownership claim.

Holtzman and Gause will outline the procedure of the city in taking over operation of the plant and draft necessary legislation authorizing the city to operate a utility.

Slack Is Praised

Slack wrote this letter to Holtzman, accepting his resignation as legal department head:

"I sincerely thank you for your kind expressions and interest in the present city administration and allow me to assure you that whatever has been accomplished which titles this administration credit, I have made a most liberal contribution yourself to the result and therefore are entitled to a large share of credit.

"I most sincerely thank you and express my appreciation to you for your department for the kindness, consideration and co-operation rendered to me during this entire administration."

The City in Brief

Mrs. Nettie Wilson, 58, of the Ballard apartments, 140 East Ohio street, still was in a critical condition today at the Indiana Christian hospital from burns received Monday morning when her clothing caught fire from the stove on which she was preparing breakfast.

Work of the Teachers' college of Indianapolis will be explained by Mrs. Alice Corbin Sles, president, before the Chamber of Commerce education committee Wednesday noon.

The Indianapolis Humane Society will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at 8 p. m. Monday, according to the president, H. W. Rodhammel.

Milk companies supplying the Van Camp Packing Company have been organized into the Van Camp Milk Company, it was announced today. The plants forming the company are located at Angola, Ind., Adrian and Homer, Mich., Maunson and Bryan, O., and Casco, Sawyer and Watertown, Wis.

The Indianapolis Humane Society will hold its annual meeting and election Jan. 7 in the Chamber of Commerce. H. W. Rodhammel is president of the organization.

Arthur Chevrolet Aviation Motors Corporation has filed the secretary of state. It will be used on aviation motors made by them, and the letter "C" will be centered on the propeller shaft.

HOLD SON AS STABBER

Father Near Death: Suicide Attempt Is Frustrated.

John Nelson Shepard, 56, 2961 North Sherman drive, is near death in city hospital with two stab wounds in his abdomen, inflicted by his son, Adrina Andrew Shepard, 23, while the latter was drunk Monday night, police charge.

Young Shepard choked his mother, stabbed his father and then locked himself in the bathroom and turned on the gas in a suicide attempt. His mother forced the door open and frustrated the attempt.

Police charged Shepard with vagrancy and assault and battery with intent to kill. He is held under \$5,000 bond.

TAG TIME SHORT

Days Left for Motorists to Get Licenses.

Motorists remain for hours to get their 1929 auto licenses. Feb. 1 was the deadline for such a license for State Otto that date arrests were declared.

Down Heartache Lane City's Street of Secrets that never are Told By ARCH STEINEL

WHERE Illinois street manfully pushes its way past Ohio street is Heartache Lane. Man-made directories call it Indiana avenue, but man didn't make hearts.

Ambling raggedly northwest, it stops at the railroad tracks. Directories say it goes on—and Indiana avenue does—but not Heartache Lane.

From its entrance to its exit Heartache Lane is a queer street of tawdry shops for pawning marriage hopes, false teeth, and rings from broken engagements.

A bald world calls its stores—pawn shops, loan offices. No sympathetic heed for that thin-band ring that caresses a twin in the plush case.

"Their marriage went floozy," explains the hard-eyed practical pawn broker, "first the husband pawned his wedding ring—then the wife. Neither one knows the other has been here. They come in separately—look at the rings, pay the pawn fee, and leave the warning, 'Don't sell it—I'll be back.'"

What if they should meet? The two rings meet—in the plush case. "J. G. to M. G." and "M. G. to J. G." are the thin engraved lines inside the bands. "J. G. to M. G." and "M. G. to J. G." and back and forth they go to the pawnshop. Back and forth—a pendulum—touching nothing—never meeting. "J. G. to M. G." and "M. G. to J. G."

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SEEK TO MAKE CITY SCHOOLS U. S. EXAMPLE

Progress of 1928 Will Be Continued in 1929, Miller Says.

"We must strive to set our schools in the foreground, an example to all America," said Charles P. Miller, city superintendent of schools, in his year-end message today to Indianapolis school officials.

"Local schools have kept pace this year with the rapid progress in education made throughout the nation, and we must not slacken the stride," he said.

A detailed report of all department was made in the review.

"Our board of school commissioners has manifested great interest in providing adequate facilities for the various types of children in our community. Regular choicels for the majority, special schools for many kinds for a few; but a school for everyone where individual children may find an outlet for their abilities—that is the fundamental Indianapolis."

Over-Crowding a Menace

The report points out that 2,005 teachers and other officials have charge of a daily average of 50,332 pupils.

"The management of this large group is thoroughly excellent, involving a high degree of co-operation between the board of school commissioners and those who carry on the work in the schools' name."

On the building program, the report states: "Over-crowded schools are a menace to desirable objectives in an educational program, and we have started on a building program to relieve congestion."

Several new grade schools have been opened in the four sections of the city and additions have been made to several others. The new Shorthridge high school opened this month was cited as a precedent in the school building field. Several portable schools have been replaced with permanent structures.

"The erection of new high schools in Broad Ripple and Irvington is being studied, and three new grade schools are being planned."

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Clyde E. Robinson



Dr. C. H. Keever

Four new county officials formally took office today. Two others, elected in November, also were sworn in.

The men and the offices are: Paul R. Brown, surveyor; Judson L. Stark, prosecutor; Dr. Charles O. Keever, coroner; George L. Winkler, sheriff; John E. Shearer, county

commissioner, and Clyde Robinson, treasurer.

Keever and Robinson were re-elected in November. Stark succeeds William H. Remy, who will act as deputy prosecutor in the juvenile court under him. Winkler formerly was a police captain and group prohibition chief in Indiana. Shearer retired as county coun-

cilman, following his election as commissioner. He succeeds Cassius L. Hogle, who was an adherent of the C. O. Dodson county political faction. Shearer was sworn in this morning by County Auditor Harry Dunn.

Keever was re-elected and Brown, formerly assistant park board engineer, succeeds Henry R. Campbell.

18 AFFECTED BY POLICE AND FIRE SHAKEUP

Board of Public Safety Acts After Conference With Mayor Slack.

Eighteen police and fire department members today were affected by shifts ordered Tuesday by the board of public safety.

Nine promotions and six reductions were ordered in the police department by the board, on recommendation of Police Chief Claude M. Worley. Three reductions in the fire department were recommended by Fire Chief Harry E. Voshell. The shakeup was ordered following a two-hour secret conference with Mayor L. Ert Slack.

Several detective department changes were ordered with the view of "pepping up" the detective division, administration leaders explained.

Major Changes Made

Major police department changes: Detective Captain Fred Simon was reduced to detective sergeant and Lieutenant Edward Samuels promoted to fill the vacancy. Sergeant Frank Reynolds was promoted to lieutenant. Samuels is the highest ranking officer in the detective division under Detective Jerry Kinney, veteran department member. All are Democrats.

Traffic Sergeant Eugene Shine was promoted to a field lieutenant. Patrolmen John Dalton and Jesse McCarty, assigned as detectives, were promoted to detective sergeants.

Sergeant William Paulsell was reduced to patrolman. Detectives Irwin Landers and Earl Higgs were reduced to patrolmen. Lieutenant Eugene Eldridge was reduced to sergeant and assigned outside on his request.

Patrolmen Promoted

Patrolmen Forest W. Allison, Thomas Harris and Thomas Polard, were promoted from second to first grade patrolmen. Patrolman George E. Liesse was promoted to sergeant.

Fire department shifts: Lieutenant Roy Phillips, assistant chief during the Duval administration, was reduced to private fireman. Chauffeur Charles Cavender and Louis T. Tripey were reduced to privates.

Captain John Miller, English House No. 17, was retired on recommendation of Surgeon F. P. Reid. Firemen John Fox and George Toon resigned.

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