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COFFIN DEAL CLAIMED WITH SCHOOL BOARD

Gains Control by Bargain With Majority Faction, Is Report.

BIG BOOST IN POWER

Wicks Would Give Boss Influence Over 2,000 Appointments.

George V. Coffin, Republican political boss of Marion county, has broadened the scope of his power to include the Indianapolis public school organization through a deal with the new majority faction of the school board, it was reported today.

The majority faction, desirous of re-election of one of their number next November, or of naming a successor in order to continue in power, is reported to have made a patronage deal with Coffin.

This belief is strengthened by reports that Albert F. Walsman, president of the school board, is expected to resign on April 9, when terms of five school board major appointments expire.

Wayne E. Emmelman, Republican county secretary, and Albert Losche, Democrat, former county clerk, have been mentioned as the probable successors to Walsman in case of his dismissal.

Both Emmelman and Losche are close Coffin supporters.

2,000 Appointees Involved

Control of the city school system, with nearly 2,000 appointees, would be an important acquisition for Coffin, it is pointed out, because of his recent loss of control over various county and state offices.

At present his control in the courthouse is limited to the sheriff's office, treasurer's office and the county commissioners, including the surveyor's and county roads departments.

Even more recently, his supporters in statehouse positions have been threatened with the loss of their jobs by Governor Harry G. Leslie, who has been forced out, since Coffin was successful in being re-elected Republican city chairman.

The present majority faction of the school board is composed of Lillian V. Sedwick, whose term expires Dec. 31; Lewis E. Whiteman and Fred Kepner, holdover members.

Factions Are Bitter

Terms of President Charles W. Kern and Theodore F. Vonnegut, who were in control until Whiteman switched to the side of Mrs. Sedwick and Kepner three weeks ago, expire at the same time.

The two factions are bitterly opposed, all feeling following Whiteman's defection, resulting in quarrels at meetings and nearly leading Tuesday night to a fist fight between Kern and Carl Euston, building and grounds superintendent, who switched to the new majority faction.

Observers were unable to determine, despite the majority faction's successful support of Euston Tuesday night when Vonnegut and Kern sought to discharge him, whether or not Euston would be retained in his present position April 9.

Candidates for Re-Election

Reports have been prevalent that Ed Castle, recently promoted to a higher position in the school shops, was to succeed Euston as Superintendent. Charles F. Miller, Luther L. Dickerson, librarian, and Frank L. Reissner, secretary, also are candidates for re-election.

In some quarters belief is held that Reissner, who has held a position with the board thirty-seven years, is to be supplanted in favor of Losche.

Miller and Dickerson are believed to be practically certain of reappointment.

Only three votes are necessary to re-elect or dismiss any of the five appointees.

SHRINE HOLDS SPRING CEREMONIAL TODAY

Candidates to Attend From All Parts of State.

Candidates from many corners of the state will make the pilgrimage across the fabled hot sands and be initiated into the mysteries of the Shrine today.

The event is the spring ceremonial of Murat temple with Edgar Hart as chief director. John Schoenholz, chief ceremonial director, has prepared a list of stunts, he says, that never have been used before by local Shrines.

Because of the ceremonial there was no meeting of the Caravan Club today.

CRASH HURTS SERIOUS

Two Injured in West Washington Train-Auto Collision.

Two men injured Wednesday afternoon when their automobile was struck by a Big Four freight train at West Washington street and the Belt railroad, were in serious condition at city hospital today.

Milton Richardson, 42, of 98 Blake street, was the driver, and Floyd Davis, 23, of Avon, Ind., the passenger.

The two, going west, passed several automobiles which had stopped to let the train pass.

SERMON AND SONG MARK PROGRAMS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Many Churches Announce Special Features for Their Services.

Good Friday will be observed in song and sermons in churches of Indianapolis.

In the downtown sector a meeting for store employees will be held at Keith's theater.

With the service divided into three one-hour periods, the Rev. Virgil P. Brock will conduct the music throughout.

Dr. Charles S. Wishart, Wooster, O., president of Wooster college, will speak in the first period at Keith's on "The Cross in Modern Life."

After the opening hymns for the service without denominational leadership, a Scripture reading and prayer will be offered by Dr. William R. Rothenburger, pastor of the Third Christian church.

A duet, "He Gave Himself for Me," will be sung by Kenneth Thorne and Mrs. Brock.

A period of prayer and silence will close the first period.

Shullenberger to Speak

Dr. W. A. Shullenberger, pastor of Central Christian church, will speak on "The Romance of the Cross" at the second period.

Dr. Henry T. Graham, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, will give the Scriptural reading.

Dr. Virgil E. Rorer, pastor of Meridian Street Methodist church, will speak on "The Three Crosses" at the third period meeting, with the Rev. P. R. Daries, pastor of Zion Evangelical church, leading the prayer.

The service begins at noon and ends at 3 p. m.

At New Jersey Street Methodist church, a sermon in the German language will be given by Dr. G. E. Hiller at 10 a. m.

Beville Evangelical, Broadway Evangelical and First Evangelical churches will hold a union service Friday night at the First church.

The service will begin at 7:45 p. m. Pastors of the three churches will speak.

Amplifiers in Church

Christ church, Monument Circle, will use amplifiers to enable the church to hear the three-hour service, to hear the three-hour service on Good Friday. The Rev. Floyd Van Keuren will speak.

Marion County Young People's Council of Religious Education will conduct a service between 11:55 a. m. and 1 p. m. Friday in the First Baptist church.

The Rev. J. B. Rosemary, pastor of Irvington Methodist church, will speak on "The Meaning of the Cross."

Six brief addresses will be made at the three-hour union service at Roberts Park Methodist church. The service will begin at 11:55 a. m. and close at 3 p. m.

Speakers at the service are: Bishop Edgar Blake; the Rev. Edmond Kerlin, pastor of First Evangelical church; the Rev. William P. Rothenburger, pastor of Third Christian church; the Rev. J. S. Milner, pastor of Second Presbyterian church; the Rev. William E. Gaughan, First Congregational church; and the closing address by Dr. F. E. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist church.

Dr. E. W. Dunlavy, pastor of Roberts Park church will preside throughout the union meeting.

Periods of Silence

Silent devotional periods during the service are planned in addition to special Easter-tide music.

Special communion services called "The Lord's Supper" will be held tonight at Northwest Christian church under direction of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Winders.

Those taking part are: Elders, Wallace O. Lee and Professor K. V. Arnsperman, Deacons, Paul Winter and Bert Servais. Others on the program are Mrs. Ed. Taylor, Professor Ralph Keahy, and J. A. Ford.

Miss Ruby Winders will be in charge of music.

Bishop Will Preach

Bishop Edgar Blake will deliver the principal address at Broadway M. E. church. Dr. C. E. Line will offer the invocation and Dr. J. W. McFall, pastor of the church, will pronounce the benediction. Choral music will be under direction of Willard E. Beck with Mrs. Mary Wilhite at the organ.

Union services will be held by Tuxedo park churches at Grace Methodist church, Grant and New York streets, from 1:30 to 3 p. m. Dr. R. H. Toole of Grace M. E. church will preside and speakers will be the Rev. Homer E. Boblitt, Dr. T. J. Parsons, editor of the Baptist Observer; the Rev. H. T. Wilson of the Wallace Street Presbyterian church, and the Rev. U. S. Clifton of the Tuxedo Park Baptist church. Special music will be offered by Gethsemane Lutheran and Emerson Avenue Baptist churches, with H. C. Hitz at the organ.

Churches of the North Park district will hold union services at Grace church of the Brethren from 2 to 3 p. m. The Rev. George L. Stuebaker of the church of the Brethren will preside and Rev. J. A. Long, pastor of North Park

Evangelist to Speak

Dr. C. D. Ledbetter of Franklin, an evangelist, will preach at Victory Memorial Methodist Protestant church. The Rev. George L. Farrow, pastor of the church, will be in charge.

Members of the faculty of the College of Religion at Butler university will participate in services at the University Place Christian church. These include Dr. F. B. Kershner, Dr. Bruce Kershner, Dr. T. W. Gratton. The Rev. H. W. Lawton and Professor R. A. Bacon. The Rev. G. L. K. Smith, pastor of the church, will be in charge.

Crucifixion services will be held at Tabernacle Presbyterian church, with the Rev. J. Ambrose Dunkel, pastor, in charge. He will read the Bible story of the trial and Crucifixion, interspersed with appropriate

music by the choir, quartets and soloists.

Monsignor Francis H. Gavisk will lead spiritual exercises during the three-hour services at St. John's Catholic church. The Rev. Ambrose Sullivan will recite the prayers during the "Way of the Cross." The clergy choir will be directed by the Rev. C. M. Bosler. Eight priests representing that number of Catholic church, from the choir.

The music will be broadcast between 12:30 and 1 p. m. and between 2 and 3 p. m. over WFBB.

Msgr. Garvish to Lead

First Evangelical church, New York and East streets, will be open throughout the day for meditation and prayer.

Interdenominational services for colored people of the city will be held at the Walker theater from 12 to 3 p. m. The Rev. J. Kelly Griffin, president of Knoxville college, will be the principal speaker. The Rev. D. F. White will preside. Mrs. J. Harold Brown is in charge of the sacred music.

A special program of sacred music has been arranged by the Good Friday committee in co-operation with the Ministers' association. Colored Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. music will be offered by special quartets and soloists.

Holy Tuesday services will be held tonight at Central Universalist church. An Easter pageant, "The Triumph of the Cross," will be presented by the Sunday school.

La France! for Paris is still in the saddle.

Recently the Patous and the Poirets took counsel with themselves and issued the world-shaking announcement that spring dresses would drop four inches below the knee.

That settled it so far as the New York store buyers were concerned. They journeyed across the Atlantic and returned with an assortment of gowns that bore the

orthodox stamp of approval of the Patous and the Poirets.

BUT little did they reckon of the fire and spirit of American womanhood.

"Oh, yes, we are selling the longer dresses," said a fifth avenue style expert, "but what happens to them when madame gets them home remains to be seen."

"From remarks made by customers we suspect that many

ladies are taking their frocks and having them shortened so they barely cover the knee.

"We will know when everyone turns out for a stroll after church Sunday.

"Of course, there is little doubt that the longer dress does make a woman look older and less sprightly."

As the sun sinks, so will the hemline, for American women

apparently have accepted the Paris edict that the evening gown shall flap about the ankles.

Style experts also confide that shoes will be more gaudy, in some cases made up of combinations of black, white and blue leather.

Hats are going to be lop-sided and "off the face" as the saying goes.

That merely means they will be longer on one side than they will on the other.

Seeks to End 45-Year Tie

By Times Special

MONTICELLO, Ind., March 28.—In a divorce suit filed in White circuit court here, Eli W. Smith seeks to end a marriage that has endured for forty-five years. He alleges cruel treatment against Mrs. Lillian A. Smith.

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