

625 TAXPAYERS SAVE \$175,000 IN COURT ORDER

Judge Chamberlin Raps
'Slovenly Laws' in
Sewer Case.

Rapping the legislature for the writing of "slovenly laws," Judge Harry O. Chamberlin of circuit court, today saved 625 taxpayers \$175,000 when he sliced assessments on the \$400,000 Pleasant Run sanitary sewer project.

Judge Chamberlin's ruling on the case of Frank C. Ayres et al against the city set aside \$100,000 assessment on farm land property in the sewage district by holding no assessments could be made against it.

He reduced four other classes of assessment property 60 per cent, making the grand total of \$175,000 saved by the 625 property owners. The approximate total assessment against the landholders who appealed to circuit court for redress was \$250,000.

Will Appeal Decision

After notification of Judge Chamberlin's ruling attorneys for the city said they would appeal his decision on the grounds the court hadn't proper jurisdiction.

Edward H. Knight, attorney for the city, said the burden of the reduced assessments lay on the taxpayers of Indianapolis if Judge Chamberlin's ruling was sustained by the Indiana supreme court.

In commenting on a sanitary board act of 1917 cited by attorneys in the case, Judge Chamberlin said: "Without a doubt the act is (as is much legislation turned out by our legislature) slovenly drawn so far as it concerns any definite elucidation as to meaning or scope."

Assessments Vary

The assessments on the property involved in the appeal from the board of works averaged from \$3.58 per 100 square feet to 45 cents per square foot.

Other property owners in the sewage district who did not appeal their assessments are not affected by the reductions made through Judge Chamberlin's order.

DRIVER IS SENTENCED

Detroit Man Gets Terms for "Intoxicated Operations."

Robert Shaw of Detroit Tuesday began serving a thirty-day sentence on the Indiana state farm following conviction in Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter's court Monday on a drunk-driving charge.

Shaw was arrested Sunday after his car wobbled crazily in the 2800 block North Meridian street.

Thomas Vail, 52, New York City, said to have confessed holding up a restaurant at 1549 North Illinois street Saturday, was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron Monday.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen are:

Thomas R. West, 1005 Congress avenue, Ford roadster, 561-972, from the state fair ground.

Walter Sands, 809 South Noble street, Nash coach, 99-738, from Pearl and East streets.

C. H. Robbins, 1421 West Twenty-third street, Ford roadster, 65-028, from Washington street and Senate avenue.

Police Chief Mulvihill of Greenfield, Ind., reports Chrysler coupe, 556-506, stolen from Greenfield.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police:

Ford roadster, 257-134, found at 300 Ellsworth street.

Negro Faces Charges

Henry Brenner, 41, Negro, recently released from the Indiana state farm, was arrested on Tuesday night when Patrolman J. F. Wilson saw him in an automobile belonging to Charles Erber, 235 Dixion street. He is alleged to have taken a flashlight from the auto.

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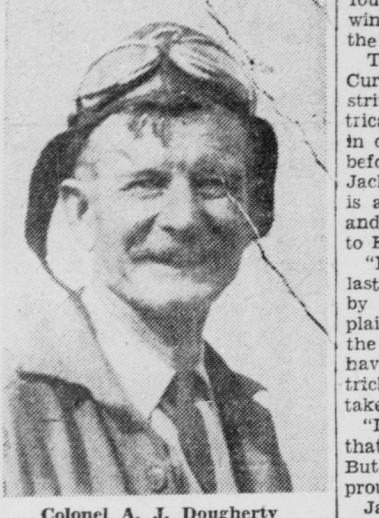
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Father and Son Race to Win Honor of Being First to 'Solo'



Colonel A. J. Dougherty



Jack Dougherty

erty, 56, commanding officer, Eighty-fourth division reserve corps, will win even if he loses, has arisen in the Dougherty family.

The colonel, a flying student of Curtiss Flying Service of Indiana, is striving mightily to master the intricacies of landing and taking off in order to take his first solo flight before his son Jack, 20, beats him. Jack, "a chip off the old block," also is a student at the Curtiss school, and a mighty good one, according to Earl W. Sweeney, instructor.

"I have flown off and on, since last January while on business trips by air," the elder Dougherty explained. "While I have often taken the controls in the air, and even have looped the loop and done other tricks, I never have tried to land or take off."

"I am starting right now to learn that too, so I can solo before Jack. But even if I lose, I'll be mighty proud of Jack. He's a great boy."

Jack has had only four or five lessons, but is spending most of his time at the airport to solo before he enters the University of Illinois this fall.

Brief Biographies of Commission Candidates

Biographical sketches of the seven candidates for city commissioners endorsed today by the Indianapolis City Manager League are published here. The Times urges its readers to preserve these sketches for careful consideration as the date of the city commissioner election, Nov. 5, approaches.

The "Who's Who" of the candidates endorsed by the league:

John Franklin White

John Franklin White, 76, of 1345 Lexington avenue, Democratic city councilman and south side civic leader, has spent more than fifty years of his colorful career in Indianapolis. He is the oldest city councilman to serve in recent years.

He was born in 1853 in Charlotte, Mich., and is a product of the "Little Red School House." Since coming to Indianapolis a half century ago he has participated in many phases of public life and is regarded as an outstanding leader in the movement for better city government. He is a member of the league executive committee but took up the fight for businesslike government and establishment of the civil service principle in city affairs before the inception of the local league movement.

The city council chose White to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of a south side city councilman who was indicted in 1927. White served on the first city council organized under the present Federal charter in 1891, during the term of Mayor Thomas L. Sullivan. In 1918 he was a candidate for the school board on the Citizens ticket.

White was a member of the police civil service commission during the Duvall regime and was instrumental in the establishment of civil service rules in the police and fire departments but resigned the city post when politics supplanted the merit system.

Before his retirement he operated the Sterling laundry for eighteen years. Prior to that he was a journeyman printer in Indianapolis and at one time published newspapers in Cambridge City and Hagerstown, Ind. Early residents remember him for his fight on behalf of organized labor from 1880 to 1900. He is a member of the Typographical Union and Masonic lodge, but is not affiliated with any church.

White served as president of the Federation of Community Civic Clubs for two terms, director of the Indiana Welfare Society for twelve years and chairman of the Indianapolis Free Employment Bureau under the Indianapolis Foundation. His latest civic venture is the Indianapolis Smoke Abatement League of which he is chairman.

Mrs. George C. Finfrock

Mrs. George C. Finfrock, 48, of 3101 Broadway, has been closely identified with the league's activities since the inception of the manager movement in Indianapolis.

She is an ardent advocate of city manager principles and led the work among women of the city in the referendum election in 1927.

Mrs. Finfrock was born at Cincinnati in 1881 and has been a resident of this city twenty-two years. She has been affiliated with the Republican party but never was a candidate for public office.

After graduation from Woodward high school at Cincinnati she attended the University of Cincinnati. Her husband is Indiana superintendent of the Sanborn Map Company and is a graduate of the Michigan law school.

Mrs. Finfrock has been active in Parent-Teacher, League of Women Voters and Little Theater work. She was active in Red Cross work during the war and is a member of the W. C. T. U. and the Unitarian church.

H. Nathan Swain

H. Nathan Swain, 39, of 1125 West Thirty-sixth street, was a candidate for judge of the Marion probate court on the Democratic ticket in 1925. He is an attorney and has offices with James M. Ogden, Indiana attorney-general, at 911 State Life building.

For thirteen years he has practiced law in Indianapolis. He was born at Zionsville, Ind., and attended De Pauw university and University of Chicago.

He is a member of the Methodist church, Sigma Nu fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, and Order of the Coif, legal fraternities, the Masonic lodge and city and state bar associations.

Leo Francis Welch

Leo Francis Welch, 36, of 4310 Broadway, a realtor, is a life long resident of Indianapolis.

He is secretary-treasurer of the John R. Welch & Sons firm, 23

Elks Club and Knights of Columbus.

Henry McCabe Dowling

For twenty-five years Henry McCabe Dowling, 57, of 3556 Washington boulevard, has engaged in the practice of law in Indianapolis. He was born at New Albany, Ind., in 1872, and came to Indianapolis in 1896. Dowling is a Republican and served two terms as assistant attorney-general and a term on the railroad commission under Governor Hanly. He never before has been a candidate for public office.

After graduation from De Pauw university, he attended Harvard law school. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, Indianapolis Literary Club, Delta Kappa Epsilon and the state and city bar associations. His offices are at 1110 Fletcher Savings and Trust building.

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GROUP SESSIONS FEATURE DAY FOR TEACHERS

America Facing Economic Peasantry, Professor Schutz Declares.

Group sessions dealing with various phases of public school work were on today's program for the 2,000 teachers attending the Indianapolis teachers' institute at Shortridge high school.

"Europeans look upon America as a materialistic nation without regard for spiritual, esthetic, or moral values," declared Dr. J. Raymond Schutz, head of the department of sociology of Manchester college, North Manchester, Tuesday afternoon in Caleb Mills hall.

He repudiated European charges that education in America is by the "mass production method," but emphasized the need for more attention to spiritual, esthetic and moral values in our educational program.

Fear that American agriculture is headed toward an economic stage of peasantry was expressed by Dr. Schutz.

"Thirty-seven per cent of Indiana farms are in control of absentee landlords, and if the present trend continues in agriculture, we are reasonably sure of having a peasant system in America," he said.

Large industries and chain organizations are drawing money from smaller cities and rural communities so rapidly it is seriously affecting the tax valuation, he pointed out.

"Such organizations do not pay taxes in the communities in which they are located, and this is going to hinder education by lessening available funds for it."

The institute will continue Thursday and Friday.

M'CRAY PLANS FAIR EXHIBIT

Ex-Governor Reveals His Ambition for Future.

New hopes and ambitions today appeared on the life horizon of Warren T. McCray, former Indiana governor, when he attended the state fair.

Less than three years ago, McCray, who served a federal penitentiary sentence at Atlanta, Ga., had only the ambition to return to his home at Kentland, Ind., and recommend his farm and stock raising activities.

Today, as he strolled about the fairground, viewing exhibits, McCray said his highest ambition now is to have an exhibit of his own at a future fair.

"I am feeling fine and this is the best fair I ever saw," McCray smilingly remarked. "This is a good, old stomping ground for me and I hope I'll be able to have an exhibit of my own at an Indiana fair soon. Yes, sir, the fairground looks mighty good."

Persons who talked with McCray said he seemed in the best of health, which McCray himself confirmed. He was president of the fair board two years before he was convicted and sentenced.

SOLONS KEEP COOL

New Washed Air System Installed in Senate.

By *Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance*
WASHINGTON, Sept. 4—How hot the tariff fights get, the senate will remain cool.

A new washed-air system installed during the summer at a cost of \$124,000 in the senate chamber will keep the chamber and galleries at approximately 75 degrees, whatever the outside temperature.

It also supplies fresh air to the senate and the occupants of the galleries.

GAS TAXES INCREASE

August Collections in State

\$1,664,246.

Gasoline tax collections increased 44 per cent during August, as compared to August last year, according to figures made public today by Leonard Fishback, state gasoline tax collector.

Refunds, however, were greater than any previous month in the history of the department, he said.

Total collections for August this year were \$1,664,246.03, a gain of \$498,151.73 over the 1928 figure. Refunds for the month were \$130,942.27 on 11,928 claims.

Young Motorist Killed

By *Times Special*
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 4.—John McKinley, 20, was killed when the automobile he was driving turned over twice on the National road west of Brazil. He was an employee of an undertaking firm here.

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