

PURCHASES OF LAND BY CITY IS DELVED INTO

Holtzman Is Accused of
Asking Appraiser to
Raise Figures.

While a subcommittee of four members of the city council investigated charges of loose purchases of automobile, the council probe committee was to devote this afternoon's hearing to evidence in questioned sand and gravel land purchases by the city.

Charles W. Jewett, former mayor, who has alternated in the roles of witness and prosecutor, was to be present again this afternoon.

An opportunity was to be given Joel E. Baker, city purchasing agent, against whom the charges of purchase of too many automobiles was made; to read his answer to the accusations made in the Jewett brief.

Insists on Defense

Baker insisted on reading his answer Thursday afternoon, but as hour was late he was promised an opportunity today.

Roy C. Shancher and L. H. Trotter, members of the board of works, with Oren S. Hack, present corporation counsel, when the resolution for the purchase of flood prevention land was introduced, have been subpoenaed to appear today.

Testimony of Z. B. Hunt opened the Thursday hearing. The real estate dealer declared that \$55,000, the figure first set, probably represented the real value of the Dilling & Co. land acquired for flood prevention, and that he had "not changed his mind as to the real value since then."

He said that David Coulter, another appraiser, asked him to increase the valuation so that the city could effect a compromise at \$100,000 without litigation.

Increased Appraisal

Coulter had testified that he hiked his appraisal at the request of John W. Holtzman, then corporation counsel.

Jewett declared that the court entry of the settlement of the Granite Sand and Gravel Company showed that three of the city's witnesses had been used to increase the price \$61,000 to more than \$100,000 when the fact was that they had not testified.

"If you had read my brief, you would have seen that," declared Merle Walker, attorney for the land owners.

"I went by the court entry which you wrote and which evidently was intended to give the impression that the city's own witnesses had testified to the high value of the land," Jewett answered.

Hack was criticised by Jewett for becoming an attorney for Dilling & Co. in the land deal immediately after resigning from the board of works.

Hack Had Information

It is true that Mr. Hack did not participate in the hearings before the board of works, but as a member sitting on the board, he was recipient of information which could have been used in the appeal, Jewett said.

"Do you mean to say that what Hack did was unethical?" queried Walker.

"I am not the judge of Mr. Hack's ethics or morals," was the rejoinder.

James Noel, special counsel for the probate, then asked: "It is not true that a judge can not, after leaving the bench, accept employment in any case in which he has participated?" Is that not the professional rule?"

"Yes," was Jewett's answer.

Members of the council probe committee, Herman Lieber, Earl Buchanan and Edward Harris, showed that the council had machinery with which to detect errors in purchases, and that Sterling R. Holt, city controller, discovered the purchase of the La Salle car for Police Chief Claude M. Worley on split requisitions.

Sark, one of the English Channel islands, has many curious local taxes, one being paid in fowls by each house according to the number of chimneys it possesses.

SLAPS WRISTS OF COPS

Moral: No Diet

Jersey City Safety Chief Don't Like Watches for Police.

By United Press

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 22.—Sisters of Jersey City policemen may expect wrist watches for Christmas. Director of Safety John Eggans doesn't think cops should wear wrist watches and he told them so when several patrolmen were brought before him for infracting various regulations.

One policeman explained he had left his post a few minutes to hunt for a wrist watch he had lost.

"I don't like to see cops wearing wrist watches," Eggans replied. "I think they would give them to their sisters."

SNOW PLOWS NEEDED

State Highway Department to Buy Winter Equipment.

Contracts for winter equipment of the state highway department will be awarded next Monday, it was announced today by Director John J. Brown.

Eleven additional snow plows for use in the northern part of the state will be purchased. Included in the list will be five heavy-duty V-shaped snow plows. These will be delivered at Laporte, Plymouth and Valparaiso. One light duty V-shaped snow plow will be delivered at Goshen and five single-bladed snow plows are to be used by the department around Wabash and Waterloo.

NEGRO SUSPECTS HELD

Five Are Believed Members of Pocket-Picking Gang.

Five Negroes were held today on vagrancy charges, suspected as pickpockets, who have "worked" crowded downtown street cars during the last few weeks. Detectives said they would be questioned to-day.

They are: Jerome Hardy, Cincinnati, said to be an ex-convict; Albert Cooper, Cincinnati; James Brown, 722 North Senate avenue; Ennie Walker, 310 West North street, and Willie Nichols, 2401 Hoyne street.

ARRANGE FORUM SERIES

Y. M. C. A. Will Discuss Current Problems in Meetings.

Disarmament, industrialism, Pan-American arbitration and Fascism will be discussion highlights of the open forum to be held this year by the Y. M. C. A. at Wednesday luncheon lectures.

Dr. James H. Peeling of the Teachers College of Indianapolis will address the meetings. The luncheon series will end Feb. 5. Miss Ruth Milligan, educational secretary of the Y. W. C. A., is in charge of reservations for the luncheons.

New Censor Chief Selected

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Edward Short, former home secretary, has been named president of the British board of motion picture censors, succeeding the late T. P. O'Connor.

Danderine

The One Minute Hair Beautifier.

At All Drug Stores - Thirty Five Cents.

Fishing the Air

How is your radio reception? If you are bothered by interference that originates outside your home, write a letter to the Radio Editor, The Indianapolis Times. If you wish a careful inspection made of your radio set, make the request of the radio editor and this service will be furnished free. Telephone calls may be made each day between 4 and 5 p.m., except Sunday, by calling Riley 5551 and asking for the radio editor.

Muriel Pollack, pianist-composer, and Welcome Lewis, contralto, collaborate in a fifteen-minute recital to be heard over the NBC system, Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Alonzo R. McAdams, basso; William Robyn, tenor, and Beatrice Herford, mezzo-soprano, are to be heard on the Brown-Bilt Footlights broadcast over WEFM and stations of the Columbia broadcasting system at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

Glazounov, Russian composer, who will visit America this winter, is represented by his "Slavonic Dance" in the Cities Service concert to be heard over the NBC system, Friday night at 7 o'clock.

Italian arias, Irish folk songs and Godowsky's concert arrangement of Albeniz's "Tango" will be heard when Polly Robertson, pianist, and Patrick Kelly, tenor, broadcast as the Personalities at 711 through the NBC system, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

HIGH SPOTS OF FRIDAY NIGHT'S PROGRAM

7:00—NBC (WEAF)—Cities Service concert.
7:45—NBC (WJZ)—Famous Loves, "Marquise de Montespan."
8:00—NBC (WJZ)—"Interwoven Pair," Columbia—"True Story hour."
8:30—NBC (WJZ)—"Philco Memories," "Mile Modiste."
9:00—NBC (WJZ)—"Armstrong Quakers."
9:30—NBC (WEAF)—"Mystery House melodrama."
12:00—WLW, Cincinnati—"All Night program."

How the Marquise de Montespan captured the heart of the grand monarch, Louis XIV of France, will be dramatized in the Famous Loves program to be broadcast through the NBC system, Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Character analysis through handwriting will be further explained during the program broadcast over WO-WO and stations of the Columbia broadcasting system at 7:30 o'clock, Friday evening, by the Eversharp Penmen, especially considering the letter "A."

Singing "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," Astrid Fjelde, soprano, makes her debut as soloist on the Stars of Melody program which will be broadcast over the NBC system, Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The troubles that Julius Caesar encountered on the Ides of March were mere annoyances compared to the hard luck that Gus becomes acquainted with during the Schradertown band program which will be broadcast over the NBC system, Friday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Near Nashville, Tenn., an accident to the car in which Mary and Bob are riding leaves them stranded near a rambling farmhouse in the foothills of the higher Alleghenies in which an old-fashioned wedding celebration is in progress. The True Story hour to be broadcast from station WO-WO and the Columbia broadcasting system at 8 o'clock Friday evening, will describe the festivities, in which the two young travelers join with such whole-hearted abandon.

Wilson Lavine recently was divorced from Wilson Lavine, a railroad official. Divorce proceedings followed a quarrel over a bride's game.

Tulloch is a former University of California student, and has acted on the stage locally and in the east, where he was with the Provincetown players. He also had worked for foreign newspapers, and for a Berlin motion picture corporation.

POLICE PARLEY IS OFF

Second Annual Conference Not Likely to Materialize, French Say.

PARIS, Nov. 22.—Former Police Chief Richard Enright of New York has been unable to obtain collaboration of French police in his efforts to convene the second international police conference, and also has been unable to rent a hall for the meeting he called to sit in Paris on Nov. 23.

Assistant Chief of Police Guichard said today it was unlikely that the conference would materialize, despite the need for an international clearing house for police information.

It has been discovered that only 2 per cent of the murderers in New York in the past fifteen years have been fat men, and that the most ghastly crimes have been committed by those who are thin and devoid of vitamins.

LIVES IN GLASS HOUSE

Cambridge, U. Lecturer Has One of World's Unique Homes.

By United Press

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The home of Mansfield B. Torrey, Cambridge university lecturer truly is a house of glass. The front door is of wire glass, the entrance hall has a silvered glass ceiling, pilasters and cast glass sheets and lemon gold leaf mirrors.

The dining room has a dome of cast glass. Above the electrical radiator is a fountain of black glass. The furniture is of metal and glass.

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MAYOR-ELECT TO SPEAK

Second Ward Democrats Meet to Discuss Spring Primary.

Democratic workers of the Second ward will discuss plans for the spring primary tonight at a meeting at 1701 Central avenue. Mayor-elect Reginald H. Sullivan, Clerk-elect Henry O. Goett and members of the new city council will attend and speak.

Russell Ryan, city election commissioner; Albert Stump, former nominee for the United States senate, and Leroy J. Keach will speak. Albert H. Losche and Wilbur Wissner are slated for district chairmen.

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