

## GARY'S MAYOR SEEKS TO BAR TWO LITIGANTS

Eligibility of Contestants for Office Questions in Suit.

*By Times Special*  
GARY, Ind., Dec. 26.—Mayor Henry G. Hay of Gary has filed suit in Lake circuit court at Crown Point asking an order restraining both Roswell O. Johnson, Republican, and Emmet N. White, Democrat, from succeeding him until their fight over the office is settled.

Johnson received a majority of votes in the Nov. 5 election, but White in a suit alleges he is ineligible to hold office due to an act of the 1931 legislature barring from office any person convicted of a felony for which a prison sentence of six months or more was served.

Johnson, twice mayor here, served part of a sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., on conviction of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law.

A pardon from President Coolidge, Johnson maintains, cleared him of all stigma, and rendered the Indiana law inoperative.

Hay has been in office only ten days, having succeeded Mayor Floyd G. Williams, resigned. His suit attacks eligibility of both Johnson and White to be mayor, asserting the former is barred because of his prison record and the latter because he failed to receive a majority of votes in the November election.

The city's financial status will be jeopardized if either Johnson or White becomes mayor, Hay alleges. He says that in order to meet the city pay roll, carrying about 300 persons, it had been planned to issue short time warrants pending receipt of the first tax money installment in the spring, but expresses doubt that such paper could be issued, should either contestant assume office, as the issue of eligibility could be raised as to each.

Jan. 6 is the date for inauguration of the new city administration.

## PREDICT BIG GROWTH IN FARM BUREAU

Membership Drive Making Rapid Progress Over Entire State.

Prediction of a 50 per cent increase in membership in the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., by 1931, will be embodied in a report to be submitted to the first quarterly meeting of the directors of the organization Jan. 2-3.

At the first quarterly meeting of 1930 department reports will be heard and plans made for the coming year.

M. Cliff Townsend, state director of organization, will report that the membership drive is progressing rapidly in fifty counties of the state. Reports from one-fourth of these counties indicate the possibility of a 50 per cent increase; and three counties have reported an increase of more than 100 per cent.

The district directors of the social and education department will meet in the farm bureau office here Dec. 28 and plan their activities for 1930. The woman's division will plan a program of increased activities.

## PENNSY TO INSTALL CAB SIGNAL SYSTEM

Two Millions to Be Spent for Improved Railroad Device.

Directors of the Pennsylvania railway have authorized expenditure of \$2,000,000 for installation of a continuous cab signal system on the Pittsburgh division. The work is in addition to expenditures of more than \$16,000,000 for improvements in automatic signal installations to be completed this year.

When completed, the main line from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington to Pittsburgh and Indianapolis will be operated under continuous cab signal control.

Under the system, wayside signals are reproduced in the engine cabs before the eyes of the engineers and firemen and are operated with a loud warning whistle and "acknowledger," which requires the engine crew to act upon any unfavorable signals ahead of their train.

### Sever Levies Reduced

*By Times Special*  
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 26.—Assessments against property to pay for the North Anderson district sewer having been reduced 50 per cent and the difference of approximately \$100,000 will be charged to the city as a whole, the board of public works announced. Property owners who failed to file remonstrances will not share in reductions. The sewer was built by Sorenson & Zomer, Ft. Wayne and Grand Rapids contractors, at a cost of \$282,000.

## BRONCHITIS

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## Butchering Still Is 'Habit'



Butchering still is an important process on many Indiana farms. Above are shown carcasses ready to be cut in pieces suitable for handling. When this part of butchering has been completed, the most laborious task has been finished.

Farm Community Residents Help Each Other to Get Meat Supply.

*By Times Special*  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Society women and club men may have their rounds of gaiety, but the provident Indiana farmer and his thrifty wife have their gala days, too, especially at this season of the year.

Most of the farmers of Indiana are busy now and will be for the next few weeks arranging with their neighbors to trade work for the butchering season is now at its height throughout the state. The telephone rings on the country line.

"I believe that was our ring, Jim," says the busy wife, and Jim hurries from the kitchen to answer the call. "Hello, yes, this is Jim. Do you say next Tuesday? Yes, Kate and I will be there. I hope it will be colder than the day you helped us butcher. My new rifle? All right, I will bring it along."

This is a sample of the response John Brown gets from four or five of his neighbors when he calls to notify them of the day he has fixed for butchering on his farm. He has already helped some of them and others are ready to assist him.

### Early Rising the Rule

The day preceding the one set for butchering is a busy one. Lard cans must be washed and scalded, kettles made ready, presses cleaned, wood collected for quick fires, and the boilers filled. The last, but by no means the least important, preparation for the morrow, is setting the alarm clock for 4 a. m. So promptly does the clock do its duty that often some member of the family is sure to contend that a mistake has been made and that the clock has sounded several hours too soon.

Grandfather is on special duty at the foot of the stairs and his completes that which the alarm clock failed to accomplish.

There is another momentous matter to which grandfather must give concern and that is the weather. He is always the first to investigate this important factor in the events connected with butchering day. He walks out before dawn and soon returns to announce to the family the weather conditions. The weather means much, as any farmer of experience will testify. Could be sure of his choice, he would select a cold day.

There is yet in the Hoosier state many farmers who adhere to the old observance of signs. Many of them will not butcher hogs or beves unless the sign is right. This, they contend, is in the light of the moon and the points of the moon must be turned upward before anything could induce them to make their year's supply of meat. They regard the counsel of the almanac as safe, and unless the moon points upward and the sign is rising, preservation of meat is risky, they maintain.

On the other hand, many ride the superstitition and say they do not butcher in the moon, but they do not butcher in the moon, but in the barnyard.

### Made a Home-Coming

At a homestead where there are several married sons and married daughters who live in town and who arrange with their parents for their year's supply of pork, as many as twelve head of hogs are sometimes butchered in a day and prepared for use. Such an event is in the nature of a home-coming.

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### AVIATOR NEAR DEATH

Mail Pilot Hurt in Crash Near Michigan City.

*By United Press*  
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 26.—Doctors held little hope today for recovery of Thomas Hill, 28, Kalmar, Mich., who was seriously injured Tuesday night when his mail plane crashed west of here.

It is not known how long the aged farmer had been dead, but it is believed several days, as chickens on the farm were in a starving condition, indicating that a considerable period had passed since they received attention. The home is almost inaccessible in winter, except to callers on foot or horseback.

### WOUNDED NEGRO DYING

*Anderson Man Shot During Party Celebrating Christmas.*

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ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 26.—Alonzo Thursman, 21, Negro, is near death as police seek a man who fired a shot that climaxed a Christmas night carousal at the home of Ham Bone Logan, in the west section of the city.

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ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 26.—Ray Millikan, Elwood, is in a hospital suffering two fractured ribs sustained when his automobile collided with a car driven by A. H. Bentley, Ft. Wayne, near Anderson. Grover Hutcherson, who was riding with Millikan, and Bentley both escaped injury.

At evening the raiment of the folk may be grease besmeared, their faces picture weariness, things about the home may be out of their usual order, the light step of the morning may be slackened, yet all are jovial and ready to help another neighbor the next day.

### Boy to Be House Page

*By Times Special*  
DUBLIN, Ind., Dec. 26.—"Water" said a customer when he drove into the filling station operated by William Wilson here.

"Where do you want this water?" asked Wilson, as the man was driving a horse hitched to a sleigh.

"My horse is dry," said the customer. This was the handiest place I saw, so I just stopped."

"How's your oil? Need any air?" asked Wilson, by force of habit. The driver of the sleigh thanked him and drove away. Not for twenty-five years had a sleigh been used here at Dublin but the heavy snow fall has brought forth a few cutters which had been stored.

Children, seeing sleighs pass, stopped to gaze at what to them was a new vehicle.

## ASKS RADIO FOR COUNTY SQUADS

Sheriff Requests Receiving Equipment for Cars.

Appropriation of funds to equip six county squad cars, including two emergency machines, with radio receiving apparatus will be asked of county council in its meeting Dec. 30, by Sheriff George Winkler.

The equipment is asked to fit the cars to operate in connection with the new city police radio station.

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The state is spending as much as should be spent for inspections at this time," Wallace said. "We are conducting 65,000 inspections at less than double the cost of 5,000, which were being made when I took office. This has been possible through your co-operation in working out the present system of taking out an entire county at one time."

President J. R. Stelle of Butler, Ind., presided, and C. A. Yost, chief bee inspector and secretary of the association, presented the annual report.

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Angel food cake, Mrs. Hubert Sayler, Crawfordsville; display canned vegetables, Mrs. W. W. Buntin, Lebanon; display of jellies, eight varieties, Mrs. Voris Slipper, Thorntown; display of jams, marmalades and butters, W. Schoenstrup, Greensburg; best display of canned foods, fruits, vegetables, meats, preserves, jellies, pickles and relishes prepared by one woman, Marguerite Conger, Anderson; layer cake sweepstakes, Mrs. Timothy Guard, Frankfort; box containing candy, Mrs. F. E. Guthrie, Danville, and entire wheat Margerine, twenty-four Hardings and over 200 Wilsons.

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