

## PUBLISHER OF VARIETY ENDS LONG SERVICE

Slime Silverman Turns Over Theatrical Magazine to His Son.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Variety blossomed forth today with 298 pages and a pea-green cover, on the front of which is reproduced a picture of Lillian Russell.

But Slime Silverman, the most famous theatrical publisher in the world, was not in town to hear all the shouting about his famous offspring.

Slime has gone to Havana for a holiday and the United Press was informed today that, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his weekly, he has retired from its active leadership, handing the job over to his son, Sid Silverman.

The anniversary is the largest Variety has ever published and it is stuffed with congratulatory epistles from such people as Herbert Hoover, Amos 'N' Andy, Texas Guinan and a thousand or so others.

Pay for Congratulations  
Except for those of President Hoover and Will Rogers, these messages of good cheer have been paid for by the cheerers—at the rate of \$750 a page.

An "honorary committee" of some 300 members, including such personages as Alfred E. Smith, James J. Walker, Will H. Hays, Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin, Florenz Ziegfeld, Sir Harry Lauder, Gloria Swanson and a raft of other theatrical bigwigs, is credited with turning out the anniversary number by way of complimenting Slime.

The committee also has presented Silverman with a platinum pass which will admit him to 21,000 theaters for the remainder of his natural life.

The anniversary number contains everything from a survey of the theatrical world of 1930 to a little boxed sentiment from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norworth, who say: "Be not arrogant when fortune smiles, nor dejected when she frowns."

Silverman started Variety after he had been discharged from a morning newspaper, in which he wrote a theatrical column called "The Man in the Third Row." The magazine traveled a bumpy road for years, but gradually put on weight until now it is recognized as the leader in its field.

Reproduce First Issue  
The first issue of Variety is reproduced in the anniversary number. One of the features of the magazine's first days was the movie column conducted by "Skigie."

This Skigie was Sid Silverman at the age of 7.

In his first review he said that he liked the fellow that talked about the horses only he couldn't remember what the fellow said.

"One of the girls," he wrote, "had a wig with blonde hair and the fellow gets a watch with dynamite in it and tells the girl to run because when it is 11 o'clock the old man is going to get it. That's all I liked."

Which is a good review of an early movie any way you look at it.

## SIEGE IS PROCLAIMED

Turkish Government Wars on Religious Fanatics.

By United Press  
ISTANBUL, Turkey, Jan. 1.—A state of siege was proclaimed at Manissa and Menemen Wednesday as a result of the outbreaks of religious fanaticism against the republic.

They want to establish the old caliphate again. The government is preparing a law for defence against revolutionists.

## GIVEN UNIVERSITY HELM

Walter Williams, Who Never Received a Degree Is Missouri Head.

By United Press  
COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 1.—Walter Williams, 68, who was dean of the first journalism school ever established and who never received a college degree, today became president of the University of Missouri.

Williams was appointed acting president last June 5, succeeding Stratton D. Brooks, and automatically became president last midnight. He is in Mexico City.

## CUT PAY OF SAILORS

Reductions Are Announced by Two German Steamer Lines.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Jan. 1.—A reduction in the salaries of employees of the Hamburg-America and North German Lloyd Lines, who make above 500 marks (about \$125) a month was announced today. The reductions will range from 4 1/2 to 10 per cent.

Young Mother Kills Self  
By Times Special  
ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 1.—Ill health is blamed for the suicide of Mrs. Margaret Muhlmeier, 25, wife of Bruno Muhlmeier, and mother of three children, who inhaled gas at her home.

## Outstanding 1930 State Events

### January

- 8—George N. Manfield, 64, superintendent fish and game division, department conservation, died.
- 9—Floods along Wabash and White rivers when streams approach 1913 record levels.
- 10—National guard troops ordered to patrol Hazelton fill as residents threaten to dynamite it as a measure to protect their homes.
- 16—H. L. Colbert, Washington, named state corn champion at state corn show, Lafayette.
- 17—Mayor R. P. Hale, Chief of Police James W. Reagan and thirteen others of East Chicago convicted in United States district court liquor conspiracy case.
- 22—Southern Indiana flood conditions termed major disaster comparable to Mississippi floods and Florida hurricane by H. P. Williamson, national representative of the American Red Cross in charge of relief work.
- 30—Wabash and White river levels subsided below danger point throughout state.
- 31—Red Cross relief fund for southern Indiana flood sufferers closed with total receipts of \$15,883.84.

### February

- 26—John Ashcraft, 38, Marion, killed in explosion of bomb attached to car of auto. Fifth victim of three mysterious bombings at Marion in six months.
- Fire destroys Big Four railroad paint shop at Beech Grove with \$1,000,000 loss.
- Frank Wright, author of Indiana's "bone dry" law, resigned as auditor of state securities commission following linking of his name with that of C. E. Crump, president of Indiana real estate securities commission, who was tried on a charge of violation of "blue sky" law.

### March

- 8—Vice-President Charles Curtis left for Washington from Indiana Republican Editorial Association meeting at Indianapolis upon word of death of Chief Justice William Howard Taft.
- United Mine Workers of America opened forty-first convention in Indianapolis.
- Loss of \$300,000 in factory fire at Connersville.
- The Rev. C. H. Winders, Indianapolis, made superintendent of Indiana Anti-Saloon League.
- Heardings resumed on \$70,000,000 Insult utilities merger proposal.
- Three persons killed, one injured in explosion of Louisville & Nashville freight locomotive at Evansville.
- James Britt, 34, Negro, of East Chicago, died in electric chair at Indiana state prison for slaying of Sam Goldberg.
- One dead and one injured in \$150,000 apartment house fire at Gary.
- Three patients at Newburg sanitarium for drug addicts escape, taking guns and ammunition, but later captured.
- Four dead after blizzard swept parts of state.
- State prison trustees and Governor Leslie deny temporary parole plea of D. C. Stephenson.

### April

- 2—Deep shaft miners of Indiana continue work after new wage scale agreement between operators and workers.
- 6—Captain Frank Hawks crossed Indiana in first transcontinental glider trip.
- 7—All records for primary election filings broken with 972 candidates.
- 9—Charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder filed against six persons in connection with three Marion bombings which killed five persons.
- United States department of agriculture set damage caused by January flood in southern Indiana and Illinois, at \$6,868,305.
- Fire caused \$25,000 loss at Parke county infirmary but thirty-five inmates escaped.
- 18—Public service commission denied \$70,000,000 Insult utilities merger proposal.
- 21—T. H. L. & E. Traction Company placed in hands of receiver.

### May

- 4—Forty-six persons of Vigo and Vermilion counties indicted on charges of activities in huge liquor ring by United States district court grand jury at Indianapolis.
- 6—Voting orderly and light in Indiana primary election.
- 7—William J. Fulton, Republican leader and defeated primary candidate, committed suicide after charges of Lake county vote "fraud."
- 14—Olin E. Holt, Kokomo attorney, and Ora C. Butler, former Howard county sheriff, found guilty on charges of conspiracy to violate prohibition laws by federal court jury at Indianapolis.
- 25—Main building at Tri-State college, Angola, burned with loss of near \$100,000.
- 30—Billy Arnold, in a Miller-Hartz Special, won annual 500-mile race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway with speed of 100.448 miles an hour.
- 31—Body of unidentified man found on High School road, Indianapolis in burning auto of Harold Herbert Schroeder, Mobile, Ala.

### June

- 5—Republicans held state convention at Indianapolis.
- 6—Sale of Union Traction Company ordered by Judge Carl F. Morrow, Madison circuit court, in receivership proceedings.
- 8—Samuel R. Artman, Lebanon, former judge of Boone circuit court and one time member of state industrial and public service commissions, died of injuries suffered in fall from roof of home at Lebanon.
- Five persons killed when train hit auto at Beatrice.
- 9—James Anderson, 21, Perry circuit, Kentucky, sentenced to die by electric chair for charge of murdering Herman Lange, Dearborn county sheriff.
- Indiana G. A. R. and allied organizations opened fifty-first annual encampment at Wabash. Democratic state convention held at Indianapolis.
- 12—Isaac B. Austin, Noblesville, elected commander, Indiana department, G. A. R., at Wabash encampment.
- 17—Forty-first annual Grotto convention opened in Indianapolis.
- 20—Dr. Isaac B. Austin, 86, elected state departmental commander G. A. R. week before, died at Noblesville, his home.
- Word received at Indianapolis that Harold Herbert Schroeder, wanted in connection with the High School auto pyre mystery was captured at Mobile, Ala.
- 24—Harold Herbert Schroeder returned to Indianapolis.
- 26—Harry C. Stutz, 53, auto designer and manufacturer, died at Indianapolis.

### July

- 2—Insult interests purchase Union Traction Company at receiver's sale.
- 2—To create eight new courts in Indiana made by Attorney General James M. Ogden in opinion, basing number of courts upon 1930 census.
- 10—Owen O'Malla and Joseph Carlson found guilty on a charge of election frauds by Lake county circuit court jury.
- 11—City of Lafayette thought to be target of Attorney General James M. Ogden's crime accusations in speech before Indiana State Bar Association at Bloomington.
- 18—Belle Guinness case, involving sensational murder of her husband twenty-two years ago, revived.
- 21—One of many severe heat waves of spring and summer drought broken by rains that slightly revive burning crops in some sections.
- 23—George Kolb, 87, Rush county farmer, found guilty on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the poisoning of his third wife by a Hancock circuit court jury.
- 25—Officials of state and Knickerbocker Oil Company reached a settlement in first of alleged "bootleg" gasoline cases involving non-payment of taxes.
- 26—Irving Webster, Indianapolis newspaper publisher, found guilty on a charge of blackmail in Marion county criminal court.
- 36—Joseph Claypool, field organizer for the dual organization set up in Illinois against the United Mine Workers of America, kidnapped from home near Shelby, Indiana, tarred and feathered.

### August

- 6—Further rains brought relief and hope for crop revival from effects of long devastating drought.
- 7—Two Negroes dragged from Grant county jail, Marion, by mob and lynched on courthouse lawn after murder of Claude Dexter and attack upon young woman companion.
- 8—National guard ordered to Marion to prevent further outbreak of mob violence following murder of youth and lynching of two Negroes.
- 18—Truckload of alleged gambling paraphernalia seized by authorities at Spink-Wawasee hotel, Lake Wawasee.
- Three persons burned to death near Veedsburg when auto crashed and burned.
- 23—Hundreds searched for 10-year-old Betty Jane Foster, believed kidnapped from home near Valparaiso by Claude Dillinger.
- Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd feted at Indianapolis.
- Indiana department, American Legion, opened eleventh annual convention at Ft. Wayne.
- Betty Jane Foster returned safely to her home from Wisconsin where she was found with Claude Dillinger.
- 27—Two young men killed in plane crash near Turkey Run.
- Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh endangered when gasoline was dumped from plane and motor backfired during short stop at Indianapolis airport while en route to Chicago for air races.

### September

- 4—Long illness believed to have deranged Dumont Lotz, 65, former Indianapolis school teacher, who died at his Muncie home in fire he set. Wife and son burned severely.
- 12—Marion county grand jury returned true bill against Harold Herbert Schroeder, Mobile, Ala., charged with murder of unknown persons in connection with High School road mystery.
- 12—Indianapolis state approved for \$300,000 veterans hospital.
- 14—Alice Wolfman, 17, South Bend, murdered by unknown assailant as she slept in her home.

- 15—Theodore Geisking, Indianapolis gangster, wanted in connection with murder of Alfred Lingle, Chicago newspaper man.
- 17—Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellotte, French trans-Atlantic fliers, honored upon stop at Indianapolis.
- 18—Theodore Geisking taken to Ohio county jail charged with aiding jail break when he was absolved in the Lingle case.
- 19—Body of Roy Danner, 47, Madison, Republican nominee for state representative, found in Ohio river after auto accident.
- 20—H. K. Groves, president of defunct American State bank of East Chicago and Lake county treasurer, missing from home. Eighteen Indianapolis policemen indicted by federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to violate federal prohibition laws.
- 23—George Sherman Myers taken to state prison after confession of murder of Marberine Appel at South Bend.
- 26—H. K. Groves, president of defunct American State bank of East Chicago, returns home after week's absence, explaining lapse of memory.
- 30—Mrs. Herbert Hoover, first lady of the land, arrived in Indianapolis to attend national meeting of Girl Scouts of honorary president.
- Ernest Pryor, 32, Martinsville, charged with murder in connection with poisoning of his wife.

### October

- 10—Vice-President Charles Curtis and Senator Simon D. Fess, Ohio, attended Republican rally in Indianapolis.
- 15—Advocates filed in Grant circuit court by Attorney General James M. Ogden, charging seven Marion men with lynching of two Negroes there Aug. 7, and Sheriff Jacob Campbell with failure to protect prisoners.
- 25—Opening of new transcontinental air lines drew hundreds to airport as first planes arrive.
- 30—Air mail pilot killed in plane crash near Brookston.
- 31—Victory for Richard Lieber, head of state conservation department, seen when Indiana Fish, Game and Forest Land meeting at Indianapolis failed to reelect as president, H. H. Evans, Newcastle, who had criticized the conservation department.

### November

- 4—Democrats swept to victory at Indianapolis.
- 12—W. F. Heidegott, Purdue university instructor, injured fatally in mysterious blast at private garage in Lafayette.
- 17—Joseph Savoldi, Notre Dame full back, withdrew from university after publicity given his suit for divorce, which later was withdrawn.
- 20—Miss Emma Margaret Saunders, Ft. Wayne, won suit to collect \$200,000 insurance on Will H. Latta, Indianapolis, killed in auto in crash. Trial in Hendricks circuit court.
- 21—Frank May Jr., secretary of state-elect, named Grover Garrett, Frankfort, chief of state police, and James W. Carpenter, Connersville, head of auto license bureau.
- 28—Four persons killed when train struck two autos at Hobart. Three killed in train-auto crash at Brazil.
- 29—Arlene Draves, 18, died of injuries suffered at a drinking party attended by Gary young persons.

### December

- 1—Five youths held at Gary in connection with death of Arlene Draves, after coroner's jury returned verdict that death followed criminal attack.
- Two small children burned to death in tent home near Monrovia.
- 3—Judge Orlo R. Deahl, St. Joseph superior court, ruled Indiana securities law unconstitutional.
- 4—Indiana motorists whose license fees were held in trust at the defunct Washington Bank and Trust Company, Indianapolis, will not be asked for repayment, it was decided at statehouse.
- Insanity plea filed in Marion criminal court for Harold Herbert Schroeder in answer to charge of first degree murder.
- 5—Six Indianapolis policemen are found guilty by federal court jury on charges of conspiracy to violate prohibition law.
- 9—Lake county grand jury returned first degree murder indictment against five Gary youths in connection with death of Arlene Draves.
- 15—Paul Brown, 28, shot father and mother in Brown county home at Nashville before burning house and bodies of parents.

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## MEET JAN. 5 TO ACT ON BIDS ON TEXTBOOKS

Governor Outlines 'No Change' Policy to Commission.

Knowing that Governor Harry G. Leslie has pronounced the administration policy of "no text book changes and lowest possible price," the text book commissioners will reassemble in executive session Jan. 5, to decide what to do about the bids received Wednesday.

Having been informed that Leslie desired to outline his policy to them, the commissioners adjourned to his office after opening and reading the bids.

The Governor then pointed out that it is their duty to protect parents from text book costs becoming burdensome, and that the best way, in his opinion, is to vote for no changes during the next five-year period, except where great saving in price costs could be made.

Leslie's idea is that the old texts should be retained so that second-hand books can be used and that the same texts in new editions should be procured at a lower price.

First action to be taken by the commission Jan. 5 will be to vote on the motion of L. N. Hines, president of the Indiana state normal, Terre Haute, to postpone the book adoption until May.

Roy P. Wisehart, superintendent of public instruction and ex-officio member of the board, will retire from office March 15. He is charged with supervising the early advertising for bids.

Hines also has a motion pending requiring the printing to be done in Indiana.

## EVERYBODY'S MERRY

Bullet Joins in Fireworks Celebration of Happy New Year.

R. Oaks, 26 Kansas street, was engaged in the gentle pastime of shooting fireworks in front of 2536 South Delaware street early this morning when some one joined in with a revolver.

One bullet went through Oak's car, parked at the curb. No one was injured.

Also wounded a neighbor, then died to hills.

16—Extensive chase made over western Indiana and eastern Illinois after five bandits robbed Clinton bank of \$12,675. Two bandits killed, three captured, one of them wounded, and a policeman wounded seriously.

17—Posseman wounded by Clinton bank bandit, died.

18—Third Clinton bank bandit died of wounds.

19—Ernest Pryor, Martinsville, found guilty on a charge of manslaughter by Marion county criminal court jury in connection with poisoning of his wife.

24—Six persons burned to death in tenement fire at Whiting.

26—Kin Hurling, 62, creator of "Abe Martin," considered the foremost humorist of America, died at his Indianapolis home. Shirley McNeely, World war veteran, became temporarily insane and killed three relatives with a hammer.

29—Twelve desperate inmates of Indiana state prison attempted a break for freedom.

Posse searched for two Gibson brothers after their raid in Salem jail, wounding sheriff and his wife and the town marshal in revival of Gibson-Spurlock feud.

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## RECORD SET BY 1930 GAS TAXES

\$2,011,062 More Collected Than in Any Other Year.

Despite the tall talk of hard times which prevailed throughout the late 1930, Hoosiers spent \$2,011,062.71 more in gasoline taxes than any year in history, the twelve-month report in the state auditor's office disclosed today.

Prepared by Joseph H. Treacy, state gasoline tax collector, for presentation to Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, the gas tax reports show that 1930 collections totaled \$18,155,631.13.

December collections were \$1,421,742.38, while in 1929 for the same month they were but \$1,354,759.17, giving December, 1930, a \$66,983.71 increase. This represents a gain of 16,745 gallons for the month, tax being 4 cents a gallon.

Refunds for 1930 totaled \$1,059,956.62, a gain of \$272,706.53 over the previous year.

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## JUDGES AND 16 COUNTY CHIEFS TAKE OFFICES

Simple Ceremonies Mark Capitol and Courthouse Changes.

Four appellate court judges and sixteen county officials, all Democratic, took their oath of office at the state house and court house today, simple ceremonies accompanying the investiture.

Friends were on hand to offer congratulations and impromptu receptions were held.

New judges of the appellate court are William H. Bridwell, Sullivan; Posey T. Kime, Evansville; Harvey J. Curtis, Gary, and Alphonse C. Wood, Angola.

Fred E. Pickett, Richmond, took oath of office as clerk of the supreme and appellate courts.

At the court house Glen B. Balfour, new county clerk, who took oath of office Monday, swore in his fellow Democrats.

They were Frank P. Baker, criminal judge; Herbert Wilson, prosecutor; John W. Kern, Joseph R. Williams, William A. Pickens, Clarence E. Weir, Russell J. Ryan, superior judges; Smiley N. Chambers, probate and John F. Geckler, juvenile judges; Ira P. Haymaker, recorder; Fred W. Vehling, coroner; Bruce Short, surveyor; Robert W. Sloan, assessor; Don W. Vorhies, commissioner and Charles Sumner, sheriff.

Four Republican county officials, who retain their positions for another year, were on hand to welcome the newcomers. They were President John E. Shearer of the county commissioners, Commissioner George Snider, Auditor Harry Dunn and Clyde E. Robinson, county treasurer.

Canal Breaks; Region Flooded  
LYONS, France, Jan. 1.—A levee along the Central canal broke near Colongues Wednesday, flooding the countryside. The canal is fifteen feet above the surrounding land. Bags of cement were thrown into the break in an effort to patch it.

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