

# STONE FREIGHT RATE REDUCTION PETITION FILED

Stand of Baltimore Mill Owner Directly Opposed to Hoosier View.

**By Times Special**  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 10.—A brief has been filed by stone-cutting companies in the Baltimore district with the interstate commerce commission at Washington, which presages a fight to the finish on freight rates, involving the future of stone mills in the Indiana field, centered around this city and Bedford.

The Indiana cutters have pending before the commission a petition asking that the rates on rough and dressed stone be made more nearly equal, while the brief of the Baltimore industry asks exactly the opposite.

From the Indiana standpoint, a higher rate on the dressed product is a disadvantage, and it is pointed out that under it rough stone can be shipped to the points where it is to be used, and dressed in nearby mills. Unless the difference is materially reduced, Indiana mill operators declare they face extermination.

In the Baltimore brief, the Indiana petition is cited, and it is declared there is every reason for increasing the 7 cents difference now in existence, and that this should be done by lowering the freight rate on rough stone.

## I. U. GRADUATE IN 1922 GETS INSURANCE POST

Assistant Superintendent Held by Former Marion Man.

**By Times Special**  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 10.—Mark S. Trueblood, graduated from Indiana university in 1922, has been elected assistant superintendent of agencies by the board of directors of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, according to word received here by George F. Heighway, alumni secretary of the university. Trueblood formerly resided at Marion.

After graduating he accepted a position as copy reader on the Louisville Courier-Journal. In 1923 he was employed by the Cincinnati Times-Star and Jan. 1, 1926, began his duties with the insurance company as editor of the Agency Bulletin.

Trueblood was appointed district supervisor of company in the middle west in 1929.

## BUS CARRYING TWENTY CHILDREN IN COLLISION

Driver's Warning Prevented Injury as Auto Strikes Machine.

**By United Press**  
ROCHESTER, Ind., Jan. 10.—Twenty school children were saved from probable injuries by the quick wit of Harry Osborne, driver of the Richmond township school bus in which they were being taken home Friday afternoon.

Osborne caught a glimpse in a mirror of an automobile coming directly at the bus, and he was preparing to stop to discharge passengers. He shouted to the children to rush forward. The children barely had time to comply, when the car driven by Frank Ferguson, 22, Burlington, crashed into the school machine.

Both the bus and Ferguson's car were badly damaged in the crash. Ferguson pleaded guilty on a charge of attempting to pass a school bus while pupils were being discharged, and paid a fine. He said he was doing at the wheel.

## Farm Agent Re-Employed

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 10.—Lawrence M. Busche, Madison county agricultural agent, has been re-employed for another two years by the board of directors. The board elected Esrom Leach, Lafayette township, as president, and J. Wesley Stewart, Anderson township, secretary-treasurer. Membership of the board is now composed of ten Democrats and fourteen Republicans, the figures being regarded as a result of the election of township trustees Nov. 4.

## Former Banker Dies

Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 10.—The funeral of William Randall, 67, representative of Bradstreet's, was held here Friday. The body was taken to Fowler for burial. He was born at Logansport, and lived at Ambia for twenty-five years while engaged in the banking business. Nine years ago he moved to Indianapolis, where he was a member of Capital City lodge, No. 312, F. & A. M. He leaves his wife, a daughter and a sister.

## Woman, 101, at Party

Rochester, Ind., Jan. 10.—The guest of honor at the golden wedding anniversary celebrated Friday by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Myers, at their farm home near here, was Myers' mother, Mrs. Salome Myers, 101. The presence of the centenarian parent at such an occasion, "stole the show" from the celebrants, each of whom is 70.

## Murder Trial Shifted

Madison, Ind., Jan. 10.—Trial of Walter Carlin, 27, Jeffersonville, on a charge of first degree murder as a result of the fatal shooting of Frank Knoebel, Madison patrolman, will be held in Versailles during the term of circuit court, opening Feb. 1, as the result of a change of venue. Carlin pleaded not guilty when arraigned in circuit court here, and the venue request was granted.

## Auto Victim Buried

CONNEERSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 10.—Funeral services were held today for Abe Owens, 67, who died of injuries received Tuesday evening when struck by an automobile driven by Cecil J. Smith.

## Bank Receiver Chosen

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 10.—John Owen of Noblesville has been appointed receiver for the First National bank of Connersville. He is also receiver for national banks at Lagrange and Columbia City.

# Farm Conference Will Open Monday



## FINALE NEAR IN CRASH OF BANK

Hearing Held in Bankruptcy Case of Convict.

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## Wife at Muncie Obtains \$20,000 in Divorce Suit

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 10.—With granting of a divorce here to Mrs. Emma L. Postel, 62, from Lewis Postel, 67, ending a marriage of forty-three years, a divorce suit of the couple which started several months ago appears ended, with the husband apparently the loser.

Mrs. Postel started litigation with a suit asking for a receivership and an accounting in regard to property she and her husband held jointly. This case has been dismissed under a compromise, and it has been agreed Mrs. Postel will receive \$20,000, title to a house and lot here and other property.

Postel had conveyed the house and lot to his wife Mary Vining, and only time domestic in the Postel home, but this transfer was set aside under the compromise.

A suit filed by Miss Vining against Mrs. Postel, asking \$20,000 on allegations of slander and libel has been dismissed. Miss Vining has been characterized as being defamed by remarks Mrs. Postel made concerning the domestic and Postel.

## MINERS TO VOTE AGAIN

Second Attempt Will Be Made Tuesday to Elect Union Officials.

**By United Press**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 10.—Ballots for a second election of officers of District Eleven, United Mine Workers of America, have been mailed to local union headquarters, it is announced at district headquarters here. The second election will be held Tuesday. Names of twenty-two candidates are on the ballots.

The second election was made necessary when only three candidates received enough votes to win in the first election, Dec. 9. Included in the office to be voted on Tuesday are district president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, assistant in legal department and two district executive board members.

## Thieves Take Gasoline

Carmel, Ind., Jan. 10.—Burglars broke into the bulk gasoline station of the Standard Oil Company and stole 100 gallons of gasoline and a large amount of equipment. The same night they blew a safe in the coal yard of Oscar Applegate and got \$12 and took several dollars' worth of postage stamps from the safe of the Allen Wilkinson Lumber Company.

## Man in Poorhouse 54 Years

Valparaiso, Ind., Jan. 10.—The annual report of W. H. Dillman, superintendent of the Porter county poorhouse, shows that during 1930 seventy-six persons were cared for at the institution, including 33 an epileptics and insane. There were nine deaths and one birth during the year. The oldest inmate is James Shinnabarger, 76, who has been at the institution fifty-four years.

## Term to End Jan. 30

Greencastle, Ind., Jan. 10.—Registration for upper classes at De Pauw university for the second semester is under way although recitations and lectures for the present term do not end until Jan. 21. Final examinations will start Jan. 23 and the first semester will officially close Jan. 30. Recitations and lectures for the second semester will begin Feb. 2. New students will be registered Jan. 30 and 31.

## Economist Will Speak

Greencastle, Ind., Jan. 10.—Professor E. L. Bogard, head of the economics department of the University of Illinois and president elect of the American Economic Association will deliver a series of lectures on the De Pauw university campus starting Wednesday under auspices of the Artus Club, department club.

## Store's Stock Stolen

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 10.—Burglars who robbed the Andy Smith grocery here can set up in business. Almost the entire stock of the store, and an electric radio set, were hauled away in a truck that had been backed up to a rear door.

## Youth Admits \$600 Theft

Marion, Ind., Jan. 10.—Grant county authorities announce here that Leo Hamilton, 17, Gas City, has confessed theft of \$600 in money and certificates of deposit from the homes of Mile and Roscoe Nelson, brothers, living five miles east of Marion.

## Three Bibles Stolen

Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 10.—A third Bible has been stolen from the women's rest room in the Kosciusko county courthouse here. Sheriff H. D. Person has begun an investigation.

## Asylum Inmate Kills Self

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 10.—Theodore Neidinger, 42, Brazil, hanged himself Friday at the state hospital for the insane, where he was an inmate.

# BILL PROPOSES HEALTH GROUPS ON FULL TIME

State Board Will Offer Enabling Act to Present Legislature.

Establishment of full time health departments in cities, counties and districts throughout Indiana would be encouraged, the state health board declares, by an enabling act the board will sponsor in the current legislative session.

Supplemental to existing health laws of the state, the bill would provide an alternative method for administrative health work by its provisions, any county or city with a population of 50,000 or more, or district comprised of two or more contiguous counties, not exceeding five, might take advantage of the plan.

The measure provides for appointment of a health council composed of five members within the limits on a nonpartisan basis. The council would select a health commissioner at a salary not to exceed \$5,000 a year after which the council would serve only in an advisory capacity.

County commissioners would act for counties, city councilmen for cities and joint boards of county commissioners for the district. Action under the bill might be taken with or without petition and would be mandatory upon petition of 15 percent or more of the freeholders of the county, city or district.

The bill includes qualifications for health commissioners to insure their ability and they would be required to devote full time to their jobs. Two members of the health council for counties and cities and one-half the council members for districts would be required to be qualified physicians.

State health board officials declare full time bureaus have been established in more than 500 counties in the United States and that each provision of the proposed bill is now in operation in other states.

# Police Taking Care of Prisoner's Old Rooster

**By United Press**  
CLINTON, Ind., Jan. 10.—City police had visions of fried chicken, noodles, gravy, mashed potatoes—in fact a real treat—when Tom West, Negro, sadly requested officers to get a chicken which he had placed in a barrel.

West was going to the county jail at Newport for forty days for having been intoxicated, and many things can happen to a chicken in forty days, police believe.

However, when officers went to the barrel they found, instead of a nice, tender, young fry or even a chicken that could be roasted, a skinny rooster whose age is conservatively estimated at 10 years.

Police are now keeping their promise to care for the fowl until West is free.

# OWNER OF STOCKS BURIED AS PAUPER

Man Who Died Three Years Ago at Terre Haute Left \$380.

**By United Press**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 10.—Stock, valued at \$380, was owned by Charles Vandiver, when he was buried as a county charge three years ago, it has been learned.

Vandiver died in the charity ward of a local hospital in 1927 and was buried in a pauper's grave when no relatives claimed the body. He was believed to have been penniless.

A \$150 check made out to Vandiver from the Indiana Loan and Finance Company for dividends on preferred shares led Oscar Combs, former employer of Vandiver to investigate. The check was mailed to his office.

Efforts to locate relatives of the dead man have been renewed after it was learned the stock was valued at \$380 and unclaimed dividends would probably amount to \$100. Combs said he had returned previous dividend checks to the loan company. Whereabouts of the certificates of ownership of the stock is not known.

# CARNIVAL GETS FAIR CONTRACT

St. Louis Show Given State Concession for 1931.

D. D. Murphy Shows, Inc., St. Louis, the carnival company which had the state fair concession in 1930, has been awarded the contract for the 1931 Indiana state fair, it was announced today by Secretary E. J. Barker of the state fair board.

The company will pay \$6,000 to the privilege. At the 1930 fair, Dodson Brothers, Waco, Tex., had the concession for \$6,800. All bids were lower than Barker explained. C. C. Foster, president of the board, appointed Dean J. H. Skinner of Purdue university, R. C. Jenkins, Orleans, and Ed Logsdon, Indianapolis, as members of the executive and finance committees. The president and secretary are ex-officio members.

A committee to select and recommend free acts, bands and other amusements for the fair was appointed. Members are Levi P. Moore, Rochester; Oren E. Felton, Fairmont; and Thomas Grant, Lowell. They will report back to the board at a meeting early in February Barker declared.

Logsdon was made chairman of the speed committee and will have charge of the harness and automobile racing. He took the position held by John R. Nix, Tipton, who has been succeeded on the board by R. D. Cannon, Lafayette. Cannon succeeds to Logsdon's place as chairman of the committee on amusements. C. C. Brouse, former president, succeeded to Foster's position as chairman of the concessions and mechanical committee. Felton is amusement chairman, succeeding Green, retired, as chairman on amusement.

Other chairmanships remain the same as in 1930.

## Retired Farmer Dies

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 10.—Henry B. Blessing, 81, retired farmer, and director of the Irwin Union Trust Company, died following several weeks illness. He was born on a farm east of this city and spent all his life in Bartholomew county. After marrying Miss Harriett Daugherty in 1873 they moved to a farm south of the city where they lived until fifteen years ago when he retired and moved here. He was an active member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. He leaves his widow and three children, Jesse, Carl and Mrs. Arthur Glick of Bartholomew county.

## Last of Pioneers Dies

BAINBRIDGE, Ind., Jan. 10.—Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Elizabeth Darnall, 91, who died Tuesday. Her death marked passing of one of the outstanding pioneer families of Putnam county.

Mrs. Darnall was the last of a family of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Bridges, who came to the county from Kentucky early in the last century.

## Robber Leaves Own Money

MONROE, Ind., Jan. 10.—A bank robber who robbed a filling station here made a net profit of \$19. The loot was \$24, but the robber left his own \$5 bill he had tendered in payment for gasoline. He took \$20 from Emmett Hough and \$4 from Paul May.

## Bandits Took \$1,402.50

JOLIETVILLE, Ind., Jan. 20.—A check of funds of the State bank here, robbed by three men Wednesday, shows the loot was \$1,402.50. No clues to the bandits have been found.

## Vincennes Native Dies

VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 10.—Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, 75, U. S. N., who died at his home in Potsdam, N. Y., Friday, was a native of Vincennes. No relatives are known to reside here now.

## Postmaster Re-appointed

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 10.—Charles Wheeler has been appointed postmaster here for the third term.

# HOUSE CRASHING MOTORIST STILL MINUS PENALTY

Case of Newcastle Man Goes to Highest State Court.

**By United Press**  
RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 10.—The case of Frank Burk, Newcastle contractor, which first occupied the attention of Wayne county law enforcement authorities here nearly three years ago, has reached the Indiana supreme court after long legal warfare in which Burk has managed to escape serving a sentence of sixty days at the penal farm.

On the night of April 3, 1928, Burk, contractor, driving his automobile on state highway No. 1, en route from Connersville to Newcastle, failed to follow a turn in the road and his speeding car struck a house, partially wrecking the structure.

He was arrested, taken to the Wayne county jail, and was slated on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The following day he was released on bond and since that time he has waged a successful campaign to remain free.

Several months after the crash, in October of the same year, he was given a sixty-day farm sentence by E. Ralph Himelick, of Connersville, who sat as a special judge in Wayne circuit court.

The case was taken to the Indiana appellate court, where it remained until this week, when it ruled the case was not within its jurisdiction, and sent it to the supreme court.

## FUNERAL AT BLUFFTON TODAY FOR LEGISLATOR

Committee From Senate and House Attend George L. Saunders Rites.

**By United Press**  
BLUFFTON, Ind., Jan. 10.—The office of the Bluffton News-Banner was closed, and draped in mourning today, while funeral services were held for Representative George L. Saunders, editor and business manager.

The Rev. G. F. Hubbard, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, conducted the services. Committees from the state house of representatives, the state senate, and the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association, were in attendance. Floral tributes from the three organizations mingled with those of scores of personal friends of the deceased.

Saunders died suddenly at the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis, Wednesday evening, shortly before he was to have been chosen floor leader of the house of representatives.

580 Will Be Idle

**By Times Special**  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 10.—A total of 580 employees, including foremen and clerks, will be idle ten days beginning Monday when the Monon railroad shops will be closed. All departments will be closed with the exception of the roundhouse and car inspectors in the yards.

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