

POOR AID COST MAY BE PROBED BY GRAND JURY

Knox County Prosecutor in Warning Due to \$54,000 Deficit.

VINCENNES, Ind., March 28.—Unless there is an immediate reduction in Vincennes township poor relief expenditures, the situation will be the topic of a grand jury investigation, Prosecutor Lyle E. Miller announces.

The heavy cost of poor relief first came to the fore March 1, when Knox county commissioners were told by Trustee J. Frank Organ of Vincennes township that the fund for that purpose was overdrawn \$54,000.

Police Take Hand

Declaring he was without facilities to make investigation of applications, Organ admitted there were possibilities that the township was being defrauded and consented to police aiding him in the work. As a result, Police Chief Martin, Captain Fred Nierste and patrolman Louis Freshley have been investigating cases. The chief interviews applicants at Organ's office and the other officers do the outside work.

A new policy has been put into effect whereby amounts of various foods will be specified in each order for groceries, instead of issuing a blanket order for \$2 to each family.

Fraud Revealed

Martin says he has found several instances of fraud being practiced in obtaining township money. One woman who had been aided recently purchased a new automobile; she has money on deposit in a bank and lives in the home of a son, who has a good job.

Dole Plan Adopted

MUNCIE, Ind., March 28.—Township distribution of poor funds is simply a dole, in the opinion of Trustee George Hawkins of Center township, and will so regard it in future distribution, he said, in announcing that a sliding scale would become effective here instead of flat rate of \$2.50 a family.

The new scale gives \$1.50 to a couple with 50 cents weekly for each additional member of the family. Thus a family of three will get \$2, four, \$2.50, etc.

The trustee has submitted a list of forty-three articles which may be bought on township orders and the list doesn't include tobacco.

Men receiving aid who are physically able, will be forced to work in the community gardens. The rate of pay for gardening has been fixed at 50 cents an hour.

Six hundred city lots have been made available for gardening with forty acres of land donated by the Warner Gear Company, just west of the city limits.

SLAYER OF WIFE DIES

Losantville Grocer Succumbs to Wound Mate's Cousin Inflicted.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 28.—The bullet which stopped the murderous attack of C. E. Engle, 55, Losantville grocer, after he had killed his estranged wife, ended his own life yesterday.

Harlan W. Gough, 58, a cousin, fired the fatal shot at Engle, after the latter had killed his wife and wounded his stepson, Gough Kelsey.

The shooting occurred at the Gough home, where Engle crept into his wife's room to seek a reconciliation. Kelsey was wounded when he attempted to overpower Engle.

I. U. PROFESSOR WRITES

Book on Qualitative Analysis Work of Chemistry Instructor.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—One of the new March books from the press of D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., New York, is a text on qualitative analysis by Professor Herman T. Briscoe of the Indiana university chemistry department. The book was written with the view of making it serve as an introduction to theoretical chemistry and at the same time covering completely the essentials of qualitative analysis. It is in four parts, the first of which is devoted to general principles, and the others to laboratory work.

Professor Briscoe took his A. B. degree at Indiana university in 1917 and his M. A. and Ph.D. there in 1923 and 1924. He has done graduate work at Harvard university and for a year was an Austin teaching fellow. He has been a member of the I. U. chemistry faculty since 1922 and a professor since June, 1928.

Fraternity Initiates

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Pi Lambda Theta, women's honorary educational fraternity at Indiana university, has initiated nine co-eds. Membership is based on scholarship, personality, character, and participation in campus activities. The new members are Nelle Corbin, Switz City; Mabel Dowling, Medora; Orah Gordon, Forsaker; Hilda Henwood, Centerville; Virginia Hetherington, Michigan; Margaret Light, Elkhart; Clara Osborne, Culver; Mildred Johnston, Vincennes; and Beulah Wingert, New Ross.

Couple in Auto Hurt

PRINCETON, Ind., March 28.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vetter, Albion, Ill., were injured south of here when their automobile collided with another. None in the second automobile was hurt. Physicians feared Mrs. Vetter's injuries might prove fatal. She suffered a fractured skull and a fracture of both legs. Vetter was injured internally.

Anderson Speaker Wins

MUNCIE, Ind., March 28.—John Atwater, Anderson, was awarded first place in the district oratorical contest held at Ball State college here and will take part in the zone contest to be held at Indianapolis. Waldo Haley of Central High of Muncie, was awarded second honors.

EDUCATOR'S RESIGNATION HELD RESULT OF POLITICS

Coup Believed Work of South Bend Major's G. O. P. Friend.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 28.—Politics is blamed for creating a situation which brought about the resignation of W. W. Borden, for twelve years superintendent of South Bend schools. At the same time, Borden resigned as a member of the state board of education.

The superintendent in the past had been tendered three-year contracts, but this week the city school board offered him one for only a year, and the resignation, to be effective Aug. 31, followed. The salary is \$9,000 a year.

Republican Led Fight

Jacob M. Chillas, a Republican and close friend of W. Riley Hinkle, South Bend's Democratic mayor, appointed to the school board by the mayor when Frank J. May Jr., Democrat, resigned to assume his duties as secretary of state, is generally credited with organizing the opposition to Borden among board members.

Democrats Shift Blame

It is believed that use of Chillas was a master stroke on the part of Democrats, who are hopeful the average voter will overlook the close alliance of the board member and the mayor and blame the Republicans for the ousting of Borden.

Chillas is rated as only nominally Republican, but even that status will serve to shift blame from the Democrats, they believe.

It is not clear just what reasons are held as an excuse for putting Borden in the position which brought about his resignation, but there is talk that certain board members resented the superintendent's action in handling some school matters without first consulting them and that his participation in national and state educational affairs was not fully approved.

NEW CHEMISTRY BUILDING READY

Dedication Thursday for I. U. Structure.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—A general committee for the chemistry building dedication program to be held at Indiana university Thursday is announced today by Dr. Robert E. Lyons, head of the chemistry department.

The committee is composed of J. C. Batman, E. B. Birge, H. T. Briscoe, O. W. Brown, T. A. Cookson, J. W. Gravens, E. R. Cummings, F. R. Elliott, A. L. Foley, J. W. Francis, R. J. Hartman, C. H. Hays, Harry Johnson, E. W. Kanning, F. C. Mathers, C. E. May, Ruth J. McNutt, W. J. Moenkhaus, D. M. Motter, E. B. Myers, Mrs. Ralph J. Nelson, D. J. Nye, F. Payne, J. W. Pierce, J. J. Pirley, O. P. Robinson, D. A. Rothrock, H. L. Smith, W. H. Smith, H. T. Stephenson, Mrs. Sanford P. Teter, Agnes E. Wells and D. A. Wylie.

Lyons also announced personnel of the general committee which will have charge of arrangements for bringing members of the American Chemical Society to Bloomington for the dedication program. This committee includes E. D. Jones, J. R. Kuebler, R. M. Lingle and K. S. Means, all of Indianapolis, and W. E. Sayer, Bloomington.

The excursion here is part of the regular program of the division of chemical education of the American Chemical Society, which is holding its eighty-first annual meeting in Indianapolis. Limestone interests are providing transportation for the visitors and will conduct them on a tour of quarries and mills.

The program is regarded one of the most important in the history of the university, since it will attract here leaders in the field of chemistry from many parts of the United States, as well as from Canada, Belgium and Japan.

THREE CHARGES DENIED

Former Justice of Peace to Be Tried at Terre Haute April 10.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 28.—A plea of not guilty was entered by William Pounds, former Harrison township justice of the peace, in arraignment in Vigo circuit court on charges of usurpation of office, performing an illegal marriage, and official extortion.

Hearing was set for April 10 and bonds of \$1,000 on each of the three charges were continued until that date.

Pounds was arrested on warrants issued by Prosecutor Charles Whitlock in an effort to clear up the presence of three justices of peace in the township with population which allows but two. Pounds, although defeated for the office in the November election, refused to withdraw in favor of Thomas W. Smith on the contention Smith had been convicted of election fraud and was not qualified to hold office.

Arbor Day to Be Observed

MUNCIE, Ind., March 28.—Dean Stanley Coulter of Purdue university will be the principal speaker at Muncie's Arbor day celebration at Burriss school April 17. The meeting is sponsored by the Muncie Garden Club and the Isaac Walton League. Several hundred trees will be planted about the city, trees being supplied by the sponsoring organizations co-operating with the state conservation department.

Radio Station Fights

MUNCIE, Ind., March 28.—Assistance of United States Senator Arthur Robinson has been pledged Muncie's radio station, WLBC, in its fight for increased power and for a change of channel. The station, now pending before the federal radio commission, was the threat of unfavorable action by the commissioner's examiner.

Bankrupt Stock Sold

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Bankrupt stock of the Reavin Barskin company here was purchased by Abe and Paul Nathanson, Indianapolis, for \$7250.

'I'm Satisfied,' Answer of Auto Thief in Court

By Times Special

NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 28.—The man who it is alleged stole the judge's and the prosecutor's automobiles was given a chance to appeal, but refused it.

Clay Moistner, 37, sentenced to five years in the state prison in connection with grocery store robberies and automobile thefts in Henry county, was called back into court by Judge John H. Morris and Prosecutor E. H. Vergin. He was given an opportunity to appeal on the grounds that the court might have been prejudiced due to the fact that the officials' cars were among those Moistner is accused of stealing.

Moistner waived the court's suggestion that a special judge be appointed and he re-entered the plea of guilty, saying he was satisfied with the sentence.

THRIFT ADVANCED BY MARION MAYOR

Inventory of All Property Owned by City Latest Action.

By Times Special

MARION, Ind., March 28.—An inventory of all city property and equipment has been ordered by Mayor Jack Edwards as another step in an effort to relieve the city's strained financial situation.

The inventory will be the first ever made here and is expected to disclose a large quantity of equipment and material of which all record has been lost. A resolution passed by the common council ordered an inventory of all city-owned real estate, but officials, after spending several weeks in the work, during which several parcels of real estate were found, dropped the investigation. The matter appeared to have been forgotten by the council and no explanation ever was made.

The mayor also has employed an accountant to make a survey of the various city departments with a view to creating a requisition system. The system was ordered by a council investigating committee.

Sale of \$25,000 in time warrants last week provided funds believed sufficient to operate the city until the spring installment of taxes is received. The warrants will be retired out of the fall installment of taxes as the city already had contracted to pay \$60,000 from the spring installment which will be received in June.

The mayor and board of works have under consideration plans for eliminating at least one appointive office as a further means of reducing expenditures.

GARAGE ROBBED THRICE IN PERIOD OF TEN DAYS

First Visit by Burglars and Holdup Men Appeared Twice.

By United Press

MT. VERNON, Ind., March 28.—Thieves in this section have taken no heed of a theory that lightning never strikes twice in the same spot. In the past ten days the Heironimus & Miller garage has been robbed three times.

Burglars were first to visit the garage. Then, a week ago, Henry Heironimus was held up. An approaching motorist frightened the robber away, however, while Heironimus was arguing that he did not know the safe combination.

Friday night Edwin Miller locked the garage door just as a bandit demanded entrance. Miller fled from the muzzle of the bandit's revolver, and he fled without firing.

AUTO COLLISION FATAL

Farmer Loses Life and Members of Family Suffer Injuries.

By United Press

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 28.—Three persons were recovering today from an accident near here which took the life of one man.

Charles E. Foxworthy, 45, Montgomery county farmer, was killed the victim of an automobile crash at Engle's Corners, four miles from here. The injured are Mrs. Martha A. Foxworthy, 42; Eva C. Foxworthy, 14, a daughter, and Madonna Warren, 14, Mrs. Foxworthy's injuries are serious. All three were brought to a hospital here.

The crash occurred when the car driven by Foxworthy was struck by the auto of Mrs. George Ray, Crawfordsvle, teacher in Darlington school.

Shooting Meet Today

CULVER, Ind., March 28.—Indiana police, sheriffs and their deputies and state policemen competed in the state rifle and pistol championships held at Culver Military Academy here today. National guardsmen and civilians entered in individual matches. A bronze trophy valued at \$500 will be the award to the winning team. Colonel Basil Middleton of the academy is in charge.

Many May Claim Estate

By United Press

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 28.—There is a boom market here on possible heirs to the \$100,000,000 estate of Miss Ella Wendel, New York. Lee and Valentine Wendel, who are tracing their lineage with a view to laying claim to a portion of the estate, declare there may be as many as 300 residents of Bartholomew county with various relationships to the deceased. Relatives of the brothers, living at Jeffersonville, started the movement of Indiana relatives to lay claims to the estate.

Child Drowns in Jar

STANTON, Ind., March 28.—Funeral services were held today for Lucy Marie Woodard, 17-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Woodard, who was drowned in a ten-gallon jar of water at her home here. The child apparently lost her balance while leaning over the edge of the jar.

Bankrupt Stock Sold

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Bankrupt stock of the Reavin Barskin company here was purchased by Abe and Paul Nathanson, Indianapolis, for \$7250.

Bye, Bonus

By Times Special

WABASH, Ind., March 28.—One hundred dollars of the bonus money of Lewis Pursian, Wabash World war veteran is already "spoken for." That is the amount of a fine imposed on him in city court by Mayor Shulster in a liquor case.

A six months penal farm term was suspended. Pursian promised the fine will be paid within a few days, when he expects the bonus money of home brew was found in his home.

Leadership Recognized

During the time he has served as councilman Holzapfel has won recognition as one of the leaders of the legislative branch of the city government. He was one of the leaders in a revolt on the council which resulted in the abolition of the board of works. This move gave the council complete authority in the city's affairs, three of its members serving as the special committee.

The Indiana public service commission now has before it two proposals concerning the local plant, one asking a revision of rates and the other for a standby service with some outside utility to guarantee uninterrupted service.

It has been charged that revision of rates was asked by local manufacturers to embarrass the city in its plant expansion program, a charge vigorously denied by Denver Harlan, attorney for the manufacturers' association. Lines owned by Insull intersected almost completely around the city and the stand taken against a hook-up with an outside utility has been based on the assertion that it would give these interests a hold on the local plant.

Accident Fatal to Four Causes Suit

Kokomo School Teacher Asks \$5,000 Damages From Farmer.

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., March 28.—Rapid progress is being made in the trial of the damage suit filed by Miss Ruth Covalt, Kokomo school teacher, against Samuel H. Hurd, Howard county farmer.

Covalt is asking \$5,000 damages as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident on U. S. Road 31, six miles north of here, when a car driven by her brother, Walter Covalt, was wrecked in avoiding a collision with the Hurd's machine, which approached the highway from a side road. Her brother, his wife and baby and Dr. George Haworth were killed. The accident occurred Aug. 13, 1929, while the party was en route to a picnic.

The plaintiff contends that Hurd pulled his car out on the highway in such a manner as to cause the wreck of the Covalt machine. The defense claims the excessive speed at which Walter Covalt was driving at the time of the crash. Covalt was employed as a clerk in the Citizens National bank and was active in club and lodge circles. Dr. Haworth's home was in Hamilton county.

Six Boys Admit Theft

By Times Special

ELKHART, Ind., March 28.—With the arrest of six boys ranging in age from 11 to 15 years, police solved a long series of petty purse-snatching and automobile thefts.

The boys confessed to stealing the automobiles for joy rides. All the cars have been recovered. The boys were released to their parents and will face charges in juvenile court.

Crash Injuries Fatal

By United Press

COVINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Injuries received by Barton W. Brewer, 51, when his automobile was wrecked by a Big Four freight train here Wednesday, caused his death.

Army Officer Transferred

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 28.—Gerald A. Sullivan, first lieutenant, United States army engineer corps, has been assigned to duty at Rose Polytechnic Institute here, effective on completion of service in the department of the Philippines.

Aged Widow Dies

By Times Special

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 28.—Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Jarriett M. Neal, 83, widow of William M. Neal, former Johnson county sheriff.

Change of Time

Effective March 29.

No. 4—THE SYCAMORE. Daily. Will leave Chicago 5:05 p. m. and arrive Indianapolis 9:35 p. m.

No. 4—ROYAL PALM DE LUXE, leaving Indianapolis 7:35 p. m. for Cincinnati and Florida, will be discontinued.

MOTOR TRAIN. Except Sundays. Leave Indianapolis 9:00 a. m. for Lafayette.

For further particulars apply City Ticket Office, 112 Monument Circle, phone R1ley 3322, or Union Station, phone R1ley 3355.

BIG FOUR ROUTE

WHILE THEY LAST

7,500 Pounds Lake Superior White Fish Dressed (Bluefins) . . . 9 1/2c

Some Buffalo and Pickeral

HURRY! PHONE DR. 1095-J

Delivery in City, 15c

Cor. S. Capitol and McCarty

RICHMOND LIGHT PLANT DISPUTE CHANGE LIKELY

Successor to Committee Chairman Holds Views Directly Opposite.

By Times Special

RICHMOND, Ind., March 28.—An old situation will exist in the affairs of the Richmond city government if plans made at a councilmanic caucus this week are carried to completion.

Richard Holzapfel, now serving his second year as a councilman, is slated to become chairman of the special council committee which acts as a board of works. He would succeed L. E. Fahlsin, killed last week in an automobile accident.

Holzapfel is an ardent champion of the proposed standby service for the municipal light plant, but in his new position he would be chairman of a committee which, with Fahlsin at its head, was committed to a program of development for the light plant, and opposed to the standby service.

A special meeting of council was called this week at which time official notification was given of Fahlsin's change of position. Following this meeting a caucus was held. At the regular session of council, April 6, a successor to Fahlsin will be chosen.

The special committee selects its own chairman and it is understood that Holzapfel will get the post. The committee chairman has direct supervisory over affairs of the light plant.

Leadership Recognized

During the time he has served as councilman Holzapfel has won recognition as one of the leaders of the legislative branch of the city government. He was one of the leaders in a revolt on the council which resulted in the abolition of the board of works. This move gave the council complete authority in the city's affairs, three of its members serving as the special committee.

The Indiana public service commission now has before it two proposals concerning the local plant, one asking a revision of rates and the other for a standby service with some outside utility to guarantee uninterrupted service.

It has been charged that revision of rates was asked by local manufacturers to embarrass the city in its plant expansion program, a charge vigorously denied by Denver Harlan, attorney for the manufacturers' association. Lines owned by Insull intersected almost completely around the city and the stand taken against a hook-up with an outside utility has been based on the assertion that it would give these interests a hold on the local plant.

Accident Fatal to Four Causes Suit

Kokomo School Teacher Asks \$5,000 Damages From Farmer.

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., March 28.—Rapid progress is being made in the trial of the damage suit filed by Miss Ruth Covalt, Kokomo school teacher, against Samuel H. Hurd, Howard county farmer.

Covalt is asking \$5,000 damages as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident on U. S. Road 31, six miles north of here, when a car driven by her brother, Walter Covalt, was wrecked in avoiding a collision with the Hurd's machine, which approached the highway from a side road. Her brother, his wife and baby and Dr. George Haworth were killed. The accident occurred Aug. 13, 1929, while the party was en route to a picnic.

Six Boys Admit Theft

By Times Special

ELKHART, Ind., March 28.—With the arrest of six boys ranging in age from 11 to 15 years, police solved a long series of petty purse-snatching and automobile thefts.

The boys confessed to stealing the automobiles for joy rides. All the cars have been recovered. The boys were released to their parents and will face charges in juvenile court.

Crash Injuries Fatal

By United Press

COVINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Injuries received by Barton W. Brewer, 51, when his automobile was wrecked by a Big Four freight train here Wednesday, caused his death.

ESTATE OF VICTIM IN ACCIDENT SUED

Generally Accepted View of Laws Attacked in Anderson Case.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., March 28.—A popular theory regarding an Indiana law is challenged by attorneys representing two couples in suits against the estate of J. E. Vandeventer, Anderson manufacturer, to recover damages for personal injuries.

The generally accepted theory has been that the death of a person alleged to have caused the injury of others by negligence precludes suits to recover against the estate of the deceased.

Five Suits Ask Damages

The point is raised in five suits brought against the Vandeventer estate by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Sparks, injured when Sparks' automobile collided with one driven by Vandeventer at the intersection of the Mechanicsburg and Pendleton-Newcastle highways. Although seemingly recovered from injuries sustained in the accident, Vandeventer died suddenly a few weeks after the wreck.

Each of the four plaintiffs is separately seeking judgment, and Sparks is also asking \$20,000 for loss of the services of his wife, Millie. The plaintiffs allege that she so seriously injured that she is no longer able to operate her grocery.

Mrs. Sparks had conducted the store while her husband worked for the Big Four railroad. He says he has spent \$1,500 for medical services and hospital care for his wife.

Attorneys for the estate have demurred to the complaints for damages. Judge Carl F. Morrow, of Madison circuit court, has heard arguments on the demurrers and has taken his decision under advisement.

Vandeventer, an executive of the Dwigwits Wire Fence Company and the Inland Steel Company, left a large estate. His will named the widow and a daughter as the principal heirs.

Eight persons, riding in the automobile in the crash, were injured. Another of the injured, Dr. H. B. Reid, Anderson dentist, died a few weeks after the accident.

Forgery Guilt Denied

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., March 28.—Following a plea of not guilty, George Young, hod carrier, was remanded to jail to await trial on a charge of having forged signatures of officials of the Hod Carriers' union to checks. Police allege Young used the alias of Jesse Johnson and by use of forged signatures cashed several checks. He has been in jail two months while seeking money from relatives to make the checks good.

Figure It Out

By Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 28.—Dennis J. Larson has filed a petition in Porter circuit court asking right to adopt his own son, Donald Turner, 13, the foster son of Fred J. and Julia Turner, who died recently. They adopted the boy June 8, 1921, with the father's consent. Larson, a widower, has two other children older than the son.

Fewer Ask Charity

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., March 28.—Muncie's "soup kitchen," founded by the Rev. Eddie Thomas, has fewer patrons. Established here for the first time in twenty years, the Muncie mission was busy during the winter, serving more than 200 men and women a day. Now the number seldom exceeds seventy-five, most of whom are transients. Betterment of employment conditions here resulted in the decline of the Rev. Thomas says. He is hopeful that the mission can be closed within the next month, although plans to close it April 1 were abandoned.

Paralysis Causes Death

By United Press

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 28.—Funeral services for Mrs. Ida P. Skelton, 42, wife of Nick Skelton, who died of paralysis at the family home in Greencastle township, were held today. She leaves four sisters, Mrs. Ray Ruark, Indianapolis; Mrs. Ben Wells, Madison township; Mrs. Meril Hood and Miss Inez Rowings, Greencastle; three brothers, Clarence and Eldon, Madison township, and Oscar, Greencastle, and her father, John T. Rowings.

Inventor Dies

By Times Special