

## MARION COUNTY DIVORCE MILL RIVAL TO RENO

Predict Avalanche of Suits  
Will Set Record  
in 1931.

### BY SHELTON KEY

Reno may have its six-week divorce law and easy way to marital tranquility, but, from the rapid increase in suits filed, it appears that Marion county's courthouse, itself, is not such an unpopular place for husbands and wives to settle disputes.

In fact, attaches at the clerk's office here are predicting that 1931 will be a record year as far as divorce actions are concerned.

One clerk, Cecil Eschmeyer, has ventured that April and May, together, will see the heaviest avalanche of divorce applicants in history of the county.

### Superior Court 3 Leads

Three of the five Marion superior courts are grinding out divorces by the dozens, figures compiled by the courts reveal.

During the first three months of the year, superior court one granted forty divorces to wives and gave twelve husbands their marital freedom. For the first three days of May, the same court disposed of twenty-two cases, granting papers in nine of these.

Superior court three led the field for April by granting twenty-eight wives their freedom. Fifty wives and thirteen husbands gained divorces in this court during the three months, January, February and March.

Marital winds also blew strong in court two during March, where approximately thirty-nine persons won decrees of separation, while during January, February and March, the same court granted forty-one divorces to women and nineteen to husbands.

### Attributed to Money

One superior judge attributes the present infelicity in marriage to the depression period and accompanying financial difficulties.

This judge said, "Court testimony and observation reveals that money and other difficulties have caused husbands and wives to become irritable and later apply for divorce."

Figures from the clerk's office reveal that 20.5 per cent more divorces were filed during April, 1931, than for April, 1930. They also reveal that Marion county courts granted 303 of the 562 divorces filed during the first three months of this year.

## DR. J. G. BENSON IS GIVEN HOSPITAL POST

Columbus (O.) Man to Be Associated Head of Institution.

Dr. John G. Benson of Columbus, O., will become associate general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal hospital here, May 15.

Dr. Benson, superintendent of the White Cross hospital of the Ohio, was named by Bishop Edgar Blake of the Indianapolis area of the Methodist Episcopal church. He will aid Dr. George M. Smith, superintendent of the local institution, in supervising the hospital.

Rapid growth of the hospital in the past few years necessitated Dr. Smith's employment, it was explained.

## PUBLISHER TO SPEAK

Advertising Club to Hear Business Talk by Earl Whitehouse.

Earl Whitehouse, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company vice-president, will speak at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce marketing commission and the Advertising Club at 12:45 Thursday at the chamber.

Whitehouse, an authority on planning for the definite improvement of business, will have for his subject "American Business Management Speaks Out."

Luncheon will be served in the chamber cafe at 11:30, but not in connection with the meeting.

## DISCUSS DISPLAY BILL

Ordinance Barring Sidewalk Exhibits May Be Enforced.

Enforcement of an ordinance banning merchandise displays on sidewalks in front of stores was discussed by city planning commission members at a meeting with chain store operators Tuesday afternoon.

Officials of the three principal chain store groups declared they were in favor of following the ordinance providing it were enforced against all stores. The matter was taken under advisement by the commission.

## CONCERT TO BE HELD

Haydn's "The Creation" to Be Given at Caleb Mills Hall.

The Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music will present Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation," at 8:15 tonight in Caleb Mills hall. Short-ridge high school, in connection with national music week.

Soloists will be Mrs. James H. Lowry, Miss Maude Delbridge, Mrs. Glenn Friermood, George Kadel, Richard H. Trojan, and Raymond D. Jackson, with Miss Mary Zimmerman as accompanist. Arthur W. Mason will direct the program.

## Marble Tourney Entry Blank

Name .....

Address .....

Playground Near My Home .....

Age Limit: Boys who are 14 years and under, and who will not be 15 until July 1, 1931.

I was born ..... (month) ..... (day) ..... (year)

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## BLASTING IS FUTILE IN OIL WELL FIRE



The blazing gusher in action.

By United Press  
GLADEWATER, Tex., May 6.—Two hundred pounds of nitroglycerin was exploded today at the blazing Sinclair No. 1 Cole oil well, in an effort to extinguish the flames that killed nine men, but the explosion only made the fire leap higher.

The blast made by the seventy quarts of explosive, enough to blow up a city, tore away the equipment that had been impeding the fire fighters, but also widened the mouth of the wild well and the fire burned even more fiercely than it has since it blew in last week, trapping workers.

## FATHER IS ACCUSED IN FAMILY KILLING

Dying Statements of Wife,  
Child, Evidence in  
Torch Tragedy.

By United Press

GREELEY, Col., May 6.—A mother and three children, victims of an incendiary fire, were buried today as the father wept and denied the dying accusation of his wife that he threw gasoline on the family and set it afire.

The father, James V. Foster, a chemical salesman, was arrested after the fire that killed his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Foster, and two of his children, Mildred, 11, and Geraldine, 4. The fourth victim was Darlene, 19 months old.

Three other Foster children have died in the last two years and authorities believed the chemical salesman broke under the strain of the repeated tragedies.

First degree murder charges will be filed against him after the inquest today. Authorities said as they marshaled the following evidence against him:

The dying statement of his wife that he had hurled a bucket of gasoline upon her bed and tossed a lighted match after it.

The accusations that "daddy did it" from his daughters, Mildred and Geraldine, before they died of the burns.

Evidence that he had purchased two gallons of gasoline the night before the fire.

Foster wept frequently and now and then shrieked, "I don't know," in answer to questions about who committed the crime.

## NEW POST INSTALLS

Sappington Is Commander  
of Legion Unit.

Joseph H. Sappington, commander of the newly organized Garfield post No. 88, American Legion, was installed at a meeting in Garfield park shelter house Tuesday night.

Other officers are Henan McClain, first vice-commander; Forrest Bixler, second vice-commander; Walter C. Rothermel, adjutant; Erwin E. Rothermel, finance officer; the Rev. William T. Jones, chaplain; and Patrick Shea, sergeant-at-arms.

Prominent officials of the legion present were Floyd L. Young of Vincennes, state commander; Ollie E. Davis, state adjutant, and Dr. Frank E. Long.

Captain Jesse Ray and Homer Elliott largely were responsible for creation of the new post, according to J. E. Mendenhall, membership chairman of District 7.

## ADOPT FIVE-DAY WEEK

City Coal Dealers to Act Toward  
Stabilizing Employment.

Coal dealers in Indianapolis will adopt the five-day week during May, June, July and August, according to Charles A. Howe, manager of the Retail Coal Club.

Deliveries of coal and coke on Saturday will be made only in cases of extreme emergencies, Howe said.

"The coal dealers believe that adoption of the five-day week by other employers will do much to meritorily as accompanist. Arthur W. Mason will direct the program."

## 30-MINUTE WILD WEST THRILLER STAGED IN CITY

Youths Pull Holdup, Are  
Caught, Confess, and  
Booked in Half Hour.

In less than thirty minutes Tuesday night three youths went through experiences that sound like a dime detective story.

According to their confessions, robbed a youth and a girl, fled to the river bottoms north of Indianapolis, were arrested, had confessed the crime and were charged with auto banditry and robbery in that time.

Deputy sheriffs sought the trio after report that Luther McCoy, 17, Fifty-ninth street and Michigan road, and his companion, Miss Pauline Tegarden, 16, R. R. 17, Box 133, were robbed of about \$4 and jewelry while walking near McCoy's house.

Two squads of deputies sought the bandits and Deputies Charles McCallister and Gilbert Thomas, found them on Riverside road. The officers carried a description of the bandit car.

The deputies arrested Clarence Brown, 21, of R. R. 18, Box 304-B; Irvin Wissen, 19, of 960 Eugene street, and George Butler, 19, of 1442 Herschell street.

Search of the youths revealed the money, but deputies could find no revolver in their possession.

Weapons Are Found  
Reaching under the dashboard, McCallister found the weapons, a .25-caliber automatic pistol and a .32-caliber revolver, concealed in a wire cage.

Police today will question the youths in connection with a series of minor robberies north of Broad Ripple last week. Five bullet holes, filled with putty, were found in the rear of the auto.

It is said the youths admitted they had been fired on by police recently, after they had been driving without lights on north side streets. The police car was wrecked in the chase.

## BUS PERMIT IS FOUGHT IN SUIT

Injunction Order Sought by  
Noblesville Operator.

Petition for court orders to declare unlawful the Indiana public service commission order prohibiting a bus line, this petition was filed in the Indianapolis circuit court today.

Asking the court to vacate the commission's orders and enjoin their enforcement, the suit alleges the Robert E. Tishner, Noblesville, from operating a bus line between that city and Indianapolis was filed Tuesday in superior court two.

Tishner, according to the suit, filed a petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a bus line. This petition was denied March 5 in a commission order signed by Jere West, a commission member. It is alleged also that Tishner's plea for a rehearing before the commission was refused.

Willard E. Jewell, director of Christian education for the Indiana Baptist convention, presided at a conference which sought to work out plans for putting the institute here, serving six states, in the same class with great missionary conferences now held in Lake Geneva, Wis.; Silver Bay, N. Y., and other centers.

Addressing the meeting Tuesday night, Dr. John Milton Moore, New York, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in North America, declared: "Christians who really mean to promote the Christian way of life must rebuke by voice and vote any leader, any political party, any commercial system, any industrial group, laboristic or capitalistic, that sacrifices fellowship for gain."

FUND GROUP TO MEET  
Jewish Welfare Drive Members to Gather at Kirshbaum.

Pre-campaign meeting of 300 workers and captains in the 1931 Jewish Welfare Fund drive, which will open Friday, will be held at Kirshbaum Community Center, Thursday.

Speakers at the meeting will include Rabbi H. Milton Steinberg, Morris M. Feuerlicht, Samuel Cohen, and Samuel I. Katz. Funds derived from the welfare campaign will be used for maintenance of more than seventy institutions.

They have a velvety, blue-black color, and were stolen from the pond while just plain goldfish cavorted about undisturbed.

Gemmer has some definite ideas about the thief.

"After I talked to police and they told me bird baths and other yard equipment has been stolen in the neighborhood recently, I've decided the fellows that stole my fish probably are outfitting a yard at less than wholesale costs," he said.

Search for the fish presented a difficult job for police, who sought aid from fish lovers who might show them a drawing or picture of Moors.

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## Gets Paris Trip



E. Kirk McKinney

## M'KINNEY GETS TRIP TO FRANCE

Works Board Head to Take  
Place of Mayor.

Unable to leave his office, Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan today named E. Kirk McKinney, president of the works board, to take his place with the mayor's office.

The mayor will cross the Atlantic on the French line flagship, Ile de France, sailing May 15. The trip is an expression of gratitude of the French government for reception accorded the Transatlantic fliers, Costes and Bellonte, who stopped at Indianapolis.

Representatives of the steamship company this afternoon will present McKinney with tickets and the invitation from France to visit that country. Mrs. McKinney will accompany her husband.

The mayor will deliver the chief address, and Dr. Alely will announce winners of scholarships and awards.

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## GREAT FRENCH FAIR IS READY FOR OPENING

Impressive Exhibits Are  
Placed and Approved  
by President.

BY STEWART BROWN  
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, May 6.—An emergency force of 10,000 laborers worked all Tuesday night in an effort to complete exhibits at the International Colonial Exposition, which was to be inaugurated today by President Gaston Doumergue.

The exhibits of Holland, Italy and Belgium were most impressive among the displays, except for that of France. The United States, Denmark, Spain and Portugal have more modest representation among the other nations participating.

The great exhibition at the Bois de Vincennes, on the outskirts of Paris, will be opened to the public Thursday.

Prior to the ceremonies, the president walked through all exhibits, climbed the hundreds of steps leading to the great replica of the Buddhist temple at Angkor, which dominates the other pavilions in the forest; approved the colonial simplicity in the perfect reproduction of Mount Vernon, which houses the American exhibit, and praised the architectural gem which Italy created in reproduction of the basilica of Septimus Severus and the seven towers of Rhodes.

Later there was a cavalcade of colonial troops, probably unique in military history. Great stalwart Senegalese, taller and more muscled than Frenchmen, in their red and black uniforms; Anamites and others from the east, with rice-cone helmets; Tunisians, Algerians, and Moroccans in flowing white burnouses.

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