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Increasing cloudiness tonight probably followed by thundershowers Wednesday; rising temperatures.

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CITY RACKET KINGS POCKET OVER MILLION EACH YEAR IN 'SMALL-TIME' LOTTERIES

Quarter, Half and Dollar-a-Week Boys Pour Steady Stream of Wealth Into Coffers of Pool Operators.

THOUSANDS INTO SLOT MACHINES

Baseball Ticket Game, Too, Has Grip on Multitude and Chances of Winning Are Remote at Best.

A quarter, half dollar or a dollar a week for fifty-two weeks.

And, at the end of a year, the small-time gambling fraternity of Indianapolis has dumped more than \$1,000,000 into the pockets of racketeers who sell tickets in nine pools.

This figure does not include other pools that may be operated quietly among workmen, tickets of which have not come to the attention of The Times.

Nor does it include the enormous number of baseball pool tickets that are printed by the millions and sold both in the winter and summer to those who have an insatiable desire to gamble in nickel and dime lots.

This figure does not include the hundreds and hundreds of dollars—in nickels, dimes and quarters—that literally pour in the money cavities of slot machines that are distributed throughout Indianapolis and Marion county.

Operators of the pools, including those on sporting events, ranging from baseball to the state high school basketball meet, shrug their shoulders and smile when accused of racketeering.

Their answer is: "The people want them. We don't take their money, they hand it to us."

Winning Chances Remote

Prizes in the working men's pools run from \$2 to \$500 for weekly prizes with grand monthly prizes as high as \$1,500.

The pools are paid off by winning combinations of numbers and letters and thousands of combinations supposedly are in the drawing box when the selection of winners takes place.

Chances for winning are remote at best and, although majority of the operators claim their pools are on the "up and up," many nibblers in Indianapolis have had the dire experience of buying in fake pools or bona fide propositions where the agents, following the detour or human nature, have collected a few thousands and skipped.

He Takes the "Gravy"

On foreign derbies it often is the quaint custom of a local agent to sell, for instance, fifty books and ship the returns of ten or so in his pocket without turning them in. This is "gravy" in addition to the commission one gets for selling the ones turned in to the promoters.

When depression hit the country, it is shown that many persons, acquainted with pool operations, took jobs as agents, making their weekly collections regularly. If, in addition to the minimum number on which they receive commissions, the dealer should pick up a few extra customers, the operator often donates his agent a ticket or so.

Often a small player wonders why the agent gets the prize he needs so badly. Any one in possession of a dozen tickets naturally stands a better chance of cleaning up than the poor man with one.

Baseball pools are sold in barber shops, drug stores, groceries, pool-rooms and even on streets throughout the city.

Children Are Affected

Several attempts have been made to halt the slot machine racket in Indianapolis, but they generally have met with failure. The racketeers' alibi is that the customers gets the fun of seeing the wheels turn and the gum or mints drop out of the machine.

Community leaders have released their ire on the time again on slot machines in drug stores, where they are accessible to boys and girls in grade and high schools.

In one north side store recently a boy, not over 5, was crying. He begged his companions to "give me a nickel so I can put it in here." His companions might have been 8 years old.

Reports have reached authorities that the slot machine racket has gained such a foothold that one man who attempted to install some throughout the county received the following message:

"Don't try it. Guys get bumped off for that."

He did not install his machines.

Road 40 Paving Contract Let
Contract for paving 2.6 miles of U. S. Road 40 from near Richmond to the Ohio state line today was awarded Hinton & Small Co., Cetina, Okla., firm by the state highway commission on a bid of \$40,790.

A Useful Life

First of a series of stories on the life and police career of Jerry Kinney, Indianapolis police chief, who died this morning, will appear in The Times Tuesday.

Kinney was recognized as one of the nation's outstanding peace officers, and his career was one of the most colorful in America's police annals.

It will be written by men who had long association with Mr. Kinney in his work.

Time's Up Soon

Thousands of votes have been received in The Times-Lyric contest to send the most popular high school boy, girl and teacher on a free trip to Washington.

There'll be thousands more today and tomorrow, for the deadline is Wednesday at midnight, so rush yours in now, and help your favorite. You can get your coupons, worth 100 votes each, at the Lyric. Don't waste any time, or your choice may lose.

'GOES TO MAT' ON TOW-IN LAW

Rebellious Driver Staves Off Fine by Bond.

"Honor" of being the first motorist to flout the new traffic code in Indianapolis, today fell upon Paul K. Thierly, 38, of 2338 Central avenue.

Thierly parked his car early today at Market and Illinois streets. It was towed-in. Going to police headquarters, Thierly refused to pay the fine and tow-in charges. He also told police that the brakes of his car were set and if there was any damage to the auto he "intended to make some one pay the costs."

When Thierly was informed he would have to appear in court Wednesday, he told officers he was leaving the city for two weeks and intended to have his car before he left.

After the first storm had blown over, Captain Lewis Johnson entered over, Captain Lewis Johnson entered the fray as peacemaker.

The result was Thierly posted \$25 cash bond for alleged violation of the new ordinance and was permitted to regain possession of his car.

His case has been postponed until his return to the city.

TEXAS BEGINS CUTTING RECORD WHEAT CROP

Lone Star State Yield Heaviest in History; Home Labor Adequate.

By United Press

NEW YORK, June 9.—Major Maurice Campbell, former prohibition administrator for this district, announced today that he had filed specific charges with President Hoover against Seymour J. Lowman, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition activities.

Campbell, now editor of the magazine Repeal, said his charges are based largely on data contained in a series of articles written by him and published in the late New York World, soon after he retired as prohibition administrator.

One of the chief charges Campbell makes is that Lowman, before his vigilance in the supervision of certain New York breweries, and informed him that he was keeping New York city too dry.

The Texas crop will be around 41,000,000 bushels, with from 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 bushels from the plains of the panhandle. The yield per acre this year is the greatest in twenty years.

Adequate labor already is available and authorities are discouraging any invasion of hands from other sections.

GETS DEGREE BY RADIO

Bucknell Graduate, Ill in Camp, Tunes In on Commencement.

By United Press

LEWISBURG, Pa., June 9.—John T. Anderson, member of the graduating class of Bucknell university, received his degree by radio yesterday, when a class of 254 was graduated at the institution.

Anderson was stricken ill prior to the commencement exercises and was removed to Devitt's Camp at Allegheny, twenty miles from the school. His hospital cot was connected by radio with the scene of the graduation at the Bucknell quadrangle for the ceremonies.

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