

ELWOOD POLICE DECLARED LAX WITH DRY LAW

Prosecutor Warns Mayor Grand Jury Will Make Investigation.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 25.—Charles E. Smith, prosecuting attorney of Madison county, promises a grand jury investigation into alleged lax law enforcement at Elwood following a wrangle with Mayor George Bonham.

Planning a "show down," Mayor Bonham called a meeting of the police board and invited the prosecutor and his Elwood deputy, Thomas Davies, to appear and state their complaints. The prosecutor's office, however, was not represented, so the mayor and the police board discussed the situation.

Following the one-sided meeting, the mayor and board members corroborated in two separate statements. The mayor suggested that the prosecutor act on the alleged information, while the police board backed up the mayor and the police department in their enforcement program and declared it welcomed an investigation.

Statements credited to the deputy prosecutor and sustained by the prosecuting attorney, are as follows:

"Mayor Bonham and certain other persons are using undue influence in an Elwood liquor case which is pending in Anderson city court."

That all of the evidence obtained in a raid at the home of Lawrence Humphreys at Elwood a few months ago disappeared.

That the prosecuting attorney's office listed ninety-eight bootleggers in Elwood and can not get the police to act against them.

That warrants are heaped high at police headquarters without being served.

Evidence Not Delivered

The prosecutor said:

"Relative to the Humphreys' whisky, I recall when Mayor Bonham and Sergeant Brown of the Elwood police department came to my office and asked me to file the case in Anderson city court. The affidavit was prepared and signed by Brown in my office and the case was filed there."

"I told Mayor Bonham and Brown at that time to deliver the whisky taken in the Humphreys' raid to me so it could be used as evidence at the trial. The liquor never arrived and has not to this day. Later I sent a registered letter to the chief of police at Elwood advising him to deliver the contraband whisky immediately because Humphreys had taken an appeal and the liquor would be necessary as evidence in circuit court. I also know where the liquor was kept and how it was just recently arranged so they could boast that the liquor is now ready to be delivered to my office."

The prosecutor hinted at other charges which he indicated would be laid before the grand jury.

BANK QUIETLY CLOSED

Wolf Lake Depositors Told to Get Their Money.

By Times Special
WOLF LAKE, Ind., July 25.—Investigation of the cost of poor relief in Center township, in which Muncie is located, is being made by the Delaware county grand jury.

Charges that excessive prices were charged by grocers in filling poor relief baskets, made by the late Charles A. Van Matre, before the county commissioners, are the basis of the probe. It is understood, George L. Hawkins, township trustee, is now in Salt Lake City, it is said.

Examiners from the state board of accounts are understood to be assisting Prosecutor Paul Leffler in the inquiry.

In instructing the jurors, Judge L. A. Guthrie charged them to inquire into the "wilful misconduct in office of any public official."

Eighty-two witnesses have been summoned.

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STATE NATIVES LEAD HOOISER ILLITERACY LIST

Foreign Born and Negroes Less Than Half of Total.

With 43,721 persons above ten years of age unable to read and write, Indiana ranks thirteenth among the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia in having least illiteracy. During the past decade illiteracy dropped from 52,034 until now 1.7 per cent of the population cannot read and write.

There are 22,510 native white illiterates in Indiana, more than the number of native white illiterates in the state of Mississippi, showing that 50 per cent of the problem deals with persons indigenous to the soil.

There are twelve counties within the state with more than 600 illiterates in each. These are Clark, Lawrence, Madison, Henry, Knox, Alien, Laporte, Vigo, Vanderburgh, St. Joseph, Marion and Lake. The number of illiterates in the various counties in the state range from thirty-two in Ohio to 10,135 in Lake. There are now in the state 13,536 foreign-born white illiterates, 5,605 Negro illiterates, and 2,070 constituting other races.

Indiana is aligned with forty-two other states in the District of Columbia in having a state advisory committee on illiteracy in order to give special attention to the problem.

The Indiana committee is composed of U. G. Weatherly, Bloomington; George L. Roberts, Lafayette; D. T. Cushman, Muncie; E. R. Ramsey, Terre Haute; William A. Wirt, Gary; Miss Mattie Frye, Anderson; Forest A. Harness, Kokomo; Howard C. Smith, Indianapolis; Dr. W. A. Miller, Crawfordsville; Lee O. Baird, Muncie; Mrs. E. O. Hall, Auburn; Mrs. Homer J. Miller, South Bend; Fred Hoke, Indianapolis; Dr. Kenosha Sessions, Clermont; C. A. McGonagle, Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Julian D. Hogate, Danville; Ralph N. Threy, Bloomington; Father Francis H. Gavish, Indianapolis; Babe Hammel, who died of tuberculosis, and Paul Harlen, killed in an airplane accident.

William B. Schlosser, 15, is Frankfort's new Eagle Scout. He attained the rank, the highest in Boy Scout work, by winning twenty-four merit badges. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Schlosser.

POOR RELIEF COST PROBED

Grand Jury Investigation Opens at Muncie.

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RELIC MAY BE MOVED

First Richmond School House May Be Brought to Park Front.

By Times Special

RICHMOND, Ind., July 25.—A proposal will be submitted at the annual reunion of the Harold family in Brownsburg Sunday, Aug. 2, that the first Richmond schoolhouse be moved from its present site at the back of Glen Miller park here to a position at the front of the park.

The school building, a log structure, was the birthplace of Betty Hawkins Harold, a grandmother of Dr. Frank L. Harold of Richmond. It was built in 1812 by her father, Nathan Hawkins.

Governor Will Attend

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., July 25.—Governor Harry H. Woodring of Kansas, has accepted an invitation to attend the reunion of the Woodring family which will be held here Sunday, Aug. 23. Other notables who will attend are Bishop Woodring of the Evangelical Congregational churches of the eastern half of the United States, who lives at Allentown, Pa.; Lieutenant Irving A. Woodring, Rockwell Field, Coronado, Cal., who will fly to Muncie, and Dr. Daniel Wallace Woodring of St. Charles, La., a world war flier.

Mules Cause Chase

By United Press

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., July 25.—Herman, a one-eyed mule, and three companions led a police and citizen posse through Michigan City in an all-night chase before they were finally captured. The mules, owned by a man employed on the Dunes resort highway, were first seen eating flowers and shrubbery on a lawn here. A posse, formed to capture the animals, took to automobiles.

Accused Officer Resigns

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., July 25.—Jake Thixton has resigned as Gary police lieutenant without waiting for a hearing on charges of disloyalty and insubordination filed by Mayor R. O. Johnson. He was accused by the major of writing a letter derogatory to the city administration at a time when a grand jury was investigating an alleged connection of police with vice and liquor law violators.

Hoosier Made Partner

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., July 25.—Pleads of not guilty to liquor charges were entered by three persons arrested at a river camp occupied by Mrs. Etta Van Orman, She, John Tunney and Berg Pulp entered the pleas. Raiding officers said they found six gallons of whisky at the camp.

Liquor Guilt Denied

By Times Special

DECATUR, Ind., July 25.—H. R. Daniel, formerly of Decatur, has been made a partner in E. D. Babcock & Co., investment securities firm. He resigned as vice-president and director of S. W. Straus & Co. to accept the place. He presents a radio feature as "financial editor of the Newspaper of the Air."

Electric Shock Fatal

By Times Special

BEDFORD, Ind., July 25.—Injuries suffered when he came in contact with a wire carrying 2,200 volts of electricity caused death of Clifford R. Hawkins, 36.

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