

P. T. A. LEARNS SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCE PLIGHT

Groups Ask Improvements; Commissioners Are Without Funds.

Parent-Teacher Association delegations from two Indianapolis elementary schools today realized the dilemma facing the school board, after attending the board's regular meeting Tuesday night to ask improvements.

"We need a new building," asserted Mrs. Fred Mass, spokesman for School No. 20, P. T. A. "Our present building is more than forty years old, our stairways are distinct fire hazards, the building is in an insanitary condition, and the lighting conditions are deplorable."

"We are making a plea for a long-needed addition," said H. B. Dykes, School No. 34 spokesman, "because there is not one extra inch of space at the school. We have been forced to use the platform system (part time school attendance) because of these conditions."

Willing, but broke
"The school board," said Russell Willson, president, "wants you to know that it realizes fully your troubles. The board is in sympathy with you, but we want you to know, too, that we are helpless. We have no funds to promise anything at any time."

This board wants to improve these school buildings, but the state tax commission has the last word. We'd like to promise these two delegations that we will do something, but we can't. It costs money—money that we haven't got."

Needed redecoration of three elementary schools at a cost of \$18,103, as recommended by H. F. Osler, superintendent of buildings and grounds, was deferred by the board, which approved his recommendation for three emergency repair jobs.

Osler's department was authorized to repair a "dangerous" fire wall at school No. 2. Osler will take down eighty-five feet of four-foot wall and rebuild it. Estimated cost is \$355.

Roof to Be Fixed

Replacement of 121 radiator valves at school No. 15 was approved. Estimated cost is \$315. Osler reported that the roof of school No. 70 is leaking badly and repairs, totaling \$508, were approved. Redeclaration of school No. 43, school No. 20 and school No. 24 was deferred, while commissioners decided to launch a survey to determine the extent of emergency repairs needed, and to see whether painting can not be delayed still further.

With the schools deteriorating rapidly, the board is approaching a crisis. Operating on a maintenance and repair budget, cut to the bone by the state tax commission, the board apparently does not know which way to turn.

Research Director Named

Osler pointed out that his recommendations merely represented his efforts to keep up a schedule for redecoration, which already has fallen far behind.

The board appointed Perry W. Holaday to the vacant post of director of research for the city schools. The appointment is effective only for the current semester. The post has been vacant since the resignation of Murray Dalman more than three years ago. The salary is \$3,000 a year.

The report of Paul C. Stelson, superintendent of schools, listing fifteen appointments, eight resignations, three reappointments, one evening school appointment, seven student assistants and one return from leave of absence, was approved.

Approve \$150,000 Loan

Stelson reported that "for the first time in many years, the reorganization of schools for the new semester took place with no additional appointments, in spite of an increase in the pupil roll."

A temporary loan of \$150,000 from six Indianapolis banks at 6 per cent interest was approved. The banks are the Fletcher American National bank, Fletcher Trust Company, Indiana National, Indiana Trust, Merchants National and Union Trust. Purchase of bonds totaling \$40,480.40 also was approved, on recommendation of A. B. Good, business director.

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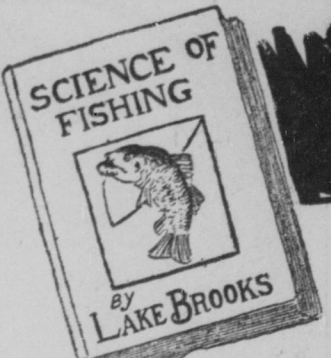
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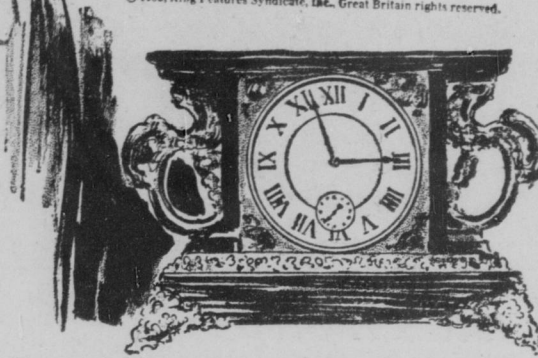
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Following is the explanation of Ripley's "Believe It or Not," which appeared in Tuesday's Times:

Stolen Houses—An amazing story of how modern "pirates" stole six two-story houses and wrecked eight others, came to light in December, 1931, in Washington, when the razing company sent the District of Columbia a bill for stolen property.

The piracy took place at First

and I streets, where fourteen houses had been purchased on a site to be made into a playground. The police of the precinct were the first to discover the "theft" when it was noticed that the wreckers were leaving the demolished houses in a dangerous condition.

Complaint was registered with the contractors, but it developed that they had not at all started

operations. The house thieves then were arrested and held for investigation.

Thursday—A Horseshoe Nailed to an Egg.

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BEAUTY IS FOUND IN THIS SHAKESPEARE

Maude Adams Brings Her Charm and Otis Skinner His Fine Artistry to 'The Merchant of Venice.'

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

IT is something these days to sit in a theater and hold a program stating that Maude Adams is the Portia and Otis Skinner is the Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice." Memories of "Peter Pan" and the "Little Minister" along with "The Honor of the Family" rushed through my mind last night at English's.

I know when the tears came to the eyes of Portia when Bassanio was choosing the caskets, one of which would give him greatest happiness and the other two would put a lifelong ache in the hearts of two people, my eyes filled with tears.

And there were many others in the theater who reacted the same way. Because in Miss Adams is one of the loveliest institutions on the American stage. An institution which has not been functioning for many, many years. A star of the tenderness and most lovely memories. And the years have not dimmed the smile and the radiance of this wonderful woman. When she parted the curtains on her first entrance in the third scene of the first act, I have not felt the same when I saw late Duse on her last tour.

Oh, here is history working again through the charm, artistry and personality of a great woman. And the tremendous ovation given Miss Adams proved once again that she is loved as much today as in the days of a distant past.

Her Portia is a womanly Portia. One who understands the great demands of a great love. This was beautifully brought out in the two casket scenes. When undesirable suitors like the Prince of Morocco and others brought on a wave of delightful comedy acting on the part of Miss Adams.

And when Bassanio hesitated before the golden casket, I felt I could hear the heartbeats of love of Portia. Here was vivid acting. In the court scene when Shylock was demanding his pound of flesh, Portia was again the woman, begging Shylock for mercy and compassion.

I have seen many Portias, including that of Bernhardt, when she was playing the woman lawyer with only one limb. I find no fault with the womanly Portia.

The same can be said of Skinner's Shylock, as I have seen Warfield, Arliss, Mantell, Leiber and others, and the poorest Shylock of the lot was that of Warfield, according to my opinion.

The makeup of Skinner's Shylock is masterful and he asks no compassion for the man when he stands stripped of his worldly goods before the duke in the court scene. His Shylock is crafty, cruel and he hates honestly those who would spit on him.

Skinner arose to his greatest heights when he finds that his daughter Jessica had fled from his

home with his beloved ducats. All the pride of his race rebels against this thrust at his home and race. It was interesting to watch the work of Louis Polan as the prince of Morocco, the Antonio of Charles Francis, and the Gratiano of Barry O'Neill.

The cast is as follows:
The Duke of Venice Robert Harrison
The Prince of Morocco Louis Polan
The Prince of Arrazon Frank Henderson
Antonio Charles Francis
Bassanio Jerome Fowler
Salario Byron Russell
Lorenzo Lorne Searles
Gratiano Barry O'Neill
Shylock Otis Skinner
Tubal David Stone
Launcelot Gobbo Joseph Lurain
Old Gobbo Al Hutton
Leonardo, servant to Bassanio Theodore Zarkovich
Belshazzar, servant to Portia Byron Harris
Portia Maude Adams
Jessica Audrey Gidyczell
Jessica Cynthia Blake
Also lighting system used and designed by Miss Adams. This is really revolutionary. I never have seen a better "Merchant of Venice" from a scenic standpoint.

Also the incidental music helps to give the right atmosphere. Once again the good, grand days of the theater are back with us since Miss Adams and Mr. Skinner teamed up for "The Merchant of Venice." At English's this afternoon and night.

"Der Liebes Express," meaning "The Love Express," opens a two day engagement today at the Circle. It is all in German.

Other theaters today offer: "Michael and Mary" at Keith's; Webb and Lane company at the Lyric; "Union Depot" at the Indiana; "Tonight or Never" at the Palace; "Dance Team" at the Apollo, and burlesque at the Mutual.

Neighborhood theaters tonight offer: "Ben Hur" at the Terminal; "Blonde Crazy" at the Alamo; "Smiling Lieutenant" at the Tacoma; "Beloved Bachelor" at the Daisy; "Flying High" at the Hollywood; "East of Borneo" at the Stratford; "The Guardsman" at the Talbot; "Touchdown" at the Tuxedo; "Yellow Ticket" at the Irving; "Caught" at the Belmont; "Cisco Kid" at the Orpheum; "Traveling Husbands" at the Hamilton, and "High Stakes" at the Mecca.

J. K. LILLY RETIRES FROM PRESIDENCY

Veteran Head of Drug Firm Is Made Board Chairman.

Retirement of J. K. Lilly Sr. from the presidency of Eli Lilly & Co., a position he had held for thirty-four years, was announced at a meeting of the stockholders Tuesday.

Directors immediately elected him chairman of the board. Elected to the presidency of the company was Eli Lilly, son of the retiring president and grandson of the founder of the company.

Two men, J. K. Lilly Jr., and Charles J. Lynn, former secretary, became vice-presidents. Nicholas H. Noyes, former treasurer, was named secretary-treasurer, with Carl F. Everleigh as assistant.

REFUND IS ORDERED

Producers' Commission to Get Back \$40,000.

Members of the Indiana Producers Commission Association will receive a cash refund of 25 per cent of the commission fees paid last year, it was announced at the annual meeting of the organization Tuesday at the Severin.

The decision will mean approximately \$40,000 to association members.

Members shipped 31 per cent of the livestock received in the Indianapolis market during 1931, according to the annual report.

Elected to the board of directors were Frank Kettering of Danville, Ill.; Lee R. Highlen of Liberty Center and Charles Spencer, vice-

president of the organization. Highlen fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Oscar Swank of Crawfordsville.

GIVEN DISTRIBUTORSHIP

Pearson Piano Company Will Be Dealer for Kelvinators.

Distributorship for Kelvinator refrigerators in seven Indiana counties has been granted to the Pearson

Piano Company, 128 North Pennsylvania street, according to recent announcement.

Included in the territory in which the Pearson company will have charge of all wholesale business are: Marion, Hancock, Fayette, Rush, Shelby, Johnson and Morgan counties.

This new department is directed by B. V. Hinshaw, manager of the radio department store.

STAR VALUES JANUARY SALES Just 27 of the Many Values for Thursday

Congoleum Rugs THURSDAY ONLY \$4.95 Were priced \$9.99 Genuine Gold Seal—drop patterns. 9x12 Size.	Bedsread Sets THURSDAY ONLY \$6.95 Friday will be \$9.95 Quilted rayon with shirring and ruffles.	Smoker THURSDAY ONLY \$5.95 Friday will be \$7.75 With drawer and 2 removable stands.	Living Room Suite THURSDAY ONLY \$99.75 Quantity Limited Comfortable 3-pc. suite. Mohair cover.	Rug Cushion THURSDAY ONLY \$3.75 9x12 or 8 1/4x10 1/4 One-quarter inch thick. Bound edges.
A Metal Bed THURSDAY ONLY \$4.95 Friday will be \$8.50 Neat design with paneled ends, dark brown finish.	Gas Stove THURSDAY ONLY \$10.95 Friday will be \$14.95 3-Burner stove with oven below.	Fish Aquarium THURSDAY ONLY \$1.00 A \$2.89 Value Large glass bowl on strong metal stand.	High Chair THURSDAY ONLY \$1.69 Quantity Limited Sturdily built chair. Dark oak finish.	Occasional Chair THURSDAY ONLY \$10.95 Very Fine Chair. Fine frieze and mohair covers.
End Table THURSDAY ONLY \$1.00 Extra Special A clever little table in dark walnut finish.	High Chest THURSDAY ONLY \$9.95 Friday will be \$14.75 Has 5 large drawers and 2 small ones. Dark walnut finish.	Floor Covering THURSDAY ONLY 39c Per Square Yard 6 Feet wide. Felt base. Heavy quality. Beautiful patterns.	Occasional Table THURSDAY ONLY \$6.95 Friday will be \$9.95 Beautifully styled table in dark walnut finish.	All-Felt Mattress THURSDAY ONLY \$5.95 Friday will be \$9.95 Full or twin size. Roll edge. Art ticking.
Cedar Chest THURSDAY ONLY \$15.95 Friday will be \$18.95 Window seat model. Outside of walnut veneer.	Desk Chairs THURSDAY ONLY \$2.98 Friday will be \$4.50 Sturdy chair of Colonial design. Dark walnut finish.	Wool-Faced Rugs THURSDAY ONLY \$16.95 9x12 Size Heavy quality. Fringed ends. Colorful patterns.	Baby Crib THURSDAY ONLY \$6.95 Pad \$3.95 Large size. Paneled ends. Green or ivory.	Console Mirror THURSDAY ONLY \$2.95 Friday will be \$4.50 Beautiful semi-Venetian style. Etched designs.
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