

## L. J. WILLHOFF, LONG ACTIVE IN POLITICS, DEAD

Orphans Home Secretary  
for 26 Years; Rites  
Set Wednesday.

Lawrence J. Willhoff, 64, prominent in Democratic politics, died Sunday at his home, 953 English avenue. He was a life-long resident of Indianapolis.

Mr. Willhoff was a member of the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, Prospect Lodge No. 714, F. & A. M., Aerie No. 211, F. O. E., and the Second Reformed church.

He was secretary of the General Protestant Orphans' home twenty-six years.

Funeral services, in charge of the Rev. George P. Kehl, will be held at 1:30 Wednesday in the Second Reformed church. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

### Two Sisters Survive

Surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. Albert Schumacher and Miss Louise Willhoff.

Funeral services for David Hume Steele, 56, who died Sunday at his home, 5549 Guilford avenue, will be held at 10 Tuesday in the residence.

Mr. Steele was assistant manager of the Victor Furniture Company. Born in Quincy, Ill., he came to Indianapolis thirty years ago. He had been associated with the Victor company twenty-nine years.

Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

Following apparent recovery from internal injuries suffered when struck by a street car Feb. 3, John F. Barrett, 60, died Saturday at his home, 4259 College avenue.

### Headed Fuel Company

Mr. Barrett was president of the Barrett Coal and Fuel Company, which he established thirty-five years ago.

He was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church and the Hoosier Athletic Club. He was active in politics several years.

Funeral services will be held in the home at 8:30 Tuesday and at 9 in St. Joan of Arc church. The Rev. Maurice O'Connor, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Arthur Stedman Pearce, 45, a native of England and employee of the Pennsylvania railroad, died Sunday morning in his home, 143 West Thirty-third street.

### Born in England

Mr. Pearce was born in Guilford, Surrey, England. Christian Science funeral services will be held at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, 25 West Fall Creek boulevard, at 4:30 Tuesday. Cremation will follow.

Funeral services for Charles E. Ferrell, 66, who died Saturday night in his home, 4515 Park avenue, will be held at 2 Tuesday in the Kirby & Dunn undertaking establishment, 1901 North Meridian street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Ferrell, born in Greens Fork, had been connected with the Indianapolis Life Insurance Company twenty-five years. At his death, he was superintendent of the eastern division.

### John R. Peters Dies

A week's illness resulted in the death Sunday night of John R. Peters, 21, in his home, 227 East Fall Creek boulevard. He had lived in Indianapolis seven years, having come here from Danville, Ill., where he was born.

He was a graduate of Shortridge high school, and a former student at Butler university. He was a second lieutenant, quartermaster corps, officers' reserve corps of the army. He formerly was manager of the St. Clair and the Ritz theaters.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Funeral services for Stephen E. Lee, 71, of 4444 Guilford avenue, former assistant state geologist, who died Saturday, were to be held at 2:30 today in Advent Episcopal church, of which he was a member. Burial was to be in Crown Hill cemetery.

### FOWLER TO BE SPEAKER

Former Publicity Manager to Address Delta Upsilon.

"After Office Hours in Europe" will be the topic of Volney B. Fowler, former publicity manager for General Motors Export Company, in a speech before the annual state banquet of Delta Upsilon Saturday night at the Claypool.

Fowler toured more than 5,500 miles in Europe as part of his work. Delta Upsilon chapters from DePauw, Indiana, and Purdue universities will be represented. A dance will follow.

### KOKOMO MOVIE BOMBED

Labor Trouble Blamed for Blast; Damage Is Slight.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 14.—A bomb exploded at the rear of the Indiana theater here Sunday night, but damage was slight and no one was injured. The management blamed labor trouble.

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

R. P. Bellows, Rockford, Ill., Ford sedan, 1931, 4-door, from 94th and Harrison; A. R. Richardson, 1931, Ford, Chevroletoon, 4-door, from Franklin, Ind.; C. E. Moore, Company, Kokomo, Ind., De Soto sedan, from Meridian and Vermon streets; A. R. Young, R. R. 1, Box 338, Chevrolet coupe, 62-628, from Southport, Ind.; D. C. Gandy, 1931, Ford, from Greycaster, Ind., 59-564, from 710 North West street.

Edgar Keen, 30, 131 South Catherine street, Ford coupe, 531-778, from West street and Indiana avenue.

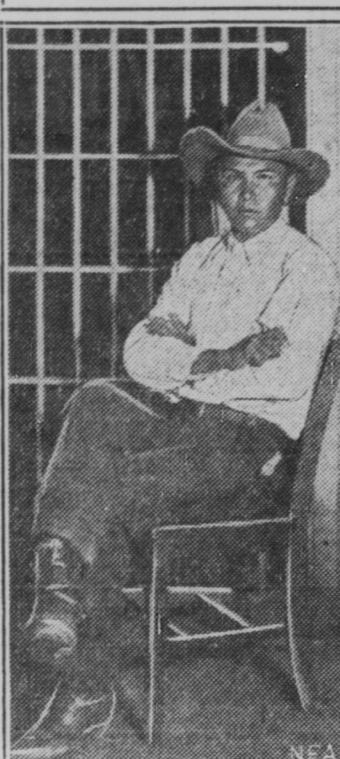
### BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Red Cab Company, 739 East Market street, Ford Tudor, found in rear of cab company's office.

C. C. Brown, Brownshire, Ind., Chevrolet coupe, found at Twenty-third street and Manlove avenue.

## Apache Herder Is On Trial in Co-Ed Slaying



## NEGRO CLAIMING HE'S JOHN SHAW TO DIE IN CHAIR

Figure in Brutal Murder  
Here Is Convicted in  
Tennessee.

John Thomas Shaw, who insists he is the same Negro who was acquitted Jan. 30, 1926, of the murder here of Mrs. Helen Hager Whelchel, young white woman, was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Nashville, Tenn., today, according to press dispatches. Execution was set for May 20.

He was convicted of murdering Mary Lee Foster, 12, Negro, who died Dec. 9, after a criminal attack.

Despite the Tennessee prisoner's claim, W. S. Henry, local Negro attorney, who was chief counsel in the three trials of the Whelchel case defendant, doubts he is the same.

His view is shared by James Curley, cousin of the local Negro, who says he attended the trial of Shaw in Nashville.

The local men declare the Negro acquitted of slaying Mrs. Whelchel is living in Cleveland, O., under another name.

Body of Mrs. Whelchel was found beneath a Big Four railroad bridge four and one-half miles west of Indianapolis, Nov. 28, 1923. She had been strangled and beaten. Police believed she had been kidnapped in an automobile near her home.

Bloodstains on Shaw's automobile and his possession of jewelry belonging to the dead woman led to his arrest, Dec. 2, on a charge of murder. He insisted he bought the jewelry from "Hunkie John" Aaron, whose name was mentioned in the statement of the Negro at Nashville. The third trial, also held at Martinsville, brought acquittal.

## LEGISLATORS WILL PONDER TAX PLAN

Relief Proposals Will Be  
Sent Lawmakers for  
for Study.

Copies of the official report of the citizens' tax relief committee, containing recommendations announced Saturday, for attempted equalization of the governmental burdens were being prepared today for distribution to members of the general assembly for study and possible ratification.

Meanwhile, Governor Harry G. Leslie, who several months ago announced he would convene the assembly in special session if the majority of members could agree on a tax relief program, is analyzing provisions of the program and awaiting legislators' opinions.

Digest of the report sets out recommendations for a personal income tax (corporations not included); a levy on intangibles; a 25 per cent increase in passenger automobile license fees and 100 per cent

arrest and Shaw was taken to the Indiana state prison at Michigan City for safekeeping.

Shaw was convicted of murder on Christmas eve, 1923, after a trial of five days in Marion criminal court and Judge James A. Collins sentenced him to die in the electric chair July 1, 1924. He was removed to death row at the state prison.

Appeal to the Indiana supreme court was taken by counsel for the Negro, a stay of execution was granted and finally the case was remanded for a new trial in Morgan circuit court at Martinsville on a change of venue. Trial was held in May, 1925, and a jury disagreed. The third trial, also held at Martinsville, brought acquittal.

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Oral arguments in the Vincennes Water Supply company rate case will be heard Friday in federal court before Albert Ward, special master in chancery. Submission of evidence ended Saturday.

The Vincennes company is seeking to block the enforcement of a rate cut ordered by the Indiana public service commission.

## ORAL ARGUMENTS SET

Chancery Master to Hear Water  
Case Friday.

Oral arguments in the Vincennes

## PARTY WHIPS ARE CRACKED ON SALES TAX

Democratic Leaders Seek  
to Force Rebellious Mem-  
bers in Line.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 14.—Party whips cracked in the house today. Democratic leaders were trying to force rebellious members into line on the revolutionary sales tax feature of the new billion-dollar revenue bill.

Displaying a complete change in strategy, the leadership now seeks to force the issue, confident that the opposition to the 2½ per cent tax is ready to collapse of its inability to find and unite on an "adequate" substitute.

Jouett Shouse, executive chairman of the Democratic national committee, Sunday injected the national party organization into the bitter sales tax battle, urging party members to support this feature of the bill.

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