

QUIZ PLUMBER ABOUT WARREN SCHOOL BIDS

Aid Asked to Explain Huge Cost of Dray Service.

Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin closely scrutinized evidence, introduced in circuit court today, charging Warren township taxpayers were burdened with excessive plumbing bills totaling \$20,432, during the two-year regime of William H. Cooper, former trustee.

Evidence disclosed that George H. Rickes, plumbing contractor, charged hundreds of dollars for dray service while repairing water, heating and sanitation systems at the schools.

\$3,669 Is Sought

Rickes is seeking to collect \$3,669, which he alleges, is due for plumbing work.

Cooper is alleged to have employed Rickes for two years without advertising bids or letting a contract as provided by law.

Judge Chamberlin questioned William Pebworth, superintendent for Rickes, regarding a charge of \$9 dray service for transporting seven bolts and five gaskets to a job at one of the schools.

An exhibit, introduced by Merle N. A. Walker, Rickes' attorney, showed three dray trips, at \$3 each, were listed in bills to the township as material costs. They were included in a \$11.40 item, charged for the seven bolts and five gaskets.

Paid Double, Charge

"These seven bolts and gaskets could have been carried in a suitcase, could they not?" Judge Chamberlin asked Pebworth.

Pebworth testified that he received \$1.50 an hour from Rickes, who charged the township \$2.25 an hour for his services.

Chamberlin's questioning revealed that the township paid Pebworth his usual hourly wage, while he made trips hauling materials to the jobs, in addition to the \$3 charge for each trip.

Attorneys for Charles M. Walker, present trustee, introduced evidence showing that townships bills to Rickes in 1930, totaled approximately \$11,000, compared with \$88,45 spent by Walker for plumbing in all schools in 1931.

Dray bills were charged for transporting laborers to jobs, evidence showed, although the workers' time started when they left the shop in Indianapolis.

Fails to Explain

A dray charge of \$3 was made for each day workers were on the job, regardless of whether materials were hauled, it was shown.

"Do you recall?" Chamberlin asked Pebworth, "how it happened charges were made for your full time at two different schools on the same date?"

"I don't remember about that," Pebworth answered.

"Could you be at both places at the same time?" the court asked, but Pebworth failed to explain.

BURGLARY DOESN'T PAY

Four Places Broken Into, But No Loot Is Found.

Burglars operating in one section of the city failed in four attempts, police were advised Monday night. Places broken into were the Nick Kerr department store, 3518 College avenue; Charles Dawden shoe shop, 648 Fairfield avenue; Frank White barber shop, 652 Fairfield avenue, and John Anderson plumbing shop, 656 Fairfield avenue. Nothing was stolen at any of the addresses.

School Bonds Are Sold

The school board today awarded a sale of \$48,000 in 4½ per cent bonds to finance remodeling of the arsenal building at Technical high school to the Fletcher American Company on a bid of \$49,615. The certificates will mature from 1933 to 1956.

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I. U. CADET IS HONORED

William Hornaday of Richmond Wins \$35 Military Prize.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 7.—

According to announcement here today of Colonel O. P. Robinson, commandant of the Indiana university R. O. T. C.

cadet major, won prizes of \$35 and \$15, respectively, for making outstanding grades in the department

also. The prize money is offered

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year course. Hornaday is cadet colonel of the university R. O. T. C. unit.

Ross Barr, cadet officer of the

Indiana university band, and Lee A.

Harper, Indianapolis, R. O. T. C.

cadet major, won prizes of \$25 and

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NYE OIL PROBE PUT 6 MILLION IN U. S. VAULTS

Tax Collections, Saving of
Leases, Net Quarter
of a Billion.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The government has collected nearly \$6,000,000 in cash for back income taxes, penalties and interest, as a result of the Nyne senate investigation of the Continental Trading Company, offshoot of the famous Teapot Dome inquiry.

Of this amount, \$1,398,910.09 was collected in back income taxes and penalties from an unnamed man for Liberty bond holdings disclosed as a side issue of the senate's Continental company investigation. The holder of the bonds was not involved in the Continental company, with Blackmer, O'Neill, Sinclair and Robert W. Stewart, his liability being discovered only incidentally.

In addition, the government has collected \$606,097.18 for back taxes and interest on the bonds held by the Continental company—some of which were traced through Harry Sinclair to former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall. This sum includes a 25 per cent penalty, for failure to file when due.

These collections, in addition to the \$3,669,784 collected recently from Henry M. Blackmer of Paris and Denver for back taxes, and \$60,000 from him for contempt of court in refusing to testify against his friend Sinclair, brings to nearly \$6,000,000 the government's return

from the senate Continental company inquiry.

The Continental inquiry was a follow up on the Teapot Dome-Elk Hills senate investigation, and taking into account the estimated values of the oil leases recovered, and other refunds and payments to the government, a net gain of some three-quarters of a billion dollars is shown.

These figures were disclosed by friends of Senator Gerald P. Nye (Rep., N. D.) here today, in answer to campaign charges of extravagance leveled against him in connection with the Continental investigation.

He headed this inquiry as chairman of the public lands committee. Its appropriation—the "investment" which brought in the \$6,000,000 cash—was \$25,000, for this activity, and some of the appropriation was returned unspent.

Figures show that from the series of oil investigations, led first by Senator Thomas J. Walsh (Dem., Mont.), and later by Nye, a value has been recovered to the government immeasurably larger than the combined costs of all congressional investigations since the establishment of the republic.

Meantime, it is understood, an adjustment is in progress on the disputed income taxes of Sinclair, Stewart, and the late James O'Neill, all associated with Blackmer, the Continental Company, amounting to about \$1,250,000 more.

Rites Wednesday for Davis

Funeral services for Auburn E. Davis, 35, of 417 North Euclid avenue, who died Saturday after an illness of more than a year, will be held at 2 Wednesday afternoon at the Englewood Christian church of which he was a member. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Eileen Davis, and a daughter Jean.

\$12 every single day during the contest in daily cash prizes, plus chance to win. Complete details in The Times today.

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CHURCH UNION TO MEET

Slovenian Catholics to Convene in City July 25 to Aug. 5.

The South Slovenian Catholic Union will be guests of Indianapolis at a meeting here July 25 to Aug. 5 in Holy Trinity church, 902 North Holmes avenue.

Three thousand persons from all

sections of the nation are expected to attend. Anton Beranich is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Other workers in charge of the convention are: Joseph Gacnik, president of the Indianapolis unit of the Slovenian Catholic Union; Frank Krefel, member of the officials board, and Louis Sneideric and Frank Velekan.

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