

## DEPRESSION IS TURNING MANY TO INVENTING

Thousands More New Devices Are Registered Than in Days of Prosperity.

BY HARRY FERGUSON  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Things being the way they are these days, more and more of our fellow countrymen are turning to inventing. Most of them seem to be working on bottle openers and indestructible buttons, although baby carriages are getting a good run.

The federal patent office reported today that 1,305 patents were issued last month, and in 1931 a total of 51,766 applications were granted. That was an increase of more than 10,000 over the days of 1927, when a fellow was busy clipping coupons.

**Musical Traffic Signal**  
Every year since the depression, there has been an increasing number of patents granted. It is painful to report that most of our inventors are rank materialists, interested only in perfecting some device that will bring in money.

An exception is the esthetic dreamer who has patented a musical traffic signal. The bottle-opener gets abreast of the times. This is a political year and a well-informed inventor has turned out an opener that is an elephant-republican symbol. His tusks throw the cap off the bottle.

The sporting man is represented by a baseball, the cork core of which is off-center. Throw it to a friend and it will dip, squirm and probably hit him on the head.

**Combination Brush-Comb**  
Take the combination comb and brush, for instance. Gone are the days when you comb your hair, then brush it. Some benefactor of the human race has built a device whereby you comb and brush at one time.

Steel shirt buttons are advanced as the solution to the problem of what to do when the button breaks. They won't break, won't stain and won't rip the shirt.

Smokers have not been neglected. The problem of where to put cigarette ashes has been with us since Sir Walter Raleigh first inhaled. Well, an inventor solved it. On the end of an ordinary cigarette holder he has attached a small, light ash tray. Just nod your head snappily and, plump, into the tray go the ashes.

**TEXT BOOKS PRICES ARE SLASHED AT BUTLER**  
Students to Benefit by Cut of 10 Per Cent.

Butler university students will save several thousand dollars during the coming school year by a cut of 10 per cent in text book prices announced today by C. W. Wilson, university secretary.

In addition, Wilson announced that the university bookstore will open a department for second-hand books which will mean more saving for the students.

Last year, Butler students spent \$35,000 for books. Saving to the students from the 10 per cent cut will be \$3,500, Wilson said. Saving from the purchase of second-hand books can not be estimated.

In another report, Wilson stated the university spent \$607,911 during the fiscal year, ending July 1. More than 90 per cent of that amount was spent locally.

**REAL ESTATE MEN TO HOLD CELEBRATION**  
Smoker to Honor Home Loan Bill Passage and Minimum Tax Rate.

Passage of the home loan bill in congress and the \$1.50 maximum tax rate by the Indiana general assembly will be celebrated by the Indianapolis Real Estate board tonight at a buffet supper and smoker in the Washington.

Speakers will include Monte L. Munn, sales manager of the Ogilvie Coal Company, by the Indiana general assembly will be celebrated by the Indianapolis Real Estate board tonight at a buffet supper and smoker in the Washington.

**SQUEALS ARE TIPOFF**  
Only Native Girls Open Oysters for Pearls; Can't Keep Still

By United Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Women largely are responsible for the success of Victor Berge, "pearl baron" of the South seas, he admitted during a visit here while en route to Paris.

Only native girls are employed by Berge to open oysters. "They squeal with delight when they find a valuable pearl, and that prevents many priceless pearls from mysteriously disappearing," he explained. "The squeal is a sure tipoff."

**SUICIDE POTION FATAL**  
Mrs. Sarah L. Birt, 7, Succumbs at St. Francis Hospital.

Poison taken last week proved fatal to Mrs. Sarah L. Birt, 67, of 1458 Union street, resident of the city all her life, who died early today at St. Francis hospital, Beech Grove.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday at the Lauck funeral home, 1458 South Meridian street. Place of burial was not announced.

Survivors, in addition to the husband, George Birt, are two sisters and four brothers.

**GUARD DEADLY STREETS**  
Forty-Eight Unemployed Men Engaged for School Safety Program.

Adoption of a more comprehensive school safety program was seen today with announcement by the Chamber of Commerce made work committee and school officials of employment of forty-eight men to guard dangerous street crossings.

Under the plan to become effective with opening of schools Sept. 6, the jobless men will co-operate with police to protect lives of school pupils.

## BEAUTY HELD LOVE THIEF

Claire Windsor Is Sued for \$100,000



Principals in this triangle are shown here. The picture of Read and Miss Windsor is one which Read said he gave his wife "in good faith" when it was proposed that she drop her \$100,000 suit against the actress.

"Why, the very idea!" exclaimed Claire. "I never lured any man away from his wife and never expect to."

"Of course, I know Mr. Read: I was introduced to him by Louis Epstein, Al Johnson's manager, but I don't know why all this fuss should be made over my knowing him."

Honestly, I don't know what it is all about; it has me flabbergasted or floundered, or something like that."

**CLAUDE WINDSOR'S** famous beauty—hair like golden sunshine, eyes of deepest blue, and features like those of a Dresden china doll—had been pretty well forgotten until last March when Mrs. Read filed her \$100,000 suit.

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## BROWN DERBY RACERS SHOW GREAT SPEED

Contest Adds Heat, With Start of Final Week; Ends Sept. 5.

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Down the home stretch today thundered the knobs of Brown Derbyists.

Every entrant—and there are but ten now—in the contest to select the city's most distinguished citizen denied a tendency toward baldness. But some never have been seen with their hats off.

Out of the mire came a runner who bids fair to do some fancy street steps. That runner is Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer. He forged into fourth place, right behind the duel for the lead being staged by Tom Quinn, "Coolie" McGinnis and E. W. Mushrush, with 1,232 ballots cast.

**Forced to Sign Receipt**  
The Sheaffer supporters, fearing theft or mayhem or safe-cracking over the week-end, forced Jo-Jo to sign a receipt for the 1,200 or odd ballots.

In the battle to stay in the Big Ten leaders in the contest that will crown some city man at the state fair on Sept. 8, a bit of highbidding larceny was seen, when the adherents of City Clerk Goettl mailed in a sheaf of ballots with 9 cents postage due.

"That may cost them ten times that many votes if a refund is not sent immediately to Jo-Jo, the dog-faced derby manager. Jo-Jo is a butternut to add and the 9 cents just cut him out of his daily nipple-swigging," reports Fanny Foam, another judge.

**Chance for Every One**  
Any one can jump on all four into the Big Ten shown in the above skull standings, if they have enough votes to outbid the 9 cents.

Actual mugs with cranium measurements of the contestants will be printed in The Times this week.

Ballots will be dated, starting Tuesday—and all undated ones must be in The Times office by midnight tonight or in the mail or sent by messenger so they will reach the derby headquarters before 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The dated ballots must be in the judge's hands within twenty-four hours of their date.

The contest, first scheduled to close on Sept. 3, was postponed to Sept. 5. The last ballot will be printed that day. The winner will be announced Tuesday.

His noble dome, with facial features, will be shown on that day, wearing the saffron "kelly."

Then, on the night of Sept. 8, he will be crowned from a mallet to a pile-driver.

Whip 'em up, derbyists. It's the stretch run. Vote every day, for anybody, at any time, anyhow. Up and at 'em!

**PICK BANJO WINNERS**  
Ten Named in Preliminary of Times Contest.

Eddie Peabody, famous banjo player, appearing at the Circle in person, heard banjoists from all parts of Indiana at the Circle theater this morning.

The occasion was the preliminary of The Times-Eddie Peabody contest, and ten players were chosen to appear on the stage at the Circle Wednesday night in the finals.

The contest was conducted to select Indiana's best banjo player. All persons who were non-professionals were eligible.

Cash prizes will be awarded six winners Wednesday night, when the audience will aid Peabody in sifting the entries.

Prizes are: First, \$20; second, \$10 and four additional prizes of \$5 each. Contestants winning their way into the finals were:

Robert Greenman, 8440 Central; Robert Hodapp, 8141 North Arlington; Sylvester Davis, 1812 Talmer; Jack Hyser, Alfred Pattmann, John McFrieda, Charles Basler, Bernays Thurstont, Earl Smith.

## Contract Bridge

This is the first of a series of articles by Mr. McKenney on hands played in the National Masters' Contract Bridge tournament at Deal, N. J. Only national champions are eligible for this event, and the four players of each hand are among the game's most noted experts.

**BY W. E. MCKENNEY**  
Secretary, American Bridge League

**Without** doubt, the two most vitally important bridge events in the world today are the masters' events of the American Bridge League. One event is for pairs and the other for individuals, the winner of each receiving the custody of a solid gold trophy.

To qualify in either event, a person must win a national bridge championship title. Every player entering naturally is under a great strain and tries to play his very best, but mistakes are made in this event just the same as at your bridge table.

This year, twenty-two of the country's leading pairs entered the

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## WATSON WILL STAY IN STATE FOR CAMPAIGN

Old Supporters Missing at G. O. P. Get-Together at Winona Lake.

**BY BEN STERN**  
The king bee of Indiana politics comes home Tuesday, to remain in the state during the campaign.

Senator James E. Watson made a flying visit into Hoosierland Friday, when he attended the Second district Republican rally at Winona Lake, but it was not a "home-coming," as of yore.

Republican politicians of the state gave him a welcome, but it was not like old times, as the senator looked through the crowd and failed to perceive M. Bert Thurman. Plenty of small-time politicians were present, but none of the big shots.

**Thurman Is Absent**  
Thurman was at home in Indianapolis nursing hurts received when Watson double-crossed him for the Governor nomination.

Neither was Charles W. Jewett, former mayor of Indianapolis, present, remembering that in 1928 some one assured him that "Jim's going down the line for you for the Governor nomination."

Nor was present Arthur Gilliom, former attorney-general, who "friends of Watson" said in 1928 had a chance to cop the senatorial nomination from Arthur R. Robinson.

Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush, also was among the absent. Relying on the promise that Watson would not interfere in the convention this year, Bush went in to make his bid for Governor. He now believes that John Owen of Noblesville, Watson's messenger boy, carried the word for Raymond S. Springer.