

## DEPRESSION IS TURNING MANY TO INVENTING

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

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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-openers kept 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 bottom.

The sporting world 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.

Steer 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, snap it 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 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 Ogle Coal Company, and Merritt Fields, manager of the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men.

### 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 Berger, "pearl baron" of the South seas, he admitted during a visit here while en route to Paris.

Native girls are employed by Berger to open oysters.

"They are used 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, 7, of 1450 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 En-gaged for School Safety Program.

Adoption of a more comprehensive school safety program was seen today with announcement made 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



This is the last of a series of six daily stories detailing glamorous romances that have marked true love triangles of 1932, a subject much in the news. Interested reader: Libby Holman-Smith Reynolds—"Ab" Walker tragedie in North Carolina.

By NEA Service

THE woman who was haled a few years ago as "the most beautiful blond in the movies" today stands accused as a "love pirate," faced by a suit for \$100,000 by the wife of the man whose affections she is alleged to have snatched.

Whether Claire Windsor, film star whose graceful beauty once captivated millions of movie-goers, must pay this price to Mrs. Marian Y. Read for the loss love of her husband, Alfred C. Read, is a question pending before the courts of Oakland, Cal., where Mrs. Read's alienation suit is on file.

Moreover, Mrs. Read has sued her husband for divorce, naming Miss Windsor as co-respondent.

The former movie queen, the 29-year-old San Francisco stock broker, and his socially prominent wife for the past year have been the Pacific coast "love triangle" interest in which has been revived by the Libby Holman-Smith Reynolds—"Ab" Walker drama in North Carolina.

Principals in this triangle are shown here. The picture of Mrs. Read and Miss Windsor is one

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## BROWN DERBY RACERS SHOW GREAT SPEED

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

### SKULL STANDINGS

Tom Quinn	4,902
"Cootie" McGinnis	3,218
E. W. Mushrush	2,011
Judge William H. Sheaffer	1,499
Earl Goett	681
W. E. (Bill) Williams	491
E. Kirk McKinney	481
Ward R. Hiner	388
Elias W. Duhberger	371
Henry O. Goett	336

Down the home stretch today thumped 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 stretch 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, "Cootie" McGinnis and E. W. Mushrush, with 1,322 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 highboring larceny was seen, when the adherents of City Clerk Goett mailed in a sheet 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 buttermilk addict and the 9 cents just cut him out of his daily nippleswiggling," reports Fanny Foam, another judge.

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### Chance for Every One

Any one can jump on all fours into the Big Ten shown in the above skull standings, if they have enough votes to cut out a low man.

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

Balots 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, will end Sept. 5. The last ballot will be printed that day. The winner will be announced Sept. 6. His noble dome, with facial features, will be shown on that day, wearing the saffron of Kelly.

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

While it's 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.

Rumor also linked her name with that of Buddy Rodgers in his half-cave days and, only a few years ago, with the young millionaire, Philip Plant, who was his husband or Constance Bennett.

In 1930 she married Bert Lytell soon after the latter's divorce from Evelyn Vaughan. That romance wilted in 1927, when, it is said, Bert found it necessary to spend a lot of time on the road in vaudeville appearances.

She told Oklahoma police that he had abducted her from the home of friends and, with several accomplices, driven her to a lonely spot in a forest thirty miles away.

She said she obtained her car keys and escaped when her husband fell asleep beside the road.

One report had it that a reconciliation was the purpose of the

trip.

She has been accused by her husband of being a poor judge of beauty.

THE END

## 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 Del. 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.

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WITHOUT doubt, the two most vitaly 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 custod 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

It is almost inconceivable that he should make four no trump, but it was done.

### The Bidding

South and West passed. North bid one heart and Lochrige in the East overcalled with one no trump. South bid two hearts—a pretty weak overcall.

West bid two spades. North three heart sand Lochrige went to three no trump.

### The Play

The opening lead by South was a heart, which North won with the ace and immediately returned a heart, Lochrige winning the queen.

Lochrige then played a small club, winning in dummy with the queen and returning a small spade. North played the nine, so Lochrige finessed the ten spot, which held the trick.

His next play was the queen of spades, and to his surprise North refused to win the trick, playing the jack. Lochrige then played the ten of clubs, overtaking in dummy with the king so as to create for himself another club entry.

He then played a small spade from dummy, which forced North's ace.

North had accounted for all spades, hearts and clubs—his partner had supported hearts. What could he have supported on but diamonds?

So, North played his king of diamonds. Lochrige played a small diamond and South, thinking that his partner had the diamond solid, overtook with the ace of diamonds, so as to unblock the suit and Lochrige then spread his hand.

North and South made only their three aces, and instead of going down at least two tricks, Lochrige made four no trump.

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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 "homecoming," 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.

For 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.

### Others Also Missing

Absent were the other Republican leaders whose political bones mark the road trod by Watson through the many years he fought to return to Capitol hill.

But among those who greeted the senator effusively were E. E. Neal, internal revenue collector, Robinson's man; Oliver Loomis, United States district attorney for northern Indiana, Robinson's man; Federal Judge Thomas Slick, Robinson's man; and a