

## JUDGE SHIFTING IDEA TO BE PUT UP TO M'NUTT

Municipal Courts Would Be Moved, Under Program Being Drafted.

Proposal to move two municipal courts from police headquarters to the courthouse and rotate criminal and civil cases instead of judges will be advanced soon to Governor Paul V. McNutt.

The changes will be advocated as counter suggestions to a plan whereby judges in criminal and civil divisions would leave their benches periodically for service in opposite branches.

It is understood that McNutt has discussed changes with administration members and attorneys in an effort to increase efficiency of municipal courts.

"Although the suggestion is not to be considered as direct opposition to the Governor's plan, it will be offered for his consideration," said Wilfred Bradshaw, newly appointed judge in municipal court one to leave the bench May 1.

### Greater Efficiency Seen

Bradshaw declared that, in his opinion, greater efficiency could be promoted through consolidating the municipal courts under one roof.

Judge Dan V. White, in court two, is understood to favor the plan.

Chief objection to moving the judges is that it would complicate court procedure by having perhaps as many as four judges take part in one action, it is said.

A civil case filed in court one or two might have two of the judges rule on pleadings and the other two preside at the trial, if the action came at the end of a rotation period, causing the judges to leave their courts to take up other cases.

### One Complication Cited

Under the counter plan, the same judge could follow a case through from beginning to end.

Another objection to rotation of judges is that it would necessitate working with four separate sets of court attaches. Each judge would occupy his own courtroom and work with his own personnel only one-fourth of the year, it is pointed out.

Principal objection to moving the two municipal courts to the courthouse is the matter of expense, since preparation of courtrooms on the top floor of the courthouse would be necessary.

Under the present arrangement, the county rents space in police headquarters from the city for a small sum yearly and the greater portion of maintenance expense is borne by the city.

## Hoosier State Can Boast Treasures in Archeology

State Scientist Points to  
Valuable Finds Near  
Hartford City.

Americans have an old-world inferiority complex about archeology. They unconsciously associate ancient things with Egypt, Greece or Rome. They forget our own archeology. Right here in Indiana every day we walk unheedingly over the remains of an ancient race.

Glen A. Black, state archeologist, so deplored the national lack of interest in ancient Indian culture as he prepared to excavate five acres of ground near Hartford City, Blackford county, where definite traces of a 300-year-old Iroquois culture have been found.

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edged to be the oldest musical instrument used by man. This flute is the first one ever found in Indiana. I managed to rescue it by luck. Souvenir hunters near Hartford City got away with almost all the other relics.

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### THANKED BY PRESIDENT

Carmel Man Gets Acknowledgment for Gift of Cane.

Letter in acknowledgment of receipt of a hand-made cane, the work of J. H. Mahan, Carmel, was received today by Mahan from President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mahan sent the cane to the President through Senator Albert Barkley of Kentucky. The cane was made of walnut in natural color with various inlays. Mahan has been making the canes, requiring three to four weeks work, since

1930.

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