

## M'NUTT HOLDS PARLEY SERIES IN WASHINGTON

Governor Makes Ready for Conference in Office of Cummings.

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Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Governor Paul V. McNutt, here today for speech-making and political conferences, also plans on seeing Attorney General Homer S. Cummings regarding Indiana's most highly publicized problem—John Dillinger.

Following his address before the United States Chamber of Commerce today, Governor McNutt and Virgil M. Simmons, state conservation commissioner, held conferences with various federal officials dealing with conservation affairs.

At noon he went to the capital for a political conference with Senator Frederick Van Nuys and later planned on seeking out General Cummings, he said.

"I do not want to go into details regarding what I intend to tell General Cummings about the Dillinger case," Governor McNutt said. "But I will say that I want to assure him of complete and continued cooperation of the Indiana state police with department of justice agents."

### Stresses Parole System

In his Chamber of Commerce speech, the Hoosier Governor stressed the need of a better system of granting paroles and necessity of a technical and clinical staff for the clemency board to have sufficient information to choose intelligently in regard to who should be released from prison.

Dillinger was paroled by the new clemency board, created by Governor McNutt, at its first session a year ago this month.

The Governor, in commenting on "prophets of despair," mentioned the name of Dr. William I. Wirt, of Gary, which brought laughter from the large gathering.

### Van Nuys Blocking Ludlow

After his address he confirmed the report that he and Senator Van Nuys will likely settle on Omer Jackson, Greenfield, for the next Democratic state chairman.

With the cryptic declaration, "there are new faces in the field," Governor McNutt admitted that his talk with Senator Van Nuys will include the hotly contested Democratic senatorial race.

He indicated that the senator and not himself is halting the progress of Representative Louis Ludlow.

Conservationists, called upon by the Governor and Mr. Simmons, included Robert Fechner, head of the CCC, and Jay N. Darling, who is considering the \$2,500,000 Kankakee marsh restoration project as a federal sanctuary for wild life preservation.

## PURDUE 4-H ROUNDUP DRAWS 1,500 MEMBERS

Prized Farm Products and School Handicrafts Are Exhibited.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 3.—Prized farm products, high school work and sewing exhibits were the center of attraction today as the annual Purdue 4-H Club and industrial art roundup entered its second day.

Approximately 1,500 4-H club boys and girls representing practically every county in the state are attending the roundup. The annual exhibit ends Saturday.

## EX-SENATOR TO TALK

Rice W. Means to Speak Before Spanish War Veterans.

Rice W. Means, former United States senator from Colorado, will address an open meeting of Spanish-American war veterans in the Masonic temple tonight. Mr. Means is past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United States War Veterans and the Army of the Philippines.

## Democrat Committeewoman Quits

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Postmaster-General James A. Farley today announced the formal resignation of Mrs. Nellie Donohue, Portland, Me., as democratic national committeewoman from that state.

## INDIANA'S 'NEW DEALERS'

Bill Boehne—Foe of the Minorities

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WASHINGTON, May 3.—This article might well be entitled John William Boehne Jr. vs. Organized Minorities.

The Evansville congressman, who represents the Eighth Indiana district, makes it his own particular business to kick on the shins every organized minority that harasses him.

There comes a time in the life of every congressman when it seems that he must decide whether to continue as a congressman or declare himself to be a man in his own right.

That time came for Congressman Bill Boehne early in his first term, in 1931. The issue was whether federal prohibition agents should be allowed to pour poison into alcohol that was being manufactured for commercial purposes, a large part of which was being mysteriously diverted into illegal beverage channels.

The Anti-Saloon League was on Mr. Boehne's neck. It was the vote that would label him either wet or dry. Mr. Boehne voted against the poison, and the Anti-Saloon League promptly marked him for slaughter. But before the next election, the Anti-Saloon League's political power had vanished, and Mr. Boehne was re-elected triumphantly, a wet riding upon the crest of repeal sentiment.

Upon every subsequent vote, up to and including the prohibition repeal resolution and the legalization of beer, Representative Boehne voted against the dries. He was pleased and a little surprised at the overwhelming endorsement that his constituents gave to his stand.

Another test came in the summer of 1932, on the Patman-Thomas veterans bonus bill. The threatening "bonus army" was in Washington. The Republicans were in power. The bonus was something for them to worry about. Representative Boehne and the other Democrats had a good chance to play politics.

Most of the Hoosier Democratic congressmen took advantage of it. But Bill Boehne voted against the bonus. Thus he was able to be consistent when he voted against the bonus again a few weeks ago, backing up a Democratic President.

REPRESENTATIVE BOEHNE voted for the economy law that marked the beginning of the Roosevelt administration, and he is the only Indiana congressman who has not since voted for any of the dozens of measures proposed to emasculate that law.

The veterans' lobby here gives Mr. Boehne a "zero" rating. But he doesn't seem to care. He is a veteran, himself, having served two years in the army.

World war as a private and a sergeant. He thinks that other veterans, like himself, are citizens first and veterans second.

Representative Boehne was not in Washington when the vote was taken to override President Roosevelt's veto of the independent offices appropriation bill. He was in Evansville, where he had taken his youngest son to be confirmed in his own Lutheran church. Had he been in Washington, Mr. Boehne would have voted to sustain the President, and would have been the only Hoosier in the house to do so.

At present, Representative Boehne is withstanding pressure from a different kind of an organized minority, the lobby inspired by the Wall Street brokers, who are trying to sabotage the Fletcher-Rayburn stock market bill.

Capitol Hill never has witnessed a lobby as persistent and vicious as this one. Every congressman receives daily dozens of letters and petitions signed by constituents who could not possibly know what the stock market legislation provides. When the vote is taken, Representative Boehne also will administer a swift kick to this organized minority.

He believes, as does President Roosevelt, that the federal government must regulate the stock market.

MORE than any other Hoosier congressman, Representative Boehne enjoys the personal friendship of President Roosevelt. This is as it should be, for Mr. Boehne never has deserted his chief. Only on one vote did he go against the administration. That was his vote against abandoning the gold standard. Mr. Boehne and eight other Democrats voted "no." Their votes were mere gestures of protest. The bill carried by a vote of about 6 to 1.

Representative Boehne is a frequent visitor at the White House. Last winter his aged mother was in Washington, and Representative Boehne ushered her into the President's office.

"Your son is doing a fine job here, Mrs. Boehne," smiled Mr. Roosevelt.

After the last bonus vote, Mr. Boehne was sick at heart because of what he considered the political cowardice of a majority of his colleagues, "who seem to think that their own re-election is more important than the nation's welfare." He wrote a letter to the President, assuring the President he could count on at least one congressman's continued support.

Back came a reply from Mr. Roosevelt.

"Come down to see me, Bill, and bring along some of your colleagues who don't agree with us," wrote the President. "Maybe we can convert them."

BILL BOEHNE sits in the same congressional seat that was occupied twenty-two years ago by his father, John William Boehne Sr., patriarch of Evansville.

"For your first two terms, son," admonished his father, "keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut."

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Indiana Will Benefit More Than Figures Reveal, Says Director.

Distortion of the real picture of PWA activity in Indiana has been presented to the public, Harold L. Ickes, public works administrator, declared today in a letter to Albert H. Hinkle, state engineer.

Indiana will benefit from the PWA program far more than previous figures reveal, Mr. Ickes said.

Although details of the non-federal allotments have been presented to the public, a great deal more of the \$3,300,000,000 PWA fund has been allotted to this state than indicated by the local PWA office, the administrator asserted.

Through total federal and non-federal allotments, the state directly will benefit to the extent of \$20,430,000. In addition, Indiana will share in the fund of \$1,125,000,000 established for special projects, he said.

Among the non-federal allotments awarded the state, Mr. Ickes cited a \$13,125,000 fund, part of which went for highway construction.

Loans to railroad companies benefit Indiana directly to the extent of \$1,518,000, he said.

Other governmental agencies have poured money into the state indirectly, he declared. This money has aided in putting people back to work and in increasing purchasing power, he said.

## INCOMPLETE RETURNS SHOW HEFLIN DEFEAT

Ex-Senator From Alabama Fails in Congressional Election.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 3.—Almost complete returns from Alabama's Fifth congressional district race showed today that former United States Senator J. Thomas Hefflin had been defeated in his effort to return to the halls of congress.

Returns from 240 of the district's 253 ballot boxes gave the incumbent, Representative Miles Allgood, 13,236; Joe Stearnes, 11,320, and Hefflin, 10,408. The remaining boxes were not expected to alter the lineup.

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## CAST MEMBERS OF HIGH SCHOOL PLAY



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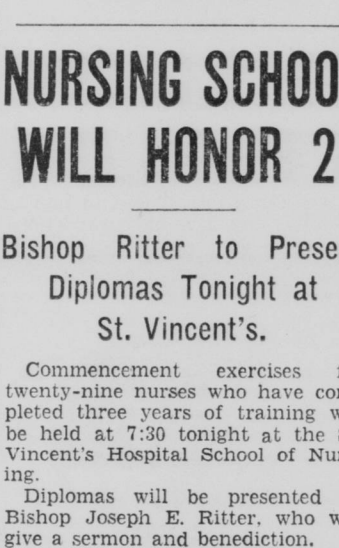
Lucy Mae Powell



Mary Jean Fairchild



Margaret Halfaker



Romola Anderson

Leading parts in "The Cradle Song," Washington high school senior play, will be taken by Catherine Romer, Lucy Mae Powell, Margaret Halfaker, Romola Anderson and Mary Jean Fairchild.

Performances will be presented Thursday afternoon and Friday night, May 10 and 11, at the school. Mrs. Bess Sanders Wright is director.

Other members of the cast are Anna Lascu, Hazel Chapman, Dorothy Schrader, Lucille Broich, Doris Smith, Pearl Kretheotis, Violet Powell, Clara Mae Jacobs, Maurice Fowler, Otis Russell, Louise Grey, Darrell Kimsey and Phyllis Phillips.

Sugar Expert to Speak

Dr. J. Arthur Brock, Saginaw, Mich., secretary of the Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association, will speak on "Sugar" at the luncheon of the Exchange Club tomorrow in the Washington.

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