

## VOTE STUFFING IS CHARGED TO ELECTION BOARD

Removal of Whole Group in Thirteenth Ward Is Demanded.

cause of the judge's alleged drunkenness. Another "trouble shooter" run was made to the Eighth precinct of the Sixth ward, 819 West Twenty-sixth street, where it was complained that an inspector had been marking ballots in the presence of only one clerk.

A small yellow card, touted as the endorsements of the Democratic county organization, made its appearance early at the polls. Candidates were induced by numbers instead of by names, with thirty-four slated for county offices and eight slated on the city ticket.

A slate of a different type caused trouble to motorists. It was a slip of mimeographed paper bearing the question: "Do you want to be ruled by Catholics, Negroes and Jews?" and containing seven endorsements.

A heavy hail had been thrust through the slip as a weight for throwing the slates onto porches in the residential sections. However, many of the "mail slates" fell in the streets and caused numerous tire punctures.

Pulls a "Fast One"

A precinct committeeman candidate "pulled a fast one" at the polling place of the Second precinct of the Eleventh ward. To overshadow activities of ward heelers passing out cards and slates, he rented a nearby vacant house, posted huge signs and operated a loudspeaker for the rally.

Approximately fifty deputy election commissioners were on duty today in anticipation of the expected large vote and additional voting booths were placed in about one-third of the precincts of the county by Election Commissioners Glenn B. Ralston, Rae W. Powell and Othello Hite.

Mr. Ralston said extra clerks also had been assigned to precincts where voting was expected to be the heaviest.

Scores of watchers' credentials were certified by board members as followers of several factions in both parties prepared to see that their candidates got all the votes coming to them.

Size of Ballots Problem

The election law provides that accredited watchers may inspect the ballot boxes before the polls open at 6 a. m. and enter the booths after the polls close at 6 p. m. to watch the counting of the ballots.

Size of the ballots proved early to be a problem for the election commissioners because of the speed with which the ballot boxes filled. Commissioners notified poll officials to remove the ballots when the boxes were filled and wrap or seal the folded votes.

Although the early turnout was heavy, the voting continued slowly because of the time required to mark the lengthy ballots. More than 400 candidates are seeking major and minor offices in both parties and in addition, there were precinct committeeman and state convention delegates to be chosen.

Early difficulties with the unfamiliarity of the registration system caused election commissioners to issue another appeal to voters to understand its provisions thoroughly.

Interest on Mayor Race

No person is eligible to vote today who has not registered officially, they pointed out. The registration affidavits signed by voters are on file at the respective voting places and the signature on the affidavit must correspond with that of the voter places on the voting form.

Chief interest in the campaign appears to center on the races in both parties for mayor, prosecuting attorney and sheriff.

In this connection, a vigorous slate attack on Will (Billy) Brown, the Democratic organization's choice for sheriff, was made this morning in the Negro wards. A pink slate, warning that election of Brown might mean defeat for the entire Democratic slate, was distributed liberally "in the interests of the colored people of Indianapolis."

The slate linked Brown with baseball pools and called him "Baseball Beer" Billy Brown.

Election commissioners were confronted this morning with "one for the books, but not in the books."

A Republican judge in the Third ward, they learned, has been negotiating for a job out of the city. He was scheduled to make a long distance phone call at 8:30 this morning to learn the outcome of his effort and wanted to leave the polls.

State Voting Heavy

(By United Press)

A primary vote heavier than average was being cast in the state today, but balloting was slowed up by confusion over the registration law and the record-breaking number of candidates.

Municipal fights attracted greater interest in most places than did the congressional nominations.

Poll workers in many counties reported that interest was running high in the vote of delegates to the state party conventions.

Outcome of the fight between Governor Paul V. McNutt and R. Earl Peters, former Democratic state chairman, was being watched closely.

Peters has filed slates of delegates favorable to his candidacy in United States senator in seventy-two counties, while the administration, through Pleas Greenlee, chief patronage dispenser, has sponsored anti-Peters slates.

An unusually heavy vote was being cast in LaPorte county due to intense interest in local contests at LaPorte, Michigan City and the various townships.

With 30,000 voters registered in the county, it was believed that 20,000 would cast ballots.

Clear weather brought out a record primary vote in Lake county. Citizens waited in long lines outside the polls for their turn to ballot. A total vote of 75,000, as compared to 60,000 in the 1932 primary, was predicted.

Gary and Hammond police closed all saloons in accordance with the state law which prohibits the sale of liquor on election days except by physicians' prescription.

Voting was reported heavy at Goshen where a referendum on a \$455,000 PWA sewer project is being decided.

## SPRING FROLIC PROGRAM ARRANGED



L. Vollrath.



Dr. Robert G. Ledig.

Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its "Spring Frolic" Saturday in the Rathskeller of the Athenaeum. Members of the committee in charge are L. Vollrath, Dr. Robert G. Ledig and John Butler.

## Pleas Greenlee Named 'Court Jester,' Bitter Shelby Feud Renewed

BY JAMES DOSS  
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Results of elections today for delegates to the state Democratic convention from eight key counties probably will disclose the identity of the Democratic nominee for United States senator.

Probably the most important of these counties and one where the state administration prestige appears likely to be hurt is Shelby, the home of Pleas Greenlee, executive secretary to Governor Paul V. McNutt, and the administration patronage chief.

A bitter factional fight has been precipitated in Shelby county by what many political observers were terming today the latest of the Greenlee blunders.

Not trusting his home county to his lieutenants, the McNutt political strategist went there last Wednesday to take personal command and to remain until tomorrow.

### Blunder Is Charged

He committed what has been termed his "worst blunder" last Friday when he bought four pages of advertising in the Shelbyville Republican to sell the Shelby county voters on the merits of the McNutt administration.

Openly charging the opposition paper, the Shelbyville Democrat, with party disloyalty, the Governor's secretary dwelt at length on the administration's accomplishments. He cited every argument that has been advanced in the administration's favor and bitterly deplored "the fact that a Republican newspaper must be used that the voters of Shelby county may know the truth."

Thus, an old and bitter feud between Greenlee and John DePrez, the Democratic owner, was fed with new flame and the reaction to Greenlee's use of a Republican paper is said to have alienated the support of many who had been lined up for the administration.

### De Prez Strikes Back

Mr. DePrez, an old line Democrat, did not take the affront lying down. He countered Saturday with a torrid Page One blast against Greenlee and slated precinct committeemen and delegates to the state convention who are hostile to Sherman Minton, public service commission counselor and the administration's candidate for senator.

The DePrez slate presumably is solid for R. Earl Peters, former state chairman, whom Greenlee hopes to beat in the senate race.

Wondering "When Will the Governor Awaken?" the DePrez broadside wants to know why the Governor puts up with a secretary whose antics are on a par with those of an ordinary clown.

Ministers the Governor, weighted down with the cares of office, found it necessary to have a court jester to provide comedy as a relief from the arduous duties of his office?" DePrez inquires.

### Spitwork Is Alleged

"Day after day, Greenlee has caused embarrassment to Governor McNutt and to the Democratic party by his clowning. He has shown no ability to handle the serious problems of state in the dignified and diplomatic manner in which they should be treated. It has been said that about 70 per cent of the job appointments made by Greenlee were through spite and to get even, and the other 30 per cent were to personal friends. And any one, although strong in his support of Governor McNutt, who disagreed with Greenlee, was classed as an enemy. Greenlee has used the Governor's time after time in exploiting himself by charging those who disagreed with him as 'being disloyal to the Governor.'"

### Allen Situation Watched

The paper denies the charge of party disloyalty, but reserves the right, it says, to criticize use of the party by Mr. Greenlee as a circus grounds for his clownish performances.

Thus outcome of the delegate elections, particularly in Shelby county, will afford an indication of

how the senator trend will be in the state convention.

Another county where the delegates test will be watched closely is Allen, of which Ft. Wayne is the county seat and the home of former state chairman Earl R. Peters.

The anti-Peters battle in his home town is being waged by Sam Jackson, whose name also may be brought before the convention, if there is the deadlock that many political observers are predicting.

Mr. Jackson is former Allen county prosecuting attorney. He used to be termed somewhat facetiously in his younger days as the "Boy Orator of the Maumee" because of his forensic abilities.

Other counties which may be counted as key counties in the delegates contest are Clay, Cass, Carroll, Greene, Morgan and Monroe.

### Peters Supporters Hopeful

Clay is the home county of James Penman, Brazil, who is Minton's campaign manager. Carroll is the home county of Wayne Coy, the Governor's secretary in charge of penal affairs. Paul Fry, state excise director, is from Green county, and Frank McHale, one of the Governor's closest advisers, hails from Logansport in Cass county. Governor McNutt and Frank Finney, head of the state auto license department, are from Morgan county.

And while Governor McNutt will vote here, he was dean of the Indiana university law school at Bloomington in Monroe county and logically might be expected to be strong there.

Peters' supporters are hopeful of capturing much delegate strength in all of the counties in which the state administration might be expected to have a strangle hold.

## PRIMARY HALTS SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR; BEER STILL FLOWING

Pre-prohibition conditions prevailed in Indiana today, insofar as the sale of spirituous liquors is concerned.

The state law provides that retailers may dispense liquor on a primary, general or local election day only by a written prescription from a physician showing that an emergency exists for use of the liquor.

The restriction does not apply to beer and light wines, however.

## BLUE EAGLES LOST BY THREE STATE CONCERNS

Code Violations Charged to Laundry and Cleaning Firms.

For alleged willful violation of the NRA code, three cleaning establishments in Indiana were ordered to forfeit their Blue Eagles today. Fred Hoke, state compliance director, announced.

The Sunshine Laundry and Cleaning Company of Michigan City and the Quality Cleaners and Campus Cleaners of Bloomington were ordered to surrender their NRA insignias to local postmasters.

Fifteen Blue Eagles have been forfeited in Indiana thus far, Mr. Hoke said.

## LIFE UNDERWRITERS TO MEET AT LINCOLN

Sales Demonstrations and Trade Talks to Be Heard.

Sales demonstrations and trade discussions will be heard by members of the Indianapolis Association of Life Underwriters and the Indianapolis chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters at a joint luncheon Friday in the Lincoln.

Speakers, as announced by Carl F. Maetschke, association president, will be C. C. Crumbaker, Horace E. Storer and Edward A. Krueger. The speakers are members of the local chartered life underwriters' chapter. President Howard E. Nyhart and James L. Rainey are in charge of the program.

## SLIGHT RELIEF PROMISED FOR DRY WEATHER

No Indication of Rain for Middle and Southern Indiana Reported.

Slight relief from the unseasonably dry weather which has caused serious damage to Indiana crops during the last three weeks, was promised today by J. H. Armstrong, United States meteorologist, here.

Light showers, moving slowly through the upper Mississippi valley, are expected to touch northern Indiana tonight or tomorrow, he said.

There are no indications of rain for the central and southern sections of the state, however. It might be several more days before relief from spring drought arrives, he added.

Both oats and grass have suffered heavily by the continued dry spell, and farm leaders said that unless heavy rains fall within the next few days wheat and corn crops also will suffer serious damage.

General rainfall in the state is a little more than half of the fifty-year average, Purdue agricultural officials said today. Only 6.96 inches of rainfall was recorded during the first seven days of May. The fifty-year average for the same period is 11.85 inches.

Purdue officials have expressed alarm for 1934 crops because the lack of rain during the first four months of the year has dried out soil moisture necessary to crop production during dry spring seasons.

The last general rain the state experienced was April 16.

Because of rain shortage, the three-weeks old oats crop is not developing, farm reports show. Grass, including clover, already has suffered injury, and growth is at a standstill.

## FIRST PRIVATE AIR MAIL LANDS

Renewed Commercial Service Begun; Army Fliers Set Record.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The first load of air mail carried by a commercial line in three months was landed here this morning by United Air Line's million-mile crack pilot, Bob Dawson, 4 hours and 40 minutes after leaving Newark, N. J.

Four routes returned to private hands today. Army fliers who have handled the service for three months expected to withdraw from all routes by Friday.

The army's outstanding dramatic wing-flip of farewell to emergency mail flying service was to zoom 500 pounds of mail from Los Angeles to Newark airport—2,732 miles in 13 hours, 53 minutes. The time was declared to have bettered that of Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker's spectacular flight between the same terminals, Feb. 19, a gesture of private lines to contract cancellation.

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## MOTHER'S DAY DECREED FOR SUNDAY BY McNUTT

Governor Urges Study to Check Maternal Fatality.

Asking that persons study health measures to check maternal fatality, Governor Paul V. McNutt today issued a proclamation designating next Sunday as Mother's day.

"I recommend for serious reflection study of maternal health in an effort to curb fatalities," Governor McNutt announced.

## COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SUMMER SCOUT CAMP

Board Will Also Pass Memorial on the Late Dr. T. C. Howe.

Central Indiana Boy Scout executive board will meet at noon Thursday at the Lincoln, when plans for the Boy Scout summer camp will be submitted.

The board will pass a memorial resolution to the late Dr. Thomas Carr Howe, former Butler president and co-organizer of the local Boy Scout council.

## Indianapolis Tomorrow

Associated Employers, dinner, Washington. Kiwanis Club, luncheon, Columbia Club.

Apartment owners, luncheon, Washington. Lions Club, luncheon, Washington. Home builders, dinner, Washington.

Purdue Alumni Association, luncheon, Severin. Cost accountants, luncheon, Washington. Twelfth District Legion, luncheon, Board of Trade.

Indiana Telephone Association, luncheon and dinner, Claypool. Mutual Insurance Association, luncheon, Columbia Club.

## INDIANA'S 'NEW DEALERS' Van Nuys—He's Great by Comparison

BY WALKER STONE  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Frederick Van Nuys is not really a great statesman—at least, not yet. He just seems to be—in comparison with the other senator from Indiana, Arthur Robinson.

That's scant praise for Fred Van Nuys; he deserves more. Arthur Robinson would make most any colleague look like a statesman. Nor has Fred Van Nuys is still of the rank and file of the senate. Nor has the multitude of greatness fallen yet on any other senator, who, like Mr. Van Nuys, has been here only fifteen months.

But Indiana's junior senator is on the climb, and he started several notches higher than the topmost rung achieved by Indiana's senior senator.

Senator Van Nuys is settling down to the long pull. When a new man enters the chamber of that "greatest deliberative body on earth" and has the senatorial harness buckled on him, his first impulse is to kick over the traces. If he checks that impulse and puts his shoulders to the collar, he usually finds it hard to get his stride, hard to move ahead with the even rhythm of the veterans alongside.

Then comes a reaction, a feeling of the part of the new senator that perhaps he may be out of place. In other words, the old inferiority complex settles down upon him. The best cure for it is time.

Fred Van Nuys has passed through both stages. He pawed a few times at the traces, but kept in the furrow. Gradually, he came to his stride, and misgivings as to his own capabilities have been disappearing as he has come to know more and more of the defects of other senators who at first looked like such fine specimens.

He is learning that he is just as good as the next senator. And this knowledge is increasing his confidence, his effectiveness and his enjoyment of senatorial work.

MR. VAN NUYS entered the senate fifteen months ago with the political scalp of the popular Republican senate leader, James E. Watson, dangling from his belt. Behind him were an unprecedented majority and a campaign in which he had been a little reckless with his promises.

He had campaigned as a minority candidate, and, as such, criticized what had gone before. But he entered the senate a member of the majority, forced to share in the responsibility of what was to come after.

Fred Van Nuys told the voters, for rights, that he would vote for the \$2,400,000,000 war veterans bonus. Twice he has kept that promise, voting for the bonus against the wishes of his party leader in the White House on each of the two occasions it has come before the senate. The bonus question will come before the senate time and time again before his term ends. Before he hears the last of it, Mr. Van Nuys may be asking himself how many times a fellow has to keep one campaign promise.

In the summer of 1932, when Mr. Van Nuys promised to vote for the bonus, conditions were quite different from what they are now. At that time, the bonus was the principal prospective vehicle for inflation. Van Nuys favored controlled inflation. Now, we have already had that inflation. President Roosevelt's devaluation of the gold content of the dollar.

In the summer of 1932, the bonus was regarded as a good scheme to distribute cash into every nook and corner of the country. Now, that distribution, in an even larger amount, has already been accomplished, through the CWA, CCC, AAA acreage reduction checks to farmers, PWA pay rolls and relief doles.

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THE bonus and the municipal bankruptcy bill are the only measures on which Van Nuys has strayed from Roosevelt leadership. It was on the bankruptcy bill that he made his "maiden speech" in the senate. For that speech, he had a background of almost a year's work. He served as chairman of the subcommittee which conducted hearings on the bill. Under Mr. Van Nuys' leadership, the subcommittee recommended against passage of the bill. And when the judiciary committee as a whole overruled the subcommittee, Senator Van Nuys prepared the minority report.

The bill, Mr. Van Nuys held, was an invitation to municipalities and political subdivisions to default on their debt. He made a good speech, by far the best speech that was made against the bill. When he concluded, he was congratulated by Senators Norris, Borah, Glass and Clark, all able speakers.

It is a key to Senator Van Nuys' character that he sat silent in the senate for more than a year, and did not raise his voice until the opportunity came on a subject on which he was thoroughly prepared. All of the big reputations of the senate have been built upon such conservative foundations. Senators who serve next to run off at the mouth, like Arthur Robinson

and Huey Long, never develop any influence. It is in the committees, where the real legislative work is done, that Senator Van Nuys has applied himself and won his spurs. He has been especially effective in the judiciary committee, where he has gained recognition as a sound thinker and a competent lawyer. He served with the Ashurst subcommittee that investigated federal court bankruptcy scandals. He headed the subcommittee that drafted the corporate reorganization bill.

HIS supreme accomplishment was his handling of the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching bill. Indeed, that is concededly one of the finest committee performances of this session. Senator Van Nuys' skillful handling of that bill earned for him the gratitude of the authors of the measure, Negro improvement organizations and a number of societies dedicated to the advancement of civil liberties and social reforms.

Federal anti-lynching legislation is a problem of extreme delicacy, involving racial prejudices and states' rights. For that reason, older members of the judiciary committee shunned the assignment. But Senator Van Nuys waded in where the veterans feared to tread.

"I fought the Ku-Klux Klan," he said. "This is just more of the same fight. Senator Van Nuys was not merely chairman of the anti-lynching subcommittee. He ran the show, decided what witnesses were qualified to testify and what witnesses ought not to be allowed to take up the time of the subcommittee, and asked most of the questions. The entire proceedings for the first two days of the hearings were broadcast over a nationwide radio hookup. Racial feeling ran high among the spectators who packed the room. But there was no disorder. The chairman was in control.

In the executive sessions that followed, Senator Van Nuys practically rewrote the bill, smoothing off the rough edges, fortifying it with provisions to remove constitutional objections. When he had finished, Negro leaders were well pleased, for he had extracted none of the "teeth" of the measure.

THEN came the most difficult task—to get the approval of the full judiciary committee, packed with senators from the south. It was a real achievement when he maneuvered that bill through the committee, without a dissenting vote.

The bill is now on the senate calendar, and still has a long way to travel. But due to Mr. Van Nuys' skill at compromise, it is off to a good start.

Van Nuys has introduced only one general bill, a measure to require that whisky be distilled from grain alone. He is a homespun Hoosier—this man who has to share with "Artie Robinson" the honor of representing Indiana in the United States senate. There is no "side" to Fred Van Nuys. There is nothing of the "poseur" in him. He is never "on parade."

No Democratic senator has had as little trouble with patronage problems. That is due partly to his rule of working directly with the state and county party organizations, partly to his practice of deciding quickly who he wants to appoint to important posts, thereby never allowing the field to get cluttered with candidates. It would be impossible to write about Senator Van Nuys without mentioning his breezy young secretary, Ben Stern. Before he came to Washington, Ben burned out the bearings of several typewriters in the office of The Indianapolis Times, satirizing Indiana politics and razzing Indiana politicians.

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