

## MOFFETT QUILTS LUCRATIVE POST TO SERVE U. S.

New Housing Chief Makes Sacrifice for Belief in New Deal.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—A man who sacrificed one of the top jobs in the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey because he believed in the New Deal is directing the destinies of the new federal housing administration.

James A. Moffett is 48 and looks ten years younger. The oil trade knows him as a master salesman and a genius at organization. In the southwest, where he has spent much of the past twenty-seven years, they speak of him as "Square Shooting Jimmy," a reputation which he carried to Wall Street when he was named senior vice-president of the Standard company. Mr. Moffett's first close contact with Franklin D. Roosevelt came during the war. He was entrusted with buying oil for the fleet and distributing it to the hundreds of fighting craft and transports. Mr. Roosevelt, then assistant navy secretary, was impressed with the manner in which Mr. Moffett got things done.

### Helped Write Oil Code

So it was that Mr. Moffett was called to Washington a year ago when NRA was created. The President wanted him on the NRA industrial advisory board. Walter F. Teague, president of the Standard Oil (New Jersey), already was on the board and opposed the Moffett appointment. The result was that Mr. Moffett resigned his \$100,000 position with Mr. Teague's company and offered his full services to the President.

At that time Mr. Moffett said he was a life-long Democrat, and a supporter of the President and his program. He said he was resigning because the Standard Oil management did not share his views.

Mr. Moffett helped write much of the petroleum code, especially the provisions for curbing unlicensed production of oil or "hot" oil. He was named a member of the industry's planning and co-ordination committee by Harold L. Jukes, petroleum administrator.

### Gets Urgent Call

Last fall he returned to New York and to the Standard Oil fold, this time as executive vice-president of Standard of California.

A few days ago Mr. Moffett was playing golf on Long Island when he received a phone call from the White House. It urged that he present himself immediately in Washington. Six hours later he was named administrator of the new national housing act.

Mr. Moffett will supply the housing administration with one of its major requirements. He knows bankers and financial leaders in all sections of the nation and, with his reputation of salesmanship, is expected by his chief to "sell" them the idea of loosening private purse strings to finance home building and rebuilding.

### His Hobby Yachting

Quiet of speech and conservative in action, the new administrator promises speed in the development of the nation-wide program. He foresees re-employment of at least five million men when the wheels of his administration begin to turn.

Mr. Moffett is a native of West Virginia. His home at present is in New York City. He is married and has five children. He is a Princeton graduate.

The new housing executive has one prime hobby, yachting. A ruddy complexion testified to his nautical proclivities.

### GAS BANDIT FOOLED AS ATTENDANT FLEES

Wily Employee Balks Holdup of Filling Station.

While his intended victim sprinted off, a bandit who had attempted to hold up the Standard Oil Company filling station at 2301 West Sixteenth street last night lowered his revolver, swore and drove off. Edward Green, 25, of 3424 West North street, attendant, had tried to aid a bandit in a grey sedan who ordered twelve gallons of gasoline and then departed with the attendant's money.

At first sight of the grey sedan and a revolver, Mr. Green was half way down the street.

### WRITER SUES FACTOR

Speculator's Biographer Seeks \$2,200 Damages.

By United Press  
LOS ANGELES, July 17.—John (Jake the Barber) Factor, wealthy Chicago speculator, paid him \$500 for writing a story of his life, Robert Cosgriff, writer, alleged today in a \$2,200 damage suit against Factor. Cosgriff asserted Factor agreed to pay him \$250 a week and \$1,000 when he finished the book.

### 2 HELD IN GAMING RAID

Pair Face Trial Today; 3,000 Pool Tickets Seized.

Two men face trial in municipal court today charged with keeping a gaming house following a raid last night on a cigar store at 808 North Illinois street in which 3,000 baseball pool tickets were seized. Albert Beedy, proprietor, and Ralph Taylor, 825 North New Jersey street, were arrested.

### GRAND JURY INDICTS 8

Negro Woman Charged With Murder in Shooting.

The Marion county grand jury yesterday returned eight indictments and three discharges. Lucille Langford, Negro, was charged with first and second degree murder. She is alleged to have shot and mortally wounded Clarence Coleman, Negro, May 25.

### Pedestrian Is Robbed

Two roughly dressed men held up and robbed Fred Landers, 32, of 150 South Detroit street, of some change, a pair of shoes and two pair of trousers last night while Mr. Landers was walking near his home.

## Terre Haute Is King Polluter Along Banks of Wabash; City Pours Deadly Wastes Into River

Sewer Outlets Pour Bacteria at Edge of Children's Bathing Beach.

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ous to swimmers and adds to the possibility of disease-spreading infections.

The bacterial count, despite dilution of the river, jumps two miles south of the Pennsylvania railroad bridge to 100,000 B. coli. The test was taken below the pollution pouring from the Terre Haute paper mill and the Commercial Solvents Corporation.

### Mayor Favors Sewage Plant

Within a few rods of where the test was made swimmers frequent a river pool. Two boys were drowned there recently while diving in the polluted water.

Mayor Wood Posey, Democrat, favors a sewage disposal plant, but has been bucked throughout his administration by a Republican majority in the city council.

Dr. Amos Caffee, city health officer, adds to the mayor's desire for a plant to end Terre Haute's ravishing of the Wabash with, "It's pretty hard on the people below us. It would be a big benefit from a health standpoint for the city to dispose of its sewage. We're helpless, despite warnings, to keep swimmers out of the Wabash at polluted points."

Frank A. Kattman, city engineer, tramping from sewer outlet to outlet, showing workmen on a civil works project, rehabilitating the city sewers, explains the tribulations of attempting to convince Terre Haute of its defilement of its name as well as the river that brought it fame.

### Need \$250,000 for Plant

"Lawrenceville and Mt. Carmel have complained against our sewage wastes interfering with water supplies as well as livestock. Fishermen below Terre Haute have meager catches, due to the stream," says the engineer.

"We would need at least \$250,000 for a disposal plant and \$200,000 for interceptor sewers to give the city's sewage primary treatment and eliminate much of the pollution. I believe the Wabash river will rise to the ocean and do the rest for us," the engineer says.

A site for the plant is under option south of the Terre Haute Paper Mills.

Stalking the barren land where the plant may be built, Mr. Kattman visualizes a day when Terre Haute will send its crown of pollution and receive instead laurels from smaller cities to the south for cleaning up the Wabash.

The state health board of Illinois has been co-operating with the Indiana health board in attempting to urge a thorough cleanup of the headwaters of the Wabash.

### Court Steps Expected

Days of gentle persuasion are hinted as over and court steps are expected to follow in the next year or two if pollution continues.

City and state officials see in the increasing industrial load by the boom in whisky and beer manufacture as one of the most serious detriments to the Wabash and its winding, willowed banks.

Banjos that might strum the refrain of "On the Banks of the Wabash" today are silenced by the odorous river and accompanying duets hunt, like the fishermen and swimmers, for cleaner, sweeter waters, where a fish is a fish and not a carp and where a back-flip dive is not a duck in a slimy puddle, and a tune can carry itself.

Next: The Creek That Sings "How Rye I Am."

### BIDS TO BE RECEIVED

\$750,000 in Highway Proposals Due July 31.

Bids on highway construction projects having an estimated cost of \$750,000 will be received July 31 by the state highway department. The major project is widening of United States highway 31 between Greenwood and Franklin.

### Child Hurt in Fall

Jean Ann Connell, 9, of 536 East-ern avenue, suffered injuries to her left shoulder yesterday when she fell out of a swing at Ellenberger park. She was treated by a private physician and taken home.

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:  
F. D. Heston, 40 North Whittier place, Buick coach, 7-707, from Fifth and Illinois streets.  
C. Hoagland, Shelbyville, Ind., Ford V-8 coach, from 400 East New York street.  
Loran Harden, 1315 Madison avenue, Buick coach, 45-850, from Madison avenue and Morris street.  
Albert Westerfield, 469 Second avenue, Troy, N. Y., Oldsmobile coach, 75-854-N, New York, from Alabama and Washington streets.

### BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:  
Dr. Daniel J. O'Brien, Waterbury, Conn., Plymouth sedan, found at Seventy-fifth and Meridian streets.  
C. Denis, 815 River avenue, Plymouth coupe, found at Twenty-fifth street and Franklin road.  
William Bird, 132 West Fifteenth street, Essex coach, found at Allisonville road and Keystone avenue.  
Anna Polen, 332 Leslie avenue, Ford coupe, found in rear of 815 Roach street, stripped four wheels and four tires.  
Central Buick Company, 2917 Central avenue, Pontiac coach, found in front of 815 Arbor avenue.

### The Furnishings

of the  
MERCHANTS  
NATIONAL BANK'S  
NEW BRANCH

located at 37 W. 38th street were designed and installed by

Sander & Recker  
Furniture Co.  
Meridian at Maryland

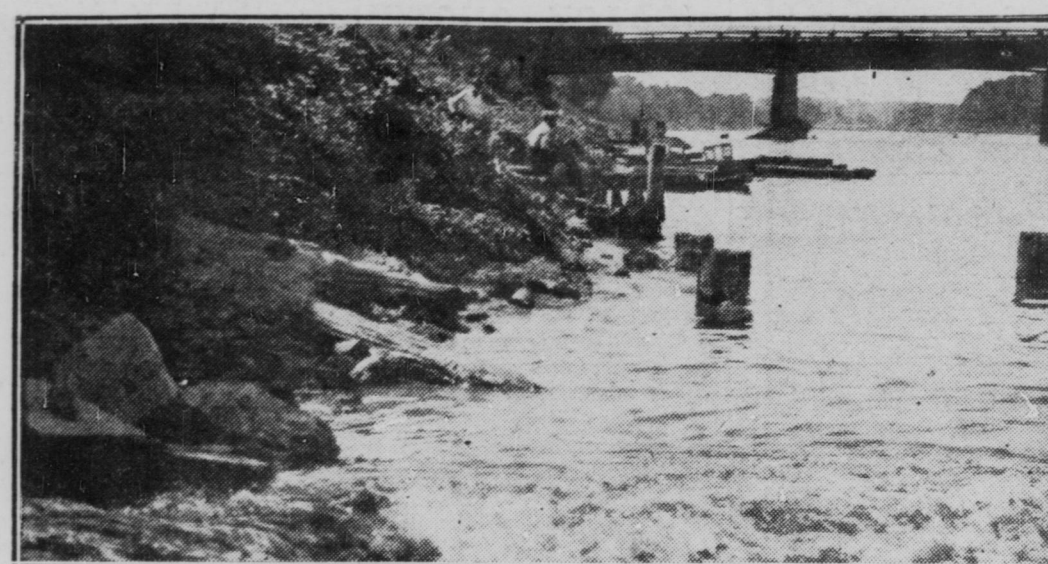
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Bathers swim within a few squares of where the Terre Haute canal street sewer empties into the Wabash river.

## SLEUTH PULLS FAST ONE ON SALESMAN—SICS HIM ON AGENT

As an expert in stalling off peddlers that frequent public offices, Tom Gallagher, local secret service agent, today incited the admiration of all Federal building officials, except one.

When a vendor came into the secret service office trying to sell subscriptions for a local photographer, Mr. Gallagher assumed his most serious mien.

"I'd like to help you out, old man," he said, "but you see, there's a rule that secret service men can not get their pictures taken for fear they'll be distributed in the underworld."

Satisfied with the explanation, the photographer salesman started to leave when the secret service agent stopped him.

"Why don't you go over to see 'Doc' Keene in the office next door," Mr. Gallagher added, as an afterthought. "The narcotic division has no such ruling."

## PLEAS LOSES—A DOG NOT POLITICAL TEST

Canine, Gift to Greenlee, Locked in Governor's Office, Escapes.

Pleas Greenlee, executive secretary to Governor Paul V. McNutt, was a loser today, but it isn't in a political contest.

Mr. Greenlee no longer has a valuable bird dog, a puppy, given him by Adjutant-General Elmer F. Straub. Mr. Greenlee locked the dog in the Governor's office, but it escaped yesterday afternoon.

## FIVE SOLDIERS KILLED AS SHELL EXPLODES

French Trooper Hits Cartridge With Carbine Butt.

PARIS, July 17.—Five soldiers were killed today and twenty wounded by the explosion of a shell, left from previous maneuvers, during maneuvers of a dragoon regiment.

Two soldiers found the shell on the Maisons Lafitte drill field. Believing it to be a dud, one of them struck it with a carbine butt.

## CADETS TAUGHT CIVICS

C. M. T. C. Instructors Begin Citizenship Classes.

Cadets at the Ft. Harrison citizens military training camp began a course in citizenship instruction yesterday under seven reserve officers, following a meeting of the instructors with Major Ralph E. Jones, camp citizenship officer.

## Picnic to Honor Fraternal Head

Marie Huffman, state councilor of the Daughters of America, will be entertained tomorrow at a picnic at Riverside park to be given by Pleasant Hour council, No. 51.

## JOHNSON TAKES HAND IN STRIKE

NRA Chief Confers With Hiram Johnson and Labor Official.

By United Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—General Hugh Johnson, NRA administrator, today became a potent, although mysterious, figure in the tangled pattern of San Francisco's labor war.

General Johnson arrived in San Francisco by airplane last night, after visiting Portland, Ore. With his characteristic speed, the NRA head surveyed the general strike situation, conferring with Senator Hiram Johnson, then talking strikes problems with Edward McGrady, assistant labor secretary.

General Johnson issued no official statement, but told the United Press he might move into mediation attempts "if I am asked to do so."

## WOMAN INJURED WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS

Accident Occurs at Central Avenue and Twenty-Third Street.

Mrs. Louise Horen, 55, of 3034 North Gale street, incurred bad injuries today when the car in which she was riding overturned at Central avenue and Twenty-third street after striking another car. She was sent to city hospital.

Charles A. Horen, 50, husband of the injured woman, was driving the car in which Mrs. Horen was a passenger. Miss L. Hamrick, 39, Beech Grove, was driver of the other car.

## INQUIRY LAUNCHED BY HOUSE BOND PROBERS

Large Cities to Be Visited in Pursuing Investigation.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—The special house committee investigating bond holders reorganizations laid plans today to carry its inquiry into several large cities.

Representative Adolph J. Sabath (Dem., Ill.), committee chairman, said that investigators would be assigned to New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

## CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS

United Brethren Class Begins Training at I. C.

Registration for the annual leadership training school of the United Brethren church began yesterday at Indiana Central college with the opening of the summer course.

Registrations will be completed today and the school will continue until July 27.

## CITY YOUTH DEPRIVED OF PANTS AND SHIRT DURING QUIET SLEEP

"I've been robbed!"

So shrieked Cecil Jones, 15, of 619 Marion street, last night as he arose from a quiet sleep in his yard.

Some one had stolen his trousers, shirt and baseball bat while Cecil dozed.

## POLICE DOG POISONED BY HOUSE PROWLERS

Burglars Then Ransack Home, but Take Nothing of Value.

The "meanest man in the world" broke into the home of H. T. Harrell, 4509 College avenue, last week while Mr. Harrell was away and poisoned a large police dog, Mr. Harrell reported upon his return last night.

Although the house was ransacked, nothing was missing. Mr. Harrell found his dog lying dead on the dining room floor.

## GARDEN PARTY SET BY M'GUFFEY GROUP

Social Will Be Held Saturday Night in City.

Indianapolis McGuffeyites will hold a midsummer garden party at the home of Mrs. Emma Yeager, 2840 Forest avenue, at 7:30 Saturday night.

Arrangements for McGuffeyites to participate in activities of the state education board at the state fair will be discussed. S. B. Prater, president of the club, announced that more than 100 new members have been added to the organization in the last few months.

## JURY SELECTION BEGINS FOR MATRICIDE TRIAL

Insanity Defense Planned for Young Slayer Suspect.

By United Press  
LOS ANGELES, July 17.—Efforts to obtain a jury were to be continued today in the trial of Louis Rude Payne, 21, alleged to have killed with a boy scout ax his mother and brother. Defense testimony was to consist almost entirely of efforts to prove the boy insane at the time, defense attorneys indicated.

## STOCKS LAWYER NAMED

Young Massachusetts Judge to Advise Securities Board.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—Judge John J. Burns, Boston, Mass., youngest man to sit on the superior court bench in Massachusetts, was named late yesterday general counsel for the new securities and exchange commission. Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy of the commission, said Judge Burns would resign from the bench Sept. 15.

## LEXINGTON, KY., TORN BY GALE; ONE IS KILLED

Hail and Rain Accompany High Winds Resulting in Heavy Damage.

By United Press  
LEXINGTON, Ky., July 17.—Death rode winds, hail and rain here last night when, for the second consecutive day, a terrific storm lashed Lexington and Fayette county, showering a record rainfall over a two-hour period and leaving in its wake unroofed to bacco barns, houses and uprooted trees.

Norman Canter, 40, Lexington mechanic, was killed when he walked into a high voltage trolley line that had been blown down.

Harriet Lepera, 13, narrowly escaped being crushed to death when lightning struck the roof of a garage. She was pulled to safety by an employee.

Daniel Graham, 57, golf club night watchman, received a fractured ankle and scalp lacerations when a portion of the roof of the club house was torn loose and he was struck by falling bricks and debris.

Patrolmen Hugh Turner and Marshall Jelley and five prisoners were taken to the city jail narrowly escaped death when a large tree blew down and struck the rear end of the patrol car.

Lexington basements were flooded.

## W. J. MOORE ELECTED TO HEAD CONTRACTORS

City Association of Wreckers Choose Officers.

William J. Moore has been elected president of the Association of Wrecking and Salvage Contractors of Indianapolis, it was announced today.

Other officers are Irving Sogg, vice-president; Oscar Fink-binder, treasurer, and J. B. Kammins, secretary.

All association members have signed the compliance agreement of the code placed into effect recently for the wrecking and salvage industry.

## ADRIAN HAMERSLY IS MASONIC HEAD AGAIN

City Man Has Held Post in Order Since 1922.

Adrian Hamersly, Indianapolis, was re-elected grand recorder of the United States Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, at its thirty-ninth triennial convocation which just closed in Indianapolis.

Mr. Hamersly has held the post since 1922. He has been active in Masonic affairs for many years.

## In the Air

Weather conditions at 9 a. m.: East wind, 11 miles an hour variable; barometric pressure, 30.00 at sea level; temperature, 74; general conditions, high, thin, overcast; ceiling, unlimited; visibility, 15 miles.

## Anti-Nazi Rioters Dispersed

SAO PAULO, Brazil, July 17.—A crowd shouting "Down with Nazism" and firing revolvers in the air, gathered in front of the German department store Casa Alle-manda yesterday. Police dispersed them.

## DELAY BALLOON HOP

Start Can Not Be Made Before Tomorrow Morning.

By United Press  
RAPID CITY, S. D., July 17.—The United States army-National Geographic Society stratosphere flight can not possibly begin before tomorrow morning, May 17.

E. Kepner, pilot, said today. He said the necessary high pressure area still was lacking.

## WOMAN AMONG VICTIMS OF HEAD-ON MONTREAL CRASH

Five Men and a Woman Were Killed and Ten Others Were Injured in a Head-on Crash Between a Truck and a Street Car Here Early Today.

The truck, carrying passengers and baggage, swerved from the car tracks just as the street car approached and was struck amidships and hurled on its side. The occupants were thrown into the street.

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Woman Among Victims of Head-on Montreal Crash.

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## INSULL FIRMS IN SOUTHWEST UNDER ATTACK

Inflated Values and Paid Unearned Profits, Says Examiner.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—Charges that Insull utilities in the southwest inflated property values, reaped huge intercompany profits, and paid unearned stock dividends to deceive stockholders and boost power rates were made today before the federal trade commission.

Carl H. Depue, trade commission examiner, made the assertions during an inquiry into affairs prior to 1932 of the Public Service Company of Oklahoma, its present subsidiary, the Southwest Light and Power Company and the Southwestern Gas and Electric Company.

Inflation in the three companies, Mr. Depue said, amounted to approximately \$20,000,000 on Dec. 31, 1930. It resulted from intercompany profits in property acquisitions among affiliated concerns, inflation of stock issues, arbitrary property valuations and failure to provide for obsolescence and depreciation charges.

## Depreciation Ignored

Intercompany profits and other inflation in the Public Service and Southwestern Light and Power totaled \$9,750,000, Mr. Depue said, on Dec. 31, 1930. The books failed to carry \$5,000,000 for depreciation, permitting payment of unearned dividends, he said.

"The intent and result of such profits and inflation was evidently to deceive stockholders and bondholders concerning the value of Public Service Company's securities," Mr. Depue said.

"It is also reasonable to believe that because of its inability to ascertain facts herein revealed, the Oklahoma state commission was likewise deceived with respect to the cost of the company's properties and consequently allowed the company to charge excessive rates for its services."

The inflation was reflected in fixed capital and capital stock accounts of the companies, the examiner said.

In 1930, public service books showed a common stock valuation of \$13,755,596, which, if inflation had been deducted, would have been only \$3,630,000, the examiner said.

Southwestern Light and Power showed a stock value of \$5,450,713, which should have been \$823,378, the examiner asserted.

Southwestern Gas and Electric listed its stock value at \$8,388,000, which should have been reduced to \$3,144,000, Mr. Depue added.

## MURDER SUSPECT HELD

Negro Woman, 28, Accused of Slaying Lover With Shotgun.

Miss Robert Terrence, Negro, 28, faced murder charges today in connection with the alleged slaying of her sweetheart, Walter Fisher, Negro, 29, of 2946 Martindale avenue. She admitted, police said, that she killed Fisher with a shotgun.

## NEW POLICE HEAD



Alexander G. Jamie, shown here in a new picture, famed as a director of Chicago's "Secret Six," crime-fighting organization during the Capone reign and as a federal agent, has been nominated for police chief in St. Paul, Minn., where the police long have been a target of gangster link accusations. City council yet must confirm the appointment.

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