

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.

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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 testifies to his nautical proclivities.

GAS BANDIT FOOLED AS ATTENDANT FLEES

Wily Employee Bails 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.

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WRITER SUES FACTOR

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

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Negro Woman Charged With
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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 pairs 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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out 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 defamation of its name as well as the river that brought it there.

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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 the canoeing 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 a long way.

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

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 dragon 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

Jean Ann Compton, 9, of 536 Pleasant 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.

Child Hurt in Fall

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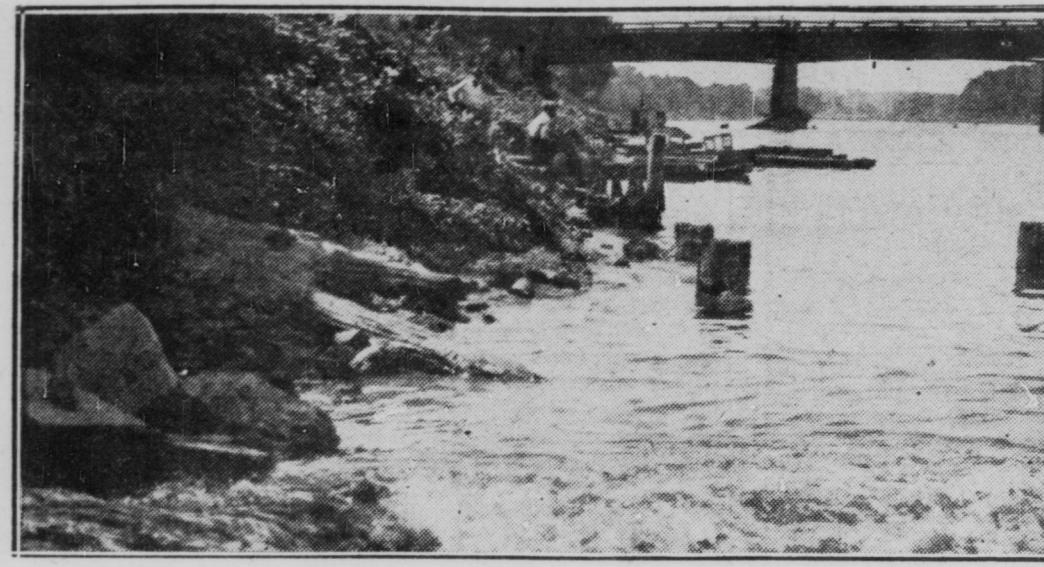
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Bathers swim within a few squares of where the Terre Haute canal street sewer empties into the Wabash river.

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 administration 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 photograph 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 on the occasion 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 cast aside its crown of pollution and receive instead rads 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 head-waters of the Wabash.

Mr. 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.

Accident Occurs at Central Avenue and Twenty-Third Street.

Mrs. Louise Horen, 55, of 3034 North Gable street, incurred back 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.

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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.

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

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