

70 LOANS FOR HOUSING MADE BY CITY BANKS

\$34,000 for Modernization Released Here Under Federal Act.

Seventy loans totaling \$34,000 have been made by qualified banks and lending agencies here under the federal housing act, William H. Book, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president, announced today. The chamber is sponsoring the repair and modernization drive locally.

Approximately 1,000 prospects are listed on the records here with prospective work totaling \$350,000. The prospects are being contacted by those connected with the building industries. Last week showed a 50 per cent increase over the previous week in jobs actually sold, Mr. Book reported.

Other benefits from the housing act here are the employment of 125 men through state and federal employment agencies and loans for repair and modernization outside the provisions of the housing act.

Indiana leads the midwest district in population percentage to loans made and stands seventh in the nation, Mr. Book asserted.

Yesterday, Fred Hoke, Indiana director for the national emergency council, discussed FHA program at a meeting of approximately one-hundred industrialists at the Claypool.

TEXTILE ACTIVITY DIPS IN FIRST 8 MONTHS

Decrease of 18 Per Cent Under Same Period of 1933 Shown.

By Times Special

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Textile mill activity during the first eight months of 1934 was 18½ per cent below that for the corresponding period of 1933, and 13 per cent below that for the first eight months of the average year in the 1924-1931 period, roughly assumed as "normal," the Textile World reports.

"Comparisons between August this year and August last year," the report continues, "are meaningless, since in one case organized curtailment was in effect, while in the other the first effects of the codes and processing tax on buying were still being felt. Strike conditions reduced September activity radically; consequently comparisons for the period including that month will show a still sharper drop from last year."

MAYORAL CANDIDATES TO ATTEND MEETING

Judge Kern, Pritchard to Be Guests at Brookside.

Superior Judge John W. Kern, Democratic mayoralty candidate, and Walter Pritchard, Coffin nominee for mayor, will be guests of the Brookside Civic League meeting at 8 Monday night at the Brookside community house.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan will give a short address. Music will be furnished by the Brookside Civic League chorus, directed by Mrs. Gail Lashbrook.

ASKS DIVORCE AT 85

Octogenarian Says Wife, 19, Beat Him With Club.

By United Press

LIBERTY, Mo., Oct. 12.—An 85-year-old Missouri farmer, Zena Milburn, has filed for a divorce from his wife, Ezora, who is only 19. She treated him cruelly, he contended, by beating him with a club.



AIR-MINDED ELEPHANT HEADS WEST AFTER STOP HERE

JUDGE GRILLS CITY BURGLAR ON GAMBLING

Prisoner Says He Accepted Stolen Car for Gambling Loan.

Gambling conditions in Indianapolis received somewhat of an airing today in criminal court when Judge Frank P. Baker quizzed a burglar defendant at length, before pronouncing sentence.

The defendant, Ray Hill, 40, of 844 North Capitol avenue, received one to ten years in the Indiana state prison on the burglary charge. Virgil Hart, 33, same address, was discharged. William Ball, same address, an alleged accomplice, is in jail on another indictment.

The three men were arrested in a stolen car Sept. 8.

Hill, under questioning by Judge Baker, explained possession of the stolen car by saying that he obtained it last Labor day from a man he knew as Albert Price, Detroit.

Lost at Gambling Joint

Price, according to Hill, lost money in a gambling joint at Ohio and Delaware streets, and borrowed \$25 from him on the car. Later, he let Price have \$15 more, Hill asserted.

Judge Baker was exceedingly skeptical about this.

"It's been my impression that the gambling gentry are too smart to take a car without a certificate of title," he asserted.

The court then questioned Hill about alleged gambling joints in Indianapolis.

Forgets Addresses, Names

"Was that place at Ohio and Delaware streets run by the same people as the one which operated just a little south of there where a policeman stood out in front?" Judge Baker asked.

Hill said it was.

Further questioning by Judge

Baker brought from Hill the statement that he "forgot" addresses and operators of other places or merely knew the gamblers by their first names. Hill admitted on the stand he is a professional gambler.

Sergeant Claude Kinder, the complaining police witness who arrested the trio, made copious notes in his notebook while Hill answered Judge Baker's questions.

COAST MAN DENIES MURDERING MOTHER

Alleged Killer to Be Taken to Canada for Trial.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12.—Denying his guilt and expressing a willingness to return to Belleville, Ont., to face charges of murdering his wealthy mother, Harold Vermilyea, 49, today sat in a jail cell and worked cross-word puzzles with a bigamist cell mate.

Vermilyea, prominent in Southern California business circles for ten years, faced the future calmly.

"They never will be able to prove

that I killed my mother or even that I was in Belleville on Oct. 4, the time of the murder," he said. "I don't mind going back there now as it is nice and warm. I expect to be back here before cold weather sets in."

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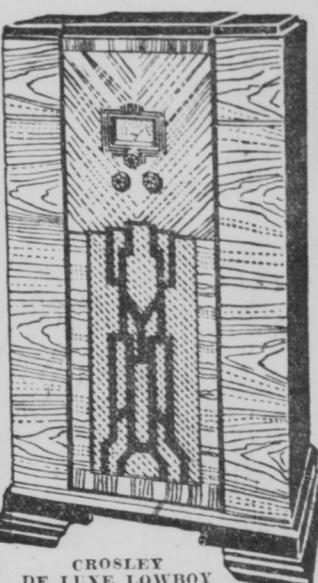
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\$30,300 IN DAMAGES ASKED FOR ACCIDENT

Massachusetts Couple Sues for Alleged Injuries.

Three suits, aggregating \$30,300, have been filed in Marion county courts by Mr. and Mrs. Jay F. Whearey, Framingham, Mass., against the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

One suit by Mrs. Whearey asks \$25,000 damages for alleged permanent injuries suffered when a truck owned by the defendant was alleged to have been responsible for Mrs. Whearey driving her auto into a ditch to avert a head-on collision.

Mr. Whearey asks \$5,000 damages for the alleged loss of his wife's services and \$300 for damages to his auto.

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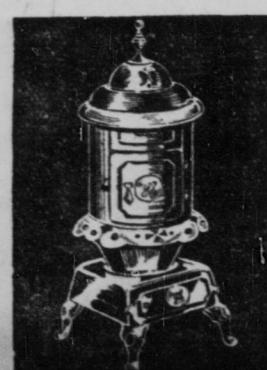
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