

CEREMONIES TO MARK START OF SLUM PROJECT

Blasting of First Building to Feature Celebration Here Tuesday.

The opening "gun" in the actual demolition of houses in the Indianapolis slum clearance project will be fired next Tuesday when Col. Horatio B. Hackett, housing division director of the Public Works Administration, will touch off an explosive charge wrecking the first house in the area.

The ceremony announced yesterday by Joe Rand Beckett, secretary of the local advisory committee, will be a gala occasion which it is hoped will attract thousands of Indianapolis residents. Street Railway Company busses will be furnished to convey the crowds, free of charge, from downtown to the site of the project.

A luncheon at the Travertine room of the Lincoln will inaugurate the ceremony. Colonel Hackett announced. He and Gov. Paul V. McNutt will be the principal speaker. Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, Louis J. Borin, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce president, and Edward D. Pierre, Construction League of Indianapolis president, will speak briefly.

High Officials to Attend

Mayor-elect John W. Kern, Senator-elect Frederick Van Nuyts, Senator-elect Sherman Minton, Rep. Louis Ludlow and William H. Larrabee, Fred Hoke, National Emergency Council state director, and R. Earl Peters, Federal Housing Administration state director, have been invited to sit at the speaker's table.

The luncheon will be followed by a parade in busses through the area to be demolished.

"We want every one to see that Indianapolis really has a slum district," Mr. Beckett explained.

House To Be Dynamited

Dynamiting of the house, yet to be selected, is scheduled for 2:45. Col. Hackett will meet with members of the advisory committee later in the afternoon, and the same group will assemble for dinner at 6.

Construction work on the district will start about the first of May, Mr. Hackett said. The 22 acres are bounded on the north by Indiana-av., the east by Blake-st., the south by North-st. and the west by Lock-st.

The project will cost approximately \$3,000,000 and is designed for 50 Negro families. It is expected that construction will be completed during the first months of 1936.

Less than 22 per cent of the finished project will be covered by buildings. The remaining area will be devoted to landscaped parks and playgrounds. A business section will face Indiana-av.

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LAFAYETTE G. O. P. LEADER KILLS SELF



Here are the 10 leading stars of 1934 as revealed by a survey of independent motion picture exhibitors whose decisions are based on drawing power of films and actors. They are, in order of popularity, and as numbered above: 1. Will Rogers; 2. Clark Gable; 3. Janet Gaynor; 4. Wallace Beery; 5. Mae West; 6. Joan Crawford; 7. Bing Crosby; 8. Shirley Temple; 9. Marie Dressler; 10. Norma Shearer. Eight of the 10 gained similar honors last year. Bing Crosby and Shirley Temple, newcomers, replace Eddie Cantor and Jean Harlow.

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By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 13.—Ross D. Myer, 47, prominent Republican and former county surveyor in Carroll and Tippecanoe Counties, killed himself late yesterday with a shotgun while seated in his automobile about a mile from his home.

The body was found by two brothers-in-law, Amel and Homer Spring, Delphi.

1000 TO ATTEND MASONIC EVENT

Banquet Tonight to Close Rite Convocation Here.

A banquet tonight which more than 1000 Scottish Rite Masons are expected to attend, will conclude the order's 69th semi-annual convocation.

During the day a class of 100 will receive the 32nd degree and thus will be hailed as sublime princes of the royal secret. This ceremony will be presented by a large cast directed by Lee S. Busch, commandant-in-chief of the Indiana Consistory. Other degrees to be conferred today will be the 29th and 30th.

under O. A. Tislow and the 31st under James H. Lowry.

Candidates adopted the name of the Al V. Reschar class at a meeting yesterday in honor of Mr. Reschar, former postmaster at Anderson and master of ceremonies in the consistory. He is an honorary member of the 33d degree supreme council and is state membership chairman. Carl A. Ploch, Indianapolis, was elected class president and Mayor-Elect John W. Kern, orator.

Paul E. Fisher, three-time master, will preside at the banquet tonight. Prominent Scottish Rite Masons from Milwaukee, Wis., Ft. Wayne and South Bend will attend.

CITY LAWYER HONORED

Preston Woolf Admitted to Practice Before Supreme Court.

Admission to practice before United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and before the United States Supreme Court has been granted Preston G. Woolf, 4530 Guilford-av., Indianapolis attorney, it was announced today.

50,000 ACRES OF STATE LAND TO BE RETIRED

Submarginal Property in Three Counties to Become Game Refuge.

Approximately 50,000 acres of submarginal Indiana farm land in three counties will be developed for recreational, reforestation and game propagation purposes by the State and Federal Government.

Submarginal farm land is of little value for agricultural pursuits, cultivation not being worth the time and effort required. The Government will pay approximately \$10 an acre for the land, permitting the owners to find more productive tracts.

Approximately 1000 persons are living in the Martin County area to be taken over and almost as many in the Brown County area, according to Virgil M. Simmons, State conservation director.

Although complete plans have not

been drawn up, Mr. Simmons said, it is contemplated using the small tracts for recreational facilities and devote the larger areas to quail, rabbit and fish propagation.

No families reside in the Ripley county area where the county itself is handling the project, with state advice and assistance being given the county commissioners.

Workers to be used in trail building and rehabilitation are to be drawn from the areas affected.

G. E. Young, of Purdue University, land policy director for Indiana, has been working with federal and state authorities on the program.

BEAUTICIANS DISCUSS PROPOSED STATE CODE

Union to Advocate Legislation at Next Assembly Meeting.

A proposed state beauty code and licensing bill were discussed last night by the local chapter of the Beauty Culturists International Union of America in a meeting at the home of Miss Beulah Lee, 728 Park-av., secretary-treasurer. This bill will be brought before the next Legislature, said Miss Lee today. Mrs. Monta B. Barnard is president of the Indianapolis unit.

Fracture Ankle in Fall While crossing College-av at 10th-st today, Mrs. Clotilda McDaniels slipped upon ice in the middle of

the street and fractured her left ankle in the ensuing fall. Mrs. McDaniels, who is 34, lives at 1136 College-av.

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