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BEN DAVIS NET FIVE LOSES IN TOURNEY HERE

County Champion Toppled
in Sectional Play by
Southport.

TECH IS EASY WINNER

Washington Is Victor in
Close Game With
Acton Quintet.

Indiana's high school basketball
players continued their title march
today, with some favorites falling
by the wayside.

A major upset was recorded in the
local sectional tourney at Technical
gym when Ben Davis, Marion County
champions and heavy favorite
here, was bumped off by Southport,
25 to 23.

Two city teams advanced to the
second-round play in other morning
games, Tech walloping Castleton, 67
to 7, and Washington nosing out
Acton, 23 to 21. Two more first
round games and a second round
game were to be played this after-
noon, and three second round games
are on the program for tonight.

The Ben Davis-Southport struggle
wound up in thrilling fashion. The
Cardinals swung into a 14 to 6 lead
in the first half, an air-tight box
defense at the foul zone keeping the
Ben Davis sharpshooters banging
away at long range.

Stalling Play Fails

The Giants rallied late in the
third quarter, and late in the final
period passed the Cardinals at 21
to 20. The champions started to
stall, but a free throw and field goal
in the final 30 seconds of play gave
Southport the decision.

Tech's victory was a romp, Castle-
ton getting only one point in the
first half.

Washington found Acton a rugged
foe, and was in front 12 to 10 at
half time. Acton forged into the
lead in the fourth period of the
rough contest, but a free throw and
field goal by Miller in the last minute
accounted for the Continentals'
victory.

Shortridge Is Winner

In games last night, New Augusta,
Broad Ripple and Shortridge ad-
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ASK FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TRACK ELEVATION

Money Might Be Obtained Through
Deficiency Bill.

Major Kern announced today
that city engineers were preparing
a new application for Federal funds
for South Side track elevation.

The mayor said Wayne Coy, re-
gional WPA director, informed him
that funds might be obtained under
an amendment to the deficiency bill.

City Engineer H. B. Steeg was
asked to obtain full information
from Washington on the probability
of obtaining funds.

A previous application for track
elevation funds was turned down by
Federal authorities on the grounds
that Federal funds would be used
for a project on private property.

2 SCHOOL BOYS HURT WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Driver Held on Charge of Piloting
Auto Through Children.

Two school boys were injured to-
day when a motorist, who is alleged
to have ignored a traffic officer's
signal, drove through a score of
children crossing Massachusetts-av
at 10th-st.

The injured boys, William Abe,
7, of 1208 Polk-st., and Jon Van-
wye, 8, of 920 Highland-av., were
treated at City Hospital for head
cuts and body bruises. They were
en route to School 10 at 13th-st and
Ashland-av.

Simon B. Weber, 47, Tremont
Hotel, driver of the car, told police
that he did not see the children
nor the warning signal given by
Traffic Officer George Byrum. Weber
was charged with disobeying an
officer's signal and failure to have
a driver's license.

KITE HITS POWER LINE; 2 BOYS ESCAPE INJURY

Police Learn Youths Used Wire In-
stead of Usual String.

Police sought to learn from two
small boys today how they mirac-
ulously escaped electrocution yes-
terday afternoon while flying kites
in the 900 block Madison-av.

Instead of the conventional
string, the boys tied copper wire
to their kite. It fell on high ten-
sion wires carrying 4100 volts. The
kite was burned, and electric cur-
rent apparently shot down the
copper wire.

GRAY BUTTON CLEW IN BLOOMINGTON MURDER

Police Hunt Man Last Seen With
Transient Victim.

By United Press
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 6.—A gray overcoat button today be-
came an impromptu clew in the mys-
terious slaying of a middle-aged
transient, believed to be Henry
Jackson, Madisonville, Ky.

The victim's body was found near
the Illinois Central Railroad tracks
by school children. He had been
shot through the right eye and was
clothed only in long underwear.

The overcoat button was found
near the body by police, who imme-
diately started a search for a man
who was last seen with Jackson and
who was wearing a gray overcoat.



ORDERS SLASH

15,000 ON WPA INDIANA ROLLS TO LOSE JOBS

Mandatory Reduction to
Follow National Sched-
ule, Wayne Coy Says.

85,611 ON LIST NOW
Number to Be Slashed to
69,750 by June,
Director States.

More than 15,000 persons in In-
diana are to be taken off WPA rolls
in the next three months, Wayne
Coy, Indiana and regional director
of WPA, announced today.

Mr. Coy said that the state pro-
gram of mandatory reduction is to
follow the national schedule in
which the rolls are expected to be
reduced by 800,000 before the start
of the new fiscal year, July 1.

Today there are 85,611 workers
on the WPA pay roll of \$5,500,000
monthly. In June this number is
to have been slashed to 69,750, re-
ducing the pay roll in Indiana by
more than \$1,000,000 a month.

Carried Brunt of Load

Efforts are to be made to place
the workers, who will be dropped, on
other government-directed projects
which should reach their full swing
by the summer months, Mr. Coy said.

Pointing out that although WPA
was originated to take up the slack
in unemployment that was not ab-
sorbed in more than 50 other govern-
ment agencies, Mr. McCay said
WPA was forced to carry the brunt
of the unemployment load. He said
that the other agencies still have
funds available and believed that
the majority of the released thou-
sands would be put to work.

Some classifications of workers
may be ousted from the rolls with-
out recommendation for other govern-
ment jobs, Mr. Coy said.

These May Not Be Absorbed

The first classification will be
those members of families wherein,
during the winter, some member
obtained a job that pays a suffi-
cient wage to support the family
with necessities and prevents any
possible chance for need.

Others who are shirkers on the
job and who, officials believe, even
under WPA have failed to earn
their salt, and

Approximately 1000 farmers
whose lands are tillable and who
can support themselves without
government aid during the warm
weather.

President Roosevelt has indicated
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STOCKS SOAR TO NEW HIGHS

**U. S. Steel Hits Peak Since
1931; Other Issues
Show Gains**

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 6.—United
States steel common stock reached
new high ground since 1931 on the
stock exchange today at 67 1/2 up 1 1/2
points and the whole list was strong
in fairly active turnover.

Some selling developed at the tops
in the early afternoon but the main
list held gains ranging to more than
2 points. Allied Chemical held at
19 1/2 up 7 1/2 points net and a new
top.

General Motors and Chrysler
made new highs since 1929 and held
at their best levels in the early trad-
ing. Silvers were strong with U. S.
Smelting at 88 1/2 up 2 1/2. Rails eased
as did some of the oils. Consolidated
was strong, however, at its
high of 15 up 5%.

Carloadings Show Gain

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The
Association of American Railroads
announced today that loadings of
revenue freight for the week ended
Feb. 29 totalled 673,123 cars, 86,411
above the preceding week and 792
above the corresponding week
in 1935.

4 ESCAPE AS \$5000 BLAZE RAZES HOME

**Year-Old Baby Is Carried
to Safety by Aunt.**

Orphie B. Bridges and three mem-
bers of his family fled from their
home early today as fire destroyed
the two-story frame house, 1231 N.
Gale-st., and its contents. Loss was
estimated at \$5000.

Others who escaped from the
smoke-filled home were Mrs. Bridges,
his wife; Miss Alice Leone Bridges,
sister of Mr. Bridges, who carried
out Douglas R. Bridges, 1-year-old
son of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

The fire is believed to have been
caused by an overheated furnace.
Flames first burned in the basement
directly under the first floor sleep-
ing quarters of Mr. and Mrs.
Bridges.

Mrs. Bridges was awakened, chok-
ing with smoke. She aroused her
husband, who attempted to go to
the cellar. Flames drove him back.
Mrs. Bridges called the fire depart-
ment and awakened Miss Bridges
and the child.

No clothing nor furniture was
saved. The house is owned by
Ophie Z. Bridges, Greencastle,
father of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

SLAV DEPUTY SAVED FOLLOWING GUN PLAY

By United Press

Nationalist Member Fires Revolver
Thrice at Parliament Seatholders.

By United Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 6.—Parliament was suspended in
pandemonium today when M. Ian
Arautovich, a Nationalist deputy,
thrice fired a revolver at members
of the Government Party who
rushed to his seat to avenge in-
sults. No one was wounded. Guards
saved the deputy from threatened
lynching.

Arautovich was sitting in the press
gallery when Premier Milan
Stoyadovich rose to give a sum-
mary of the visit which Prince
King George's funeral. Arautovich
took his seat in the chamber and
shouted interruptions. When mem-
bers of the Government Party ran
toward him he drew a revolver and
threw it.

FARMERS TO GET FUNDS

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 6.—Final ben-
efit payments due farmers under
the outlawed AAA will be started
from Washington next week. W. F.
Callander, assistant administrator,
announced at the regional farm
conference today.

Total payments, he said, will
amount to approximately \$215,-
000,000.

Times Index

*By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor*

PARIS, March 6—I have known
Europe since 1908. And I have
never seen her in peace-time as
completely jittery as she is today—
not even during the last few weeks
preceding the World War.

Then the psychology of the man
in the street, even of diplomats and
statesmen, was that so terrible a
thing simply could not happen. Now
they know better and are badly
frightened.

*Editor's Note: This is the first of four
dispatches analyzing the war danger and
its causes.*

**15,000 ON WPA
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SIREN IS FIRED



CITY EXTENDS OLD CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING

Works Board, Power Firm
Are Deadlocked Over
Proposals.

NEW OFFER PRESENTED

Extension to Serve Until
Service Commission
Makes Report.

Deadlocked over proposals for a
new city lighting contract, the
Works Board and the Indianapolis
Power and Light Co. today agreed
to extend the old contract.

A new proposal was made to the
board by Emmet G. Ralston, general
manager of the company, and Fred
Bates Johnson, the firm's attorney.

Under terms of the new proposal,
the city would pay 1 1/2 cents a day
for light power to each standard,
2 cents a day for maintenance of
each standard and 11 per cent of
the valuation of all light standards
and equipment a year.

Offer Was Criticized

When the old contract ended April
1, 1935, the company presented a
contract which would cost the city
approximately \$100,000 a year more
than the old contract, with the provi-
sion that the city take over stand-
ards after a 10-year period.

City Engineer Henry B. Steeg criti-
cized the offer, stating that the
standards would be obsolete after 10
years.

Robert K. Riley, Works Board mem-
ber, told the company officials that
he did not favor the 11 per cent
charge in the new proposal.

"Within 10 years we would have
paid 110 per cent for the standards,"
Mr. Eby said.

Riley Reiterates Statement

Mr. Ralston said that the com-
pany was operating without profit
on the extensions of the old contract.

Hubert S. Riley, board president,
reiterated that the board has been
considering the establishment of a
city-owned plant.

The board indicated it was willing
to accept the terms of the old contract,
but that it was not in favor of any large increase in rates.

The extension is to serve until the
Public Service Commission reports
its appraisal of the light company,
it was indicated.

ITALIAN BOMBS KILL BRITISH ARMY MAN

**Maj. Gerald A. Burgoyne,
Red Cross Head, Slain.**

By United Press

LONDON, March 6.—The gov-
ernment instructed Sir Eric
Drummond, ambassador at Rome,
to make an immediate protest to
the Italian government against
the bombing of a British Red
Cross unit in Ethiopia.

The actress was reported to have
signed immediately under the
banner of Emmanuel Cohen, former
Paramount executive, to make two
pictures. It was said she would re-
ceive around \$300,000 a picture on
a salary and percentage basis.

Mr. Cohen was credited with
bringing Miss West to the screen
and producing her greatest hit, "She
Done Him Wrong," which was the
screen's biggest money-maker of
1933.

McLaglen, Davis Honored

By United Press