

OFFICERS FIND SECRET STILL BEHIND YARD

Swinging Walls and Hidden Doors Lead Way to Chamber.

While Carl Dierking, 70, today prepared to pay \$170 in fines, police officers discussed the discovery of a still hidden by secret doors and sliding walls in a chamber under the back yard at 2139 Barth-av.

After being called to the Barth-av address on March 6 on a complaint of an unlawful alteration of gas lines, police officers and gas company officials detected an odor of alcohol. It was particularly strong around a wooden case of shelves containing fruit jars.

Convinced that the odor did not emanate from the fruit, officers told Mr. Dierking's wife, only one home at the time, to show them the still.

Mrs. Dierking pulled out a portion of the wall shelves and all. Then she pushed an iron pipe into what appeared to be another wall and led the way down a narrow passage to another room. There officers found what they said was apparatus for brewing liquor.

Dierking stated in court yesterday that he did not know "making a little liquor for home consumption was a violation of the law." He also admitted that he had stolen a dollar's worth of gas for every dollar's worth he paid for.

Police officers estimated that the secret chamber had been in existence for more than 15 years.

Dierking, who said that he was an interior decorator and never had been arrested before, was fined \$50 and costs for the gas line alteration and \$100 and costs for violation of the 1935 beverage act.

NEXT REFORM STEPS OUTLINED BY MIESSE

Taxpayers' Association Secretary Speaks to I. U. Group.

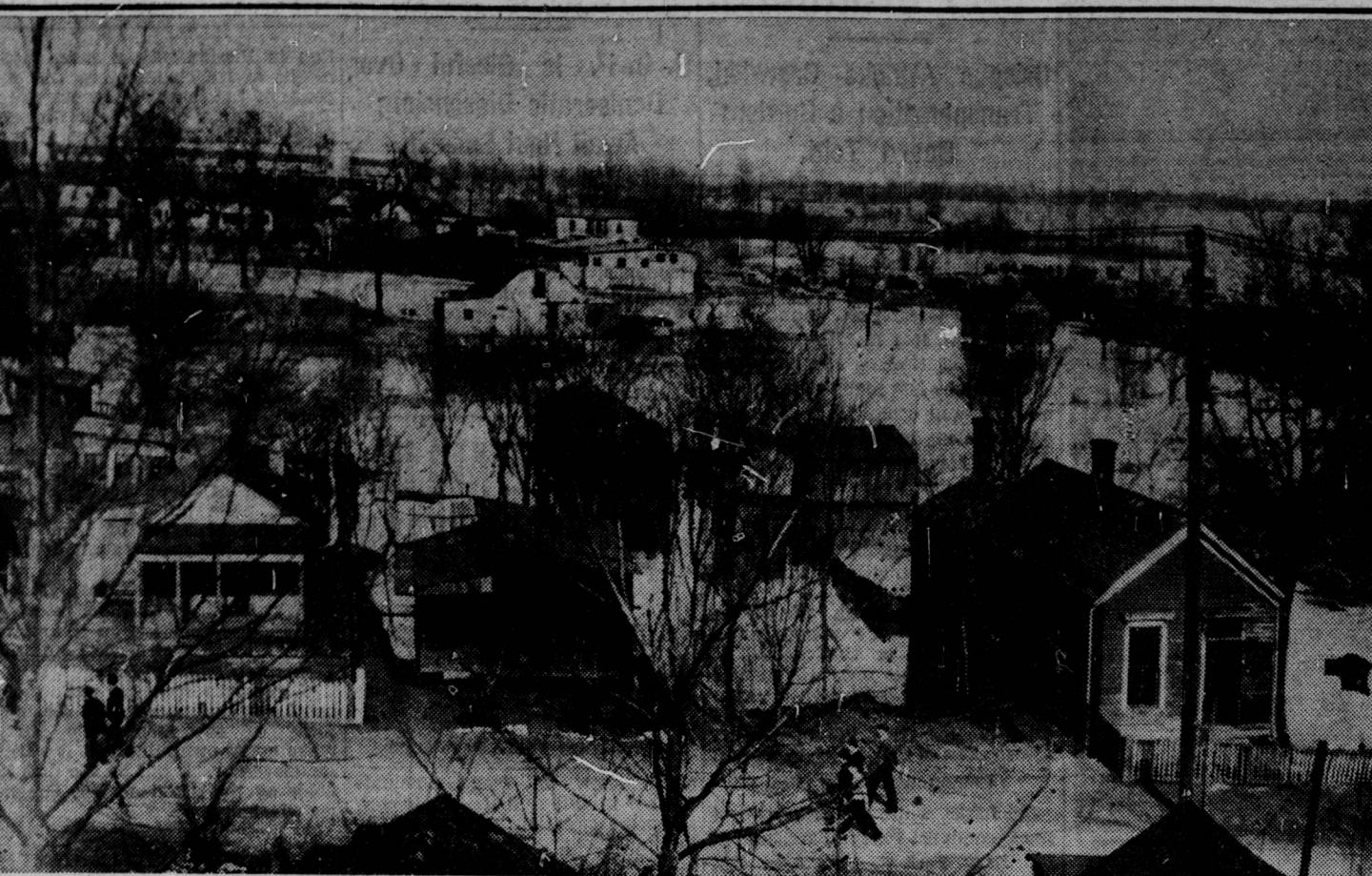
Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 1.—The next step in governmental reform must be the abolition or consolidation of antiquated units of government, Harry Miesse, Indianapolis, secretary of the Indiana Taxpayers' Association, warned in an address here.

Speaking to seniors of the Indiana University School of Administration and the economics department yesterday, Mr. Miesse said the hardest task faced by the Taxpayers' Association "is to persuade people to use the tax limitation and control laws enacted in their behalf."

He commended the Indiana plan of taxation, but warned against the tendency to restore high property taxes after broadening the tax base.

Ohio River Retreats From New Albany



Residents of New Albany waited today as the Ohio River retreated slowly from their homes and streets. The stream was reported falling at all Indiana river towns, and is expected to be back in its banks soon.

Business Alarming, Says Local Gamewell Bureau

Playful Query Results in Explanation That This Division Has Hands Full, No Time for Play.

By JOHN MURPHY

This is a message to the unidentified young woman who called into the Gamewell Division of the City Fire Department and said:

"Can you tell me the name of a street?"

"Perhaps," replied the operator courteously and a little puzzled, "if you will tell me what street."

"That," was the quick, sweet reply, "is what I don't know."

"Well, if you tell me where it is or what way it runs, I may be able to help you."

"I don't know that either; that's why I'm calling you. In case you don't know the street I'm thinking about, I thought you might name all the streets. I'm sure I would recognize the one I have in mind if you named it."

The operator pointed out that there is a great number of streets

The drive for relief funds continued, however, and the Indianapolis chapter, American Red Cross, announced today it was nearly \$20,000. Chapter officials hope a few more thousand dollars will be subscribed.

board operators, who are firemen, act as dispatchers and direct the nearest fire fighting apparatus to the scene of the blaze.

After dispatching the first trucks and pumper they keep in touch with the status of the fire until the apparatus is back in the engine house. Should additional equipment be needed they order it out from other stations.

In this city fire alarms are given one of four classifications. A still alarm, and one, two and three alarms. A two-alarm fire is regarded as quite serious, while, of course, a three-alarm fire amounts to a conflagration.

The division gets its name from the type of its alarm system which is known as the Gamewell System. When one of the city's 422 boxes is pulled the location of the fire is designated immediately on a paper tape in the office. The operator火man then relays the alarm to the station nearest to the fire, over what is known as the "joker system," a part of the general alarm equipment.

All still alarms (telephone reports) and box alarms from the entire city come direct to the office in the fourth floor of City Hall. After a fire is reported, the switch-

derwriters brought about a return to the manual system.

The equipment here was installed in 1902 during the administration of Thomas Taggart. Although it never has happened, it is possible for 16 alarms to be received simultaneously. Every alarm box is tested each month despite the fact that when one gets out of order a signal light automatically goes on in the office.

An average of 12 alarms is received daily for an annual average of 4380. False alarms average slightly less than one a day.

Matanuska Has Newlyweds

PALMER, Alaska, April 1.—Betty Herman, 19, became the first bride of the Matanuska Valley colony when she married Herbert Onkka, 21, also a colonist, recently.

The couple will live in a new home in Palmer, which is being built for them.

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